

Redwater 4-H Council

October 24, 2016 6:30 PM

St. Onge Hall

Butte Delegates Present: Shawnie Mackaben, Kristen Grant, Nicole Jones, Holly Main, Amy Hauck and youth Corey Hockenbary and Tye Davis. Lawrence Delegates Present: Dee Sleep, Dan Holben, Mark Heine, Heather Jones, Roxie Tetrault (alternate) for Linda Marrs and youth Bridger Gordon and Reese Ribordy. Delegates Absent: Renee McAmis and Raye Brown. Others present: Jamie Hockenbary, Shannon Davis, Kindra Gordon and 4-H Advisor Michelle May.

President, Amy Hauck, called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledges were recited.

Roll call included introductions and your favorite pizza.

Michelle May lead the group in a warm up activity.

Jamie Hockenbary read the minutes from 9/15/16. Shawnie moved to approve the minutes and 2nd by Nicole Jones. Motion passed.

Committee Reports: None given. Livestock Sales checks are available in the Extension Office for pick up and the next meeting for Livestock Sales Committee will be held on November 10 at 6:30 in St. Onge Hall.

New Business:

By-Laws – corrections were formally voted on at the previous meeting.

Redwater 4-H Council Treasury : Dee Sleep, Treasurer, went over what is needed to establish an account for the Redwater 4-H Council to handle funds raised or contributed jointly such as 4-H and leader dues, awards, and other pass through funds such as 4-H camp fees and insurance. We would like to have the current year's dues go through the new Redwater account. In order to set up the Redwater account we will need an EIN number through the IRS and minutes from a meeting stating where the account will be held and who will be the authorized signors. We will also need to complete charter documents for the state once the EIN has been obtained. Discussion on needing an individual's SSN# and a physical address. Dee is willing to use her SSN and will use the Extension Office address for the account.

Shawnie moved to establish a bank account at Pioneer Bank and Trust, with two signatories on checks and three people on the account. Kristin 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Shawnie moved that the signors on the account be the President, Secretary & Treasurer of the Redwater 4-H Council. For this year that would be, Amy Hauck, Rae Brown & Dee Sleep. Nicole 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Corey Hockenbary moved to have Dee Sleep research and to use her best judgement on how to get the EIN completed. Bridger Gordon 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Dee Sleep suggested that each county consider donating money to serve in the Redwater account as "seed/starter" funds.

Shawnie moved to take the suggestion back to the individual county leaders associations with a suggested amount of \$100 from each county to be contributed to the Redwater 4-H Council for start/seed funds. Roxie Tetrault 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Michelle May reported and helped to clarify annual dues and how they are distributed. They are \$15/volunteer: \$10 of those funds goes to the state to assist with the cost of the Background check, \$3 to the state leader's association, \$1.50 to the state for insurance and \$.50 is kept locally. For youth, dues are \$5/person with a cap of \$15/family: \$1.50 to the state for insurance and remaining \$3.50 remains locally. Horse project members pay an additional \$1 for insurance that goes to the state.

Dee moved to have all dues paid to the Redwater 4-H Council, Roxie 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Leader Training and Documentation: Kindra Gordon asked what the requirements were/are for leaders training. Michelle May clarified that for re-enrolling leaders they do not need to "re-do" the leaders videos 1-6, however, new leaders/volunteers will have to complete sessions 1-6.

All leaders will need to complete video #7 on Civil Rights that will be posted on 4-H Online after November 1st.

ALL LEADERS must fill out the volunteer form again this year and submit them to the Extension Office. Michelle explained that the state will keep the originals in a secured file at the state.

The reminder to use Firefox browser rather than google to watch lesson #7 was reiterated. Michelle stated that the County Office would be holding a leadership video training in order to accommodate those without internet or intermittent service. That date will be announced in the newsletter.

Leader Recognition: Michelle welcomed discussion about leaders who are receiving (or have) their 25 years of service pin if we would like to offer them something more in addition to the pin. The youth immediately responded, yes, Tye Davis in particular spoke out on this affirming that it was a good idea and he supported it.

Michelle presented some options:

Picture frame – silver with engravement \$23

Bowl – silver with engravement \$33

Bowl with perpetual podium - \$135 – would add to it annually and keep at the office.

Dee Sleep brought up the point of having items at the office vs. the home and the pro's and con's of each. Roxie, who is receiving the recognition this year, alongside Kindra Gordon, affirmed that the 25 year pin is VERY important. Dee Sleep mentioned that we will need to remember that if we do this that we are setting a precedent. She also mentioned that we may need to consider making it retroactive for those in the past who have received the recognition. Nicole Jones mentioned that the pin and flowers & the perpetual plaque would be good ideas. Holly Main inquired as to if the dues that members pay is set and if we could consider asking more next year to help cover some of these costs? The dues are set from county to county. Shawnie moved to continue with the pin and to send the idea for funding of the perpetual plaque back to the individual counties. Bridger Gordon 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Michelle and Cindy at the office will research the cost of a perpetual plaque.

Recognition Event Reminders: Visiting County – Butte – paper, plates and napkins; Hosting County – Lawrence – Drinks. All clubs should plan to bring enough cookies to feed at least their club. Discussion to donate the left over cookies to Canyon Hills Facility & local after school programs.

Judging Hosts for Static Judging – the kits are not ready yet. Put on back burner for now. Holly Main suggested having the kids be a part of helping to assemble the kits so that they could get a greater awareness of the judging process and what they are looking for.

Monthly workshop ideas were discussed and welcomed. Dee Sleep mentioned that Rae will be holding a Public Presentation workshop in Whitewood on November 15 in Hale Hall, from 4:30-6pm.

Dee Sleep mentioned that there was a great interest to have Lego and Robotics started in the area and that money would need to be available to start a kit.

Other suggestions:

Train the Trainer

Special Foods – Top Chef – give specific guidelines. Michelle mentioned that Meade county did a great workshop on this and that the office has the skeleton of all the details in order to host the workshop. Grant options may be available for Special Foods.

Any club or family may request or present a workshop.

Rangeland days is open to 4-H and is a great event to be a part of. Having a workshop prior to the event was suggested for newcomers to learn more and to generate excitement for the days. It was mentioned by Kindra Gordon that they do a workshop on Day 1 to teach and introduce the material. The event is usually held around the 3rd week of June.

Holly Main offered to host a clothing workshop.

Shannon Davis said she would consider doing Fashion Revue.

Jamie Hockenbary said she would consider a Photography workshop.

Tye Davis mentioned a showmanship clinic in Newcastle that he felt was informative & beneficial. It was mentioned to maybe incorporate that into the Nisland Livestock Clinic and some said it might make the day too long to incorporate all in one day. However, each year they could pick a portion to focus on.

4-H Journal : There has been previous discussion at the local level regarding a desire to re-do or re-create the 4-H journal. Roxie mentioned that they should consider adopting what Pennington Co. has been using. A committee of Roxie, Jamie, Shannon and possibly Kindra & some youth members agreed that they would look into researching and developing a new one and make recommendations at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15 at 6:30 in whitewood at Hale Hall.

Tye Davis & Reese Ribordy moved to adjourn the meeting. 8:34pm Meeting adjourned.