



Yellowstone County Council Minutes April 7, 2022

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by President Brenda Ryder.

Pledges: Presented by Marly Seeley and Maria Ackerman

Minutes: Minutes from February 3rd meeting were read. Valory Seeley moved to accept the minutes, Stephanie Johnson seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Caroline Brito reported \$104,500.35 in account as of 3/31/22. We are moving our account from First Interstate Bank to Stockman as they are very strong supporters of 4-H. Dan Robertson moved to accept report, Skelly Adkins seconded, motion passed.

Correspondence: Thank you from the Peterson family for cookies and help at Tammy's memorial service.

Old Business:

Leader Participation Requirements – From was handed out to share with leaders so they would know what is expected of them in order to receive "leader" tickets for Fair.

Rec Lab: Miranda Johnson, Cadence Sims, Lauren, and Ariel Peterson reported on workshops: knitting, cross stitch, growing cookie, (from plant to cookie), and hydroponics.

Committees:

Dept. N: Fair, Dept. N All Around, Showcase, Communication Day and County workshops were discussed. See Dept. N minutes for details.

Cloverbud Camp: 6/21/22-Melody shared the projects they will be doing

Dept. A:

- **Tagging:** Melody has the tags almost ready; tagging is 5/7/22 at Pays for Sheep, Goats and Swine
- **AQA:** 2 in person left 5/7/22 and one in June, Horse Helmet one in April and May
- **Fair:** Schedule was discussed, rules, there will be live rabbits at fair, however this year we are dealing with Avian Flu- poultry may not be going to fair this year
- **Herdsmanship Contest** was discussed, is no longer effective. Issues brought up: smaller clubs and spacing, Ideas to address were: Compete by aisles or species. Was mentioned that Stillwater does theirs by individual, kids win tickets to events or carnival rides. Different ideas brought up as to who should judge Herdsmanship. Finally, was decided to set up a committee to review. Stephanie Johnson, Brenda Ryder, and the Yellowstone County Ambassadors will set up a plan for Herdsmanship.
- There will be an online Beekeeping Program

Fruit Sale: Reviewed sales compared to last year, we were down 600 plus boxes. Was suggested to sell fruit to donate for Community Service.

Camp: Plans are going strong

Ambassadors/Teen Leaders: Planned a Red Carpet Even Formal Dinner/Dance) Meeting Sunday 4/11/22 to continue planning Red Carpet Event and to do last leadership online training.

Exchange: Marly Seeley, Maria Ackerman, Boomer Taylen and Miranda Johnson reported that they will be hosting Missouri- going to Cody and Yellowstone Park, will be staying in tipis, going rafting, some conflicts with Shooting Sports, decided to go to Hart Mountain instead of the Cody Museum.

New Business:

National Volunteer Week: Leader Awards at State level

- Leader >10 years
- Leader < 10 years
- Hall of Fame
- Alumni

METRA Clean up- Great American Clean up too soon, Roni will choose a June date for 4-H to do clean up.

MontanaFair- Discussed to do a sticker this year- suggested to have a contest, winner would receive \$50

Shooting Sports- Ainsley McFarland qualified to go to Nationals in Small Bore

Club \$: Organizational Leader disbanded Yellowstone Silver Spurs, most kids either dropped 4-H or joined other clubs, but then some parents took on the club, so it really did not “disband”. They are operating under same EIN. Issue was what should be done with the \$ in the checkbook. Brenda Ryder suggested that the \$ be divided by the number of kids in the club at the time it disbanded. Kids that stayed with YSS kept their share, \$ for kids that left was to be given to new club but was to be used for the kids that came into the club from YSS. Hand count was taken. 13 For, 3 opposed.

This then brought up that the policy on disbanding is too vague, needs more specifics, will be looked into.

Agent Report:

- Record Book training 4/9
- Needs Assessment-Roni asked for input on Community Needs
- Review of current Treasurer pay needed- Cascade County pays their Treasurer by the hour.
- 15 out of 25 Seniors applied for Foundation Scholarships
- State Award Applications are coming due
- Metra: no new information-4-H Building and gardens are still on the plan, fair is going to happen, no changes planned at this time, still working on privatization

No official motion to adjourn was made

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Read your newsletters and watch your emails.

Next Meeting: May 5, 2022, 6:30 pm 4-H Building,

Submitted by

Angie Murdick

Secretary