

Coös County 4H Advisory Council
Errol
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2007

Mary McLain called the meeting to order at 6:35PM at the Errol Town Hall.

Members Present: Mary McLain, Larry Barker, Elissa Dyer, Brenda Dyer, Katie Burns, Ramona Chessman, Heidi Mason, Joyce Brady and Vicki Delalla

Guests: Rodney Dryer and David Chessman

Minutes to last meeting, treasurer's report, and Council Membership were passed out.

A motion was made by Ramona and seconded by Elissa to approve the minutes as written. Passed.

Budget Update

The current balance in the regular account is \$6,471.59 and \$12,000 in the scholarship fund.

The grill raffle at the fair earned \$427.02. The money is to help reduce the cost for 4H members who would like to go on the Washington Trip in July 2008.

FSA donated \$100 for allowing them to be in our hall at the fair.

The White Mountain Garden Club sent \$200. If anyone knows anyone in the club, we would like to send a thank you.

We received a grant for \$18,750 to establish an after school program.

We had an account many years ago in a bank in Berlin. When they were bought out, we received 32 shares in the new bank. The bank is being bought out again. They have offered to buy our stock at \$37.50 per share. The dividend in the last few years has been approximately \$14 per year. Katie made a move to accept the buy out. It was seconded by Joyce. Passed.

After much discussion, it was decided that Larry and Joyce would look into options for income producing accounts for the \$1200 for the stock buy out. The executive board will vote the final choices. The motion was made by Ramona, and seconded by Elissa. Passed.

The cookie order is double the size of last years order. Pre-selling was allowed this year. We are not sure if that is the reason behind the increase. If we pay for the cookies within 10 days of receiving the order, we save 2%. It was agreed that we should pay the order upon receipt.

Lancaster Fair 2007

The 4H Hall looked great. Putting backs on the shelving made the displays stand out better. The banners and shirts in the rafters looked good. The skirting on the outside shelves made it look great. Mary thinks she has found enough material to complete the skirting around the rest of the building. She plans to make the skirts needed and sew the Velcro to the fabric. Thanks Mary and for all the hard work! We will look into hanging (white)lattice work above the center shelves for more hanging space. Having the other agencies in the front corner seemed to work well. The scavenger hunt also adds to our foot traffic.

Hall procedures will be posted in the 4H hall.

The chicken/rabbit area will be worked on next year. We need to rebuild the bases, replace the skirting, power wash and possibly paint the area.

Livestock numbers were stable. Horses, chickens and rabbits were up. Everyone missed the pigs.

The horse club cleaned stalls on the Friday after the fair. The clean up night was well attended (and very hot). They made about \$400-\$500

Judging of education exhibits and herdsmanship will occur earlier if possible. Flowers around the Dairy barn were vandalized.

The Dairy Bar and Candy Bar sales made about \$4000. We need to set aside \$500 to buy candy bars with next year. A price increase will be looked into for next year. Current prices are: Milkshake \$2.00 (extra thick \$2.50), cone \$1.50, Bowl \$1.50. These prices are much less than other stands on the fair grounds. All the food at the dairy bar (except candy bars) was donated this year. Models will be created to show the amount of ice cream used for cones and dishes. We will work with Larry & Joan Vars to make our product size is consistent.

The dairy bar and hall schedule was discussed. This year the NH clubs worked 13.5 of the 18 shifts. It seems that Vermont does not have the manpower to man their share of the shifts. After much discussion, it was decided to split the profits from the dairy bar based on shifts worked by each state. Larry will try to set up a meeting with Kristi and the Vermont clubs about the fair. Mary, Ramona, Joyce and Katie will attend the meeting when it is scheduled. If Vermont does not want to meet, we will send them \$1000.

Vermont's participation in other parts of the Fair (judging, work day, etc) was also discussed. More will be discussed at the meeting with Vermont.

Washington DC Trip

The additional stop for the trip to Washington will be the Philipsburg Manor in New York. Contact will be made to verify prices and accommodations. The WOW Committee will meet on Thursday 10/11/2007 at 1PM in Lancaster to finalize the flyer and another raffle.

Calendar

Achievement Day will be November 17, starting at 9AM Vicki will provide refreshments and Mary will provide door prizes.

Coos County Record judging will be on October 22.

Coos County Advisory meetings will be as follows: Nov 28 in Lancaster, Jan 28 in Stark, Mar 26 in Groveton, May 21 in Lancaster, July 31 in at Barry Conservation Camp and Sep 24 in Milan.

Coos County Demonstration Day will be on March 29 in Berlin with a snow date of April 5.

A volunteer training will be held in Littleton on Nov 3.

College Scholarships

There has been one application for a scholarship. The youth is a ten year member who participated in a large number of 4H events. Joyce made a motion to grant a \$500 scholarship, seconded by Heidi. Passed. The scholarship will be granted upon successfully completing the first semester.

National Youth Horse Leader Symposium

The symposium will be held 2/29-3/2

The next meeting will be on November 28 in Lancaster, NH.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Burns, Secretary.