

Coös County 4H Advisory Council
Stark
Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2009

Larry Barker called the meeting to order at 6:30PM in Town Hall of Stark NH

Members Present: Larry Barker, Katie Burns, Ramona Chessman, Brenda Dyer, Elissa Dyer, Joyce Brady, Vicki Delalla, Monique Dube, Christine Whiting and Suzanne Goulet
Guests: David Chessman, Jourdain Goulet & Sarah Whiting

Shooting Sport

Midway USA, a shooting sports supplier, contacted Larry about donating shooting galleries. Coös County received 3. Larry and Katie assembled the first one during shooting sports on Jan 24, 2009. Larry's son has assembled one as well. They can not be used inside but will be used outside during the summer.

Thank You Cards

Thank you cards were passed around.

Minutes

Minutes to last meeting and treasurer's report were passed out. Monique moved to approve the minutes as written. Joyce seconded the motion.
The minutes from the last meeting were approved as written.

Budget Update

Donations were received from The Farm Bureau (\$150 unrestricted), the Garden Club (\$150 for Community Beautification) and Mary McLain (recycling).
This year's college scholarship was paid out of general funds to Zach Mason who received straight As in his first semester.
The Milan Club has asked if we would like to raffle off a quilt the club will make. The Council agreed that it would be a good fundraiser at the Fair. A future discussion will be held on how to handle raffle tickets during the times that Vermont is covering the 4H Hall.
Current account balances: Checking \$7,631.33; College Scholarship \$15,529.42

4H Camps

The Barry Conservation Camp will have a regular schedule this July. The 4 camps will be Fishing, Shooting Sports, Hunter Safety and Nature Camp. Larry will be overseeing the camp this summer. Demand is expected to be high at Barry.
Bear Hill Camp will not be open this summer. The Camping Specialist, who organizes the camps, left in December for a new job. The Bear Hill physical plant needs repairs. It may be possible for clubs to spend a week working at Bear Hill, painting or doing other maintenance in the mornings and playing in the afternoons. More details will be available later.
Camp Purple, Operation Military Kids did not receive funding this year. The grant went to a different camping proposal. However a grant has been received to run a traveling camp at various locations around the state. There will be five weekends for Military Families instead of just for Military Kids.

Strafford County Update

When the County Commissioners met in Strafford County, they cut the Extension Budget to zero. Spending caps were in place and the commissioners cut every program that was not legally mandated. The cuts were not based on any dissatisfaction with Extension's work. For more information from Strafford County see the attached letter.

Cooperative Extension is financed by a cooperative effort of three agencies: The Federal Government, The State of New Hampshire through the University System and the County. Coös County provides the Coös Extension Office with approximately \$170,000 a year. Any unspent funds are returned to the County each year.

Membership

Suzanne Goulet and Christine Whiting were welcomed as new members. Jourdain Goulet and Sarah Whiting are considering becoming members.

A motion was made by Vicki and seconded by Elissa to elect the following officers for the next year.

Chairman: Ramona Chessman

Vice Chairman: Monique Dube

Treasurer: Joyce Brady

Secretary: Katie Burns

Demonstration Day

Demonstration Day is March 28, 2009 in Berlin with a snow date of April 4.

New judging sheets have been developed by the State. The new sheets will help judges be more specific about what needs work and should make scores more meaningful.

Action exhibits should be judged later as many improve as time passes.

The new poster form is filled in by the youth. The bottom half is pasted to the back of the poster. Information on the poster form should be reviewed as some rules have changed.

The Council agreed that larger groups will be allowed for demonstrations and action exhibits. Demonstration groups of more than 2 and action exhibits of more than 3 will not be eligible for State Activities Day.

Poster and photo score sheets will be returned to the club leader. Score sheets not returned with ribbons will be handed out by volunteers.

North Country Leader Training

North Country Leader Training is rescheduled for May 2, probably in Littleton. The classes offered will remain the same.

State 4H Advisory Council

Elissa and Brenda have expressed an interest in join the State Council. Larry will forward their names to the council.

Other Items

Elissa asked about the Council pins for youth council members. Larry will mail them.

A motion was made by Katie and seconded by Monique to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be Wednesday March 25, 2009 at 6:30PM in Groveton.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Burns, Secretary.