

Coos County 4H Advisory Council
Stratford Town Hall
Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2010

Vicki DeLalla called the meeting to order at 6:34PM at The Town Hall in Stratford.

Members Present: Larry Barker, Katie Burns, Vicki DeLalla, Christine Whiting, Sarah Whiting, Suzanne Goulet, Jourdain Goulet, April Allin, Debbie DuBlois, Joyce Brady, Jacob Brady, Lucas DeBlois, Travis Joyce and Kathy Burns
Guests: Zachry McMann

Thank You Cards

Thank you cards were received from Erica Langkau, Sarah Whiting, Payton Curtis, Shawn Whiting, Olivia Conway, Lucas DeBlois, Jenny Burns and Nick Barker.

Minutes

Minutes to last meeting were passed out. Joyce moved the minutes be accepted as printed. Kathy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Budget Update

The checking account balance is \$5509.74 and the Scholarship Fund balance is \$16,706.96.

Income continues to include recycling from Mary, Jean and now Gail.

Katie moved that we accept the Treasurer's report. Kathy seconded the motion. Fred Clauss designated The Coos County Shooting Sports as the beneficiary of moneys donated instead of flowers. Larry will discuss with the donations with the family to see if they have any suggestions about what is done with the money. The State Horse Show fee was \$85 each for 3 riders and \$10 each for 2 stable managers. Applications were received for reimbursement. Joyce moved that we reimburse participants for 50% of the entry fees. The motion was seconded by Katie and passed.

By-Laws Amendment

A By-law amendment was proposed: "If a member cannot complete his/her term, someone will be elected to the Council to complete that term." At the last meeting. Katie moved that we accept the proposed by-law change. Joyce seconded the motion. There was a question raised about changing IIIb to add about completing terms. The decision was to leave the wording alone as IIId clarifies what happens when a new director is elected to complete a term.

Demonstration Day

Demonstration Day went well. Coos County generally has more participants in County Demonstration Day than other counties in the State.

The time limits on the demonstrations worked well for most demonstrators.

Youth do not have to be a State winner to go to Eastern States. A certain number of youth are invited to go to Eastern States based on a quality number not on the youth being an actual winner. Jackie Lowell, Ben LaFlam, Cathleen Daniels Sarah St. Gelais have been invited from Coos County.

Teen Conference

18 Youth from Coos County attended Teen Conference in Durham. Everyone had a good time.

Other Events

Dairy Judging and Quiz Bowl: Jacob Brady made the team going to Louisville. Lucas DuBlois is an alternate. Lucas was the 1st Senior in the State in Dairy Judging.

State Horse Show

A large delegation attended the State Horse Show. Only 17 from the state will be going to Nationals. Christine Morin is attending as a stable manager and Erika Langkau is an alternate.

State Working Steer was held at Lancaster Fair grounds. The State Dairy show will be held there next week. Participants in the Working Steer Show commented on how nice the grounds are and how accomodationg the Fair Dierectors have been. Coos County youth usually travel 3 hours more than other participants even when some of the events are held in our county.

Shooting Sports samplers were held on Tuesday and Thursday. Some of the 9-10 attendees will be joining Shooting Sports Club.

Let's Go Fishing only had 3 sign up so it was cancelled.

Only on youth signed up for the Fisher Cats' game so the bus has been cancelled. Tickets are still available for purchase but no transportation will be provide from Coos County.

NE Regional Leader Forum

NERLF will be held in Delware on November 4-7, 2010. The council heavily subsidis registration fees and costs for attendees.

College Scholarships

Applications for college scholarships were received from Earl Brady and Caleb mason. April moved that we give each applicant \$750 upon successfully completing their first semester. Suzanne seconded the motion. Passed.

Coos Extension Council

Coos Extension Council has an opening for a youth member. The council helps set the extension budget, hiring new educators, does performance appraisals and sends 2 members to the State Council. It would be nice to have a liaison form the 4H Council. The Coucil is looking for someone to complete a term. Terms are usually 3 two year terms. They would prefer a member 14 or older. They need to work with adults. Meetings are always held at the Extension Office. Jacob bardy has graciously volunteered to join the council if they will have him.

Mailing List Update

Fund raiser information sent to Club Organization leaders is coming from mailing addresses give to the IRS with our EIN applications. While the EIN is confidential, the mailing addresses are public information.

4H Camps

1 Youth from Coos County attended Bryant Pond 4H camp in Maine. She was the only girl participating in the Shooting Sports camp. She had a good time. Bryant Pond had a lot more kids, a zip line, hiking, a story teller, and a closing ceremony. Fish and Game has announced that Barry Conservation Camp will open again next summer. A work weekend is planned for August. They are only looking for experienced carpenters. Other work weekends will be scheduled.

Fund Raising

The Cookie and Candy Bar sale will occur again this year. Preorder forms will be in the mail soon. The company will be going back to the original Mint Cookies. The boxes will not have the clover on them. The process are the same as last year.

Up Coming Events:

Garden Judging

Garden Judging will be on August 20. Judges are needed. All gardens are judged if the seeds came from 4H.

Lancaster Fair

Work night is August 24th at 5PM. The front of the Hall will have a DOT water quality exhibit along with a refurbished manure spreader.

Live stock forms are due August 10th. As you review the premium book, please keep an eye out for corrections.

The next meeting has been changed to September 30 in Lancaster. The November meeting will be on November 18 in Stratford depending on what is available.

A motion to adjourn was made by Katie and seconded by Suzanne. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Burns, Secretary.