

Coös County 4H Advisory Council
Lancaster

Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2009

Ramona Chessman called the meeting to order at 6:30PM at The Extension Office in Lancaster NH

Members Present: Larry Barker, Katie Burns, Ramona Chessman, Monique Dube, Joyce Brady, Vicki Delalla, Sarah Whiting, Christine Whiting, Jourdain Goulet and Suzanne Goulet

Guests: David Chessman

Thank You Cards

Thank you cards from Jonathan Cathy Conway, Olivia Conway, Pierre Allard, Kelly Mason, Alexis Scott, Zachry McMann, Lions Cubs After School, Hannah Bunnell, Andrew St Cyr, Monica, Meredith St Cyr, Ellen St Cyr, Lucas DeBlois, Jacob Brady, and Brittany Letellier were passed around.

Minutes

Minutes to last meeting were passed out. Monique moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as printed.

Budget Update

The checking account balance is \$4,679.98 and the Scholarship Fund balance is \$15,644.63

Donations were received from Mary McLain (recycling) and the Farm Service Agency (\$200).

Misc expenses included curriculum, Focus on Fashion scholarships, Fisher Cats bus and Teen Conference. The Fisher Cats bus will be reimbursed as will some of the Teen Conference money.

A teen had signed up for Teen Conference and then decided at the last moment to not attend. The family did reimburse the entire cost as the cancelation was to late for us to get any money back.

Cookie and candy bars sales were up this year. Cookies were 177 cases last year and this year are 214. Candy bars were up from 70 cases last year to 106 cases this year. Monique moved we accept the budget as presented. Vicki seconded the motion which passed.

Lancaster Fair Review

The Dairy Bar had good sales this year with a profit of \$4,156.10 which will be split evenly between NH and VT since VT managed to fill all their shifts.

Scholarship requests have been received for the Sheep Clinic. Joyce moved that the Council pay 50% of the \$75 cost of the Clinic. The motion was seconded by Katie and passed.

The State will be running a Volunteer/Leader Training on Nov 7th in Franconia. Monique moved that the Council pay the \$10 fee for any volunteers/Leaders from Coos County to attend the training. Vicki seconded the motion. The motion passed. Larry showed a video of photos taken at the Lancaster Fair. He also showed the Channel 9 report on the fair. The horse stall cleaning that occurred the Thursday after the fair was well attended. A graduate of the program even returned to help. The cleaning took about 3 hours. The Horse Clubs earned \$528.

2010 Ideas for the Fair

A review of the premium book should be done before the 2010 Fair. Some of the numbers of items needed seem excessive.

A comment and suggestion box was suggested for the Hall.

Wording in the premium book should be made more consistent.

The time when Clubs can remove their exhibits on Monday was discussed. It was recommended that the time be changed to 4PM from 6PM.

Space requirements should be double checked.

New categories should be considered such as metal working, fiber arts and gymkhana classes.

Poultry are very expensive to test.

Send Larry any suggestions and a meeting will be scheduled to review the premium book before the next Fair.

Larry had some Eastern States tickets to pass out.

2009 Records Judging

Records Judging will be on Tuesday October 13 at 9:30AM at the Extension Office
Larry will schedule a Records Training Day in January or February.

Dates for 2009-2010

Awards Ceremony will be on November 21st from 9AM until noon.

Demonstration Day will be March 27th in Berlin.

Membership

Joyce presented a suggested schedule for board member rotation. The schedule would change terms from 2 years to 3 years. Since there can be 15 members, terms for 5 members would expire each year. Some current members would be willing to serve another 2 year term if needed (Vicki, Joyce & Katie). Five new members would be needed.

Suggested new members include: Debbie Dubois, Jacob, Lucas, Kathy Barnes, Ann Morin, or someone from the following clubs: Milan Club, Colts & Fillies, Coos Clovers and Creative Kids.

Larry will invite 8 people to the next meeting.

The suggested changes would have to be made by changing the by-laws.

Larry will put the by-laws on the web site.

A quorum will be need to change the by-laws.

Coos County Retreat

Will be discussed at the next meeting.

Coos County Talent Show Fund raiser

A talent show was suggested as a fund raiser for the County. Ramona's club will work on the details.

A motion was made by Katie and seconded by Monique to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be Thursday December 10 at 6:30PM at in North Stratford.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Burns, Secretary.

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