

Sanders County 4-H Council

Minutes – February 5, 2008

Present: President Sarah Naegeli; Treasurer Kathy McEldery; Sally Havens – Trout Creek Mavericks; Meghan Phillippi and John Halpop – MSU Sanders County Extension Agents

Pledges to the U.S. and 4-H flags were recited.

December minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: The Council has received the \$1,000 scholarship reimbursement from the Montana 4-H Foundation. Some remaining 2007 special award money has been received. In 2008, sponsor inquiries and invoices will be sent simultaneously. Kathy presented the bookkeeping option of moving the Livestock Committee's money to a separate account, to track market sale administration/buyer gifts/improvement funds.

Correspondence was received from Blackfoot regarding a grant available to 4-H clubs. Local clubs and members have received monies for projects in the past.

Clubs are encouraged to make sure that they get their **Volunteer Leader & Media Consent Forms** in to the Extension Office, as some are still missing.

The **4-H strategic planning** will take place on Feb. 26 at the Community Congregational Church. Registration will begin at 5:30. The strategic planning will take place from 6:00-9:00 pm. Strategic planning is intended to look at the "bigger picture" involving 4-H. It will provide us an opportunity to define what we do well, what can be improved and goals related to what we want Sanders County 4-H to look like in the future. All leaders and senior 4-H members are encouraged to take part. Please call to register 827-6934.

Sarah reported that the **state awards applicants** have met twice. There are four members who are completing the application. Others are invited to join in the meetings if interested in applying for a State Award, this year or in the future.

John reported that **shooting sports** leaders met on January 17. The group will put together a shooting competition and fundraiser at the fair. The idea has been presented to the fair board. Old vendor booths opposite the rabbit/poultry barn appear available as a space to hold the events. Awards will be solicited for the competition. Details will be worked on.

4-H Livestock committee: Market Lamb members who chose to slick shear may do so. Regular (county-wide) shearing will be delayed to late July or early August to lessen staple length variability. Quality assurance training for first year and every other year thereafter will take place at noon on demonstration days. Sunday, March 9th (Hot Springs) and Saturday, March 15th (Plains). Joe Brown has volunteered to be Fair camp coordinator.

Sally moved to replace purple, blue, red and white ribbons at demonstrations, fashion revue/patchwork parade and the fair with stickers. Those who wish to have a ribbon at the fair may pick theirs up from Extension staff. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Request for Rule Exemption forms concerning **demonstrations** were reviewed. An alternative demonstration day, prior to March 9th, will be scheduled for members unable to make either demonstration day.

The South Side Sparks will serve as the lunch host at the March 15th demonstration day.

Sarah, Sally, Mariah Naegeli, and Meghan Brady will serve on the **Fashion Revue and Patchwork Parade** committee. The committee will meet on Tuesday, March 4 at 5:00pm at the State Building.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Meghan Phillippi & John Halpop

Sanders County 4-H Council
Meeting Minutes - April 1, 2008

Present were Sarah Naegeli, President; Sally Havens - Trout Creek Mavericks; Anita McCoy, Michele McGuigan and Sandy Newman - Little Bitterroot; Sharon Palmer and Sharon Brown - Heron Eagles; Karen Dwyer - Secretary; John Halpop - County Extension Agent.

Pledges to the 4-H and American flag were recited.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as read.

A People Partner Grant of \$110.00 was awarded to assist Meghan Brady from the Whitepine Happy Workers 4-H Club to make dog hammocks for TRACS.

Fruit Sales went well this year, with excellent fruit and good profit. Top seller was Mariah Naegeli.

Stir-Ups Senior Trophy winner was Charlene Johnson; Junior Trophy winner was McKenzie McCoy. Ashley McCoy is willing to visit clubs to talk about Stir-Ups in the fall. Suggestion is to gauge the level of interest for next year and choose an event location based on results. Hosting two event days was discussed; consistency would be a problem without the same judges.

Demonstration Senior Trophy winner was Ciara Normandeau, and Junior Trophy winner was Josh Wulfekuhle. Senior members winning trips to Congress in addition to Ciara are Jacob and Mariah Naegeli, Beca Gunderson, Meghan Brady and Velita Benton. Junior members winning trips to camp in addition to Joshua are John Gunderson, Logan Naegeli, and Maggie Riddell. Overall quality was excellent. Clubs should continue to work on teaching catchy introductions, brief summaries, and appropriate posters. Council discussed demonstrations as "highly recommended" and not "mandatory" at the county level; wording on information given members at the start of the 4-H year will be corrected. Guidelines are needed for video-taped demonstrations, to avoid misinformation and encourage consistency in expectations. A committee will meet to discuss Stir-Ups, Demonstrations, and other events. Sharon Brown, Anita and Karen would like to serve on that committee and meet in the summer; any leaders and youth interested are welcome.

Kitchen Committee discussed measures to eliminate waste and streamline fair meals without sacrificing quality.

Following committee ideas suggested to council, *Anita moved that meal prices be raised:*

up \$1 per general public meal

to \$30 for 4-H adult 10 meal tickets (\$20 for 5)

to \$20 for 4-H member 10 meal tickets (\$15 for 5). Motion carried.

Strategic Planning group met February 25th, with a diverse mix of adults and youth from throughout Sanders County.

Results of the meeting are listed in detail on the Sanders County 4-H website. A webcam is now available at the Extension Office for meeting sharing between communities. The group plans to meet again in June and invites anyone interested.

Livestock minutes are included in this mailing. Columbia Association is awarding 4 ewes of various ages to a youth age 10-17; the Suffolk Association also offers a grant to a youth to buy a registered ewe. Contact the Extension Office or look on the Sanders County 4-H website for more details.

Five members continue to work on State Award applications.

Since polling clubs and members showed overwhelming favor towards using 4-H ribbons rather than stickers for fair and demonstrations, the February motion to use stickers instead of ribbons was rescinded - (*Anita moved, Sandy seconded, motion to rescind carried.*)

Registration and motel was approved for two shooting sports leaders attending archery training. John will check on our chance of hosting training in Sanders County sometime.

Awards sponsors are needed to replace some who have dropped out. Coordinating award sponsorship may be changed to a volunteer leader position rather than being an Extension Office staff task. John will investigate state guidelines.

Three senior members will interview for the 4-H scholarship on April 11th.

District 1 Teen Retreat is May 9-10 at Loon Lake.

Fashion Revue is April 27th, during FlatIron Quilt Show. Letters have been sent to eligible members.

Camps - Cloverbud, June 14-15; MultiCounty, June 23-26.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Sanders County 4-H Council
Minutes - June 3, 2008

Present were President Sarah Naegeli, Vice- President Roni Mitch, Treasurer Kathy McEldery, Secretary Karen Dwyer, Sally Havens - Trout Creek Mavericks, Sharon Brown and Sharon Palmer – Heron-Noxon Explorers, Ambassadors Abi Mitch and Charles French - South Side Sparks, Meghan Phillippi and John Halpop - County Extension Agents.

Pledges to the U S and 4-H flags were recited.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer is waiting for citrus money from 1 club before 5% of profit checks can be sent.

Correspondence was received showing license plate disbursement of \$210 to Sanders County 4-H Council.

McKenzie McCoy attended District 1 Teen Retreat and had a good time.

Fashion Revue/Patchwork Parade was successful. Meghan Brady decorated; Alexis Dean did a great job with coordinating and working on modeling with members. Senior Sewing Trophy winner was Mariah Naegeli; Junior winner was Emily Snell. Senior Quilt winner was Mariah Naegeli; Junior was Kaitlyn Havens.

A quilt show vendor donated fabric to participants after the Revue.

Livestock Committee Report has approved Quality Assurance training on-line, in a program from Carter County. Livestock rules have been updated and copies are available. Black foot Telephone Co-Op donated water for the fair will be in 5 gallon containers to avoid plastic waste. Dates of upcoming events are on the calendar on our 4-H webpage. Heron club would like to have a weigh-in done in Heron.

Sanders Co. 4-H Endowment Scholarship winners were Allen Havens, Bryant Normandeau, and Jacob Naegeli. Each received \$1500, since the scholarship fund did so well last year.

Ambassador Key Leader is Roni Mitch; incoming Senior is John Garrison, incoming Junior is Charles French, and incoming Prospective is Abi Mitch. Charles presented the group's plan to have a Community Puzzle at the Fair; 480 pieces will be available for folks to fill in with 4-H memories, etc. *Karen moved that council pay for the puzzle pieces (about \$69); Charles seconded. Motion carried.* Alex Saint and John will attend pre-Congress on the Tech Committee.

The 2nd. Sanders Co. 4-H Strategic Planning meeting was set for Wednesday, June 18th at 6:00pm in Plains.

Livestock Committee has put together a raffle to raise money for repairs to the fairgrounds, rather than taking money from market sale member profits. Tickets have been distributed to clubs to sell. *Roni moved that the first ticket drawn receive the live pig, second drawn receive the quilt, and third receive the welded sculpture. Motion carried.* Quilt and sculpture are on display at the Extension Office. Adults can sell, as well as members; participation is not required.

Chaperon applications for National 4-H Congress (Atlanta) are available at the Extension Office.

Logan Naegeli has received a Blackfoot Telecommunications Grant for his bluebird house project.

Council nominated Karen Dwyer for Montana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors. Letters will be drafted.

Cloverbud Camp has 11 campers registered from all counties participating. Camp is June 14th and 15th. Teens are invited to help; contact the Extension Office ASAP if you are interested. Multi-County camp is June 23-26, Monday through Thursday.

Counselors and CIT's will stay until Friday for a fun day & evaluation.

Members eligible for Congress are Abi Mitch (Stir-Ups & State Award); Mariah Naegeli, Jacob Naegeli (State Awards, & Demo. Ciara Normandeau, Velita Benton, Beca Gunderson, Megan Brady (Demonstrations); Jeffreyanne Parker, Ethan Snell, Will Fausett, Theresa Fausett (Gavel Games.) Charles is eligible as a State award App. But is unable to attend.

Make It With Wool contest will be December 5-6 in Billings; entry info is available at the Extension Office.

Sponsors for some awards are needed; please contact the Extension Office for more information.

Be sure to sign up for fair kitchen duty ASAP.

Drop/Add deadline for 4-H projects is July 1st. Barn patrol sign up begins July 2nd.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Sanders County 4-H Council
August 5, 2008

Present were President Sarah Naegeli, Treasurer Kathy McEldery, Secretary Karen Dwyer, Sally Havens - Trout Creek Mavericks; Mariah Naegeli - Whitepine Happy Workers; County Agents Meghan Phillippi and John Halpop.

Pledges were recited.

June Minutes were approved as read.

Treasury balance is down from last year. One club has not turned in bulb sale receipts. Club accounting to council of citrus and bulb receipts from members is recommended in the future.

Correspondence was received from Abi Mitch, Allen Havens, and Beca Gunderson.

Agenda was revised to include a Foundation report and Silent Auction.

Mariah reported that **Congress** was definitely worth it! Jacob & Mariah Naegeli won first place in demonstrations (Mariah will attend National Congress), and the Gavel Games team won first place and a trip to Western Roundup in Denver. Alex Saint was chosen to be Ambassador Representative to State Leaders' Council. *Karen moved that council waive the sno-cone machine rental fee for members earning money for out of state trips; Sally seconded. Motion carried.* Expenses for out of state trips are high, and chaperon expenses are not paid. *Sally moved that council loan money for plane tickets, donate \$100 per member for trips, and pay up to \$100 for education cd's for Gavel Games Teams. Kathy seconded; motion carried.*

Montana 4-H **Foundation** is celebrating 40 years in existence in 2009. Empty jars will be given to clubs for local fund-raising. Council approved Bill Saint as Sanders County Representative to the Foundation.

Sanders County had one member at **Cloverbud camp**. **Multi-county campers** made tie dye t-shirts. Counselors and CIT's had a productive evaluation session afterwards.

Ambassadors are searching for an additional prospective Ambassador; information will be included in the Dispatch. Applications are due Sept. 5th.

Livestock species clinics have taken place. Painting of the sheep and swine barn will be August 17th. Paint was purchased at cost from Doug's Hardware - thank you! Friday, Aug. 29th, a shooting sports gallery will be under the grandstands from 1:30-4:30, with an open shoot for archery and pellet rifle open to all 4-H members.

Event location committee met. An on-line survey has been conducted, with fifteen responses. Council recommended to resurvey by sending hard copies to each club in hopes of more responses.

Home Ec Barn shelves will be painted August 17th. *Sally moved that council pay for materials to build three free-standing 3-way displays, two for the center aisle of the Home Ec building and one for the Pavilion. Kathy seconded; motion carried.* Dining Hall public meal pass ticket price has been raised \$1. Kitchen shift supervisors orientation will be at noon on fair readiness day. Members may work extra shifts to earn chances for the \$25 drawing, provided the shifts are short of workers, i.e. night shifts (check the schedule.) Evening meals will be served from 4:30 to 7:30, and Sunday breakfast will end at 10:00am. Council recommends no ticket sharing, since 4-H meal passes are already a tremendous bargain. Friday evening's entire meal will be "made in Montana", locally grown and raised. Food costs are up; we will look at raising prices next year.

Home Ec building needs 7 volunteer leaders or older members to help judges with ribbon recording and attachment. Please attach your entry tags to your projects in a way that keeps them visible. Reminder: home ec project members may make one item for the **Silent Auction**, and an additional item if the proceeds are donated to 4-H council or another eligible group.

Fair Readiness Day is Saturday, August 23rd, at 9:00am. Bring your tools and a lunch.

Achievement Day will be Sunday, November 9th, at 2:00pm, at the TF Senior Center. The Hot Springs clubs will host this year; Heron will host next year.

Leadership Forum is September 26-27 in Great Falls. Early bird registration is due by September 3rd.

Next Council meeting is September 30th at 6:00pm. Sally will coordinate an officer nominating committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

**Sanders County 4-H Council Meeting
September 30, 2008 - Minutes**

Present were President Sarah Naegeli, Vice President Roni Mitch, Treasurer Kathy McEldery, Secretary Karen Dwyer, Sally Havens - Trout Creek Mavericks, Sharon Brown and Sharon Palmer – Heron-Noxon Explorers, Michelle McGuigan and Sandy Newman – Little Bitterroot, Charles French - Prospective Ambassador.

August minutes were revised to name members on the Gavel Games Team: Teresa Fausett, Jeffreyanne Parker, Ethan Snell, and Will Fausett.

Treasury is in the black. Club treasury records for 2007-2008 need to be turned in at the Extension Office or to Kathy McEldery for audit.

Agenda additions were fair readiness day, entry tags, and completion of projects

Correspondence: Beca Gunderson, John Garrison, Charlene Johnson, and Jacob Naegeli.

Fair Wrap-up: *Roni moved that council purchase a banner for the 4-H dining hall within a reasonable cost; Charles seconded. Motion carried.* Suggested wording: 4-H dining hall open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Everyone welcome). *Sharon B moved that council not rent out the 4-H dining hall cooler and/or contents; Roni seconded. Motion carried.* Shelves in the pantry will be painted per sanitarian's recommendation.

Drawing for \$25 prizes to members serving extra kitchen shifts was held; winners are Dalton Nelson, Ethan Snell, Jordan Uli, and Logan Naegeli.

Silent auction net total was \$34. Livestock and non-livestock members may participate. Remember to leave the stubs on entry tags next year. Using judges' helpers was a great idea. Shooting sports event had a good turnout.

Livestock minutes are included in this mailing. We need to watch judges fees in the future. Policy is to pay \$100 per species, plus mileage. Showers need signs? specifying male and female.

Out of state travel fund-raising update: an account has been started at First Security Bank, "Friends of 4-H".

Rummage sale to help National Congress and Gavel Games trips netted \$600 plus. *Karen moved that council support the chaperon with \$100; Sharon B seconded. Motion carried.* Raffle winner will be drawn at Achievement Day.

State Leaders Forum/Foundation Board meeting - Sandra Germann is the new Foundation Executive Director.

Foundation 40th birthday celebration includes a challenge for 4-40-400 - \$4 extra donation per member, \$40 per club, and \$400 per county. Go to www.montana4h.org for the latest information, forms, resources, etc.

Ambassadors Community Puzzle was a success. The beef barn won the Battle of the Barns for the 3rd year in a row. The battle raised curiosity about the Ambassador program; four members applied for Prospective Ambassador.

Velita Benton is the new Prospective.

Event location surveys are due November 5th.

Achievement Day potluck is Nov. 9th, Hot Springs clubs hosting, 2:00pm in Thompson Falls. Heron hosts next year. *Sally moved that bylaws be revised, from stating that "checks are to be written/signed by treasurer or Extension Agent" to "checks are to be written/signed by a designated officer." Charles seconded. Motion carried.*

Gavel games training materials on parliamentary procedure are available for any club to borrow.

Fund Raiser Ideas were discussed. Council agreed not to piggyback citrus and bulbs. Suggestions were a county-wide carwash, and perhaps requesting that each club raise \$150 for council/travelers/club.

Completion of projects was discussed. Projects differ - check manuals. Displaying at the fair is not a requirement. *Sally moved that the current slate of officers be retained. Sharon Brown seconded. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Dwyer, Secretary

Sanders County 4-H Council Minutes
December 2, 2008

Present were: President Sarah Naegeli, Vice-President Roni Mitch, Secretary Karen Dwyer, Teresa Nelson – Thompson Falls Mountaineers, Sharon & Raven Brown – Heron/Noxon Explorers, Sally Havens – Trout Creek Mavericks, Sandy Newman & Michele McGuigan – Little Bitterroot, Meghan Phillipi & John Halpop – Extension Agents.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as read.

Agenda revision was to add shooting sports training reimbursement and county awards day.

Treasurer's report included Achievement Day silent auction income of \$285.50. Council would like manual cost and dues reports from clubs ordering their own materials so that council can help with payment. Citrus sales need an accounting of each member's total order. Fees for 4-H Foundation and Leaders Council will be discussed with Treasurer; targeted goal is \$5 per member and \$5 per leader. Council discussed the reasons for dues and a possible county policy for leaders dues. Council will request Kathy's input on dues, and also on the 4-H Foundation's \$4-\$40-\$400 request.

Correspondence included a thank you from Jimme Wilson and a donation to 4-H council from Jim & Sandy Newman in memory of Eileen Wilson.

Raven reported that Achievement Day was fun, including food, awards, and the Ambassador icebreaker.

Capitol Christmas tree ornaments travel journal was shared. Sanders County Ledger printed an article with a picture; Sharon commented on the great Noxon/Sanders County visibility to our whole country.

Livestock Committee met Nov. 3; minutes are attached. Judges are lined up for fair!

Kitchen inventory policy was revisited; council agrees that loaning kitchen supplies is not feasible.

Ambassador Fall Training was in October. Those attending were Velita Benton, John Garrison, Abi Mitch, Charles French, Roni Mitch, and Alex Saint. The Ambassadors would like a county mini-Congress involving members of all ages, to introduce activities available to older members. A potential date of February 16th will include a 4-5 hour agenda, introducing activities from State Congress (i.e. games, dance, etc.)

Club officer lists and plans are due yesterday.

Display case schedule was passed around for club sign-up.

Survey results were discussed. Council agreed to try StirUps in 2 locations based on interest from different ends of the county. Raven gave feedback on Stir-Ups: "fun, good experience, surprised at competition and notebook".

Meghan will contact former participants to talk to clubs about Stir-Ups.

Calendar: Demonstration dates are set for Hot Springs March 8th, Thompson Falls March 14th, and finals in Plains March 29th. A minimum of 3 members participating per location for Stir-Ups was suggested. Fashion Revue Countywide Workshop is tentatively set for April 26th, to be presented by members.

Fruit sales will be February 8th to 19th, with delivery Feb 28th.

Members interested in attending Legislative Breakfast should send a letter of interest to the Extension Office by December 31st.

Citizenship Seminar is March 1-3. Participants will need to write their own bill. Applications may be sent to the Extension Office.

Roni moved to raise the citrus sale incentive requirement to 8 cases. Raven seconded; motion carried. Sales will be handled through the same suppliers (Harvest Foods and Buck's Grocery.)

Achievement day silent auction discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Fair book changes are due by February.

Three leaders from South Side Sparks will be attending Shooting Sports certification training on December 5-6.

Roni moved that council reimburse the 3 leaders for \$50 registration each and one motel room (one leader will stay with relatives) for a total of \$165. Sharon seconded; motion carried.

Various information was shared for Rec Lab, Congress planning, and People Partner Grants.

Sarah would love to help any members interested in applying for State Awards!

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Dwyer, Secretary

