

Coos County 4H Advisory Council
Stark
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2008

Mary McLain called the meeting to order at 6:34PM at the Town Hall in Stark.

Members Present: Mary McLain, Larry Barker, Elissa Dyer, Brenda Dyer, Katie Burns, Ramona Chessman, Joyce Brady, Earl Brady, Monique Dube, Kate Phillips and Theresa Berry

Guests: David Chessman

A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting was made by Monique and seconded by Ramona. Passed.

Bowl-A-Thon

A Bowl-A-Thon was held on March 7 to raise funds to support Operation Military Kids. The money will be used to send kids from Military families to NH 4-H camp. Eight to ten teams participated. The first week will be August 3-8. There will be an OMK camp at Barry Conservation Camp this summer. The kids get to participate in regular camp activities as well as programs designed to help them deal with members of their families being stationed overseas. Plans are also underway for an OMK family weekend in Coos. Many thanks go to Willie Cowie for his tireless work for Operation Military Kids.

National Youth Horse Leaders' Symposium

Ramona and Theresa attended the NYHLS in North Carolina. They were kept very busy during the three day event. They felt that the Symposium was worth the trip. Although it is listed as a Leaders' Symposium, teens in the horse program would benefit from attending. Agenda attached.

Thank You Cards

A thank you card was received from Ramona for the scholarship to the National Youth Horse Leaders' Symposium.

Demonstration Day

Demonstration Day is Saturday March 29 at 9:30 AM at the White Mountains Community College. There are 6 action exhibits and three rooms of demonstrations and public speaking. A few more judges are needed.

Coos/Essex Fair

The Coos and Essex County 4H Fair Meeting will be held on April 8 at 6:30 PM at the Extension Office in Lancaster. Everyone is welcome to come with ideas about changes to the displays, profit sharing, and premium increases.

Lancaster Fair Dog Show

Several Clubs including Stratford Hollow are doing dog projects. It was proposed that a 1 day event for dogs be added to the 4H events at the fair. Larry was going to look at the schedule to see if Wednesday would work in the sheep dog ring. North Haverhill does have a dog show. Larry will contact them to see what they do and how they do it.

NH 4H Camp Brochures

Camp brochures were available. Board members took some to distribute in their local school.

Coos County 4H Web page

Larry is finally able to modify the information on one page of the 4H web site. If you go looking for something and it is not there, let Larry know and he will add it. If you find something that is wrong or not working, also let Larry know so he can get it fixed.

Membership

There is currently one opening on the 4H Advisory Council.

Budget Update

Income was received from sale of publications (\$15.40). Mary McLain and Jean Fortin donated the proceeds of their paper recycling project (\$92.40). They collect from the Hospital, post office and the college. The Sharp Shooters disbanded and formed a new club. When the Sharp Shooters was first established, they asked for money from the Council for start up costs. They donated \$510.99 back to the Council as a thank you for the original support.

Expenses include monies for the Horse quiz bowl and hypology, a college scholarship, and two leaders to attend each of the following: Spaces, Making Magic and the National Youth Horse Leaders' Symposium.

The current balance in the checking account is \$8,639.47 and \$14,326.68 in the scholarship fund.

A motion was made by Monique and seconded by Joyce to donate \$100 to Operation Military Kids.

The possibility of presenting 4H Varsity Letters to graduation seniors was presented by Joyce. There are two sizes available. Ten to fifteen kids graduate each year. The concept was tabled until the next meeting. Council members were asked to bring ideas for criteria.

Pins are also available for the Council members. Monique moved that teen council members be presented with pins at the award ceremony in the year they joined the council. Brenda seconded the motion. Passed.

The 4-H Dairy Bowl falls on the same day as Demonstration Day this year. The kids who would have gone to the Dairy Bowl would like to attend Cow Town instead. Monique moved that we fund their trip. Brenda seconded the motion. Passed.

Calendar

The next meeting will be on May 21, 2008 in Groveton. Then summer meeting will be on July 31 at the Barry Conservation Camp. The fall meeting will be on September 24 in Milan.

A motion to adjourn was made by Monique and seconded by Brenda. Passed.

The next meeting will be January 23, 2008 in Stark.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Burns, Secretary.

National Youth Horse Leaders' Symposium Agenda

Friday Tour of Pines Horse Farms

Vet Clinic – works with the University of North Carolina

Mainly reproduction and hoof issues. Drought – round bail feeder- cost of hay

Farms – Denney Emerson (also from Vermont)

Olympic Drivers, Jumpers, lots of Fox Hunts.

Evening – Welcome reception – snacks and sandwiches, etc.

Saturday Continental Breakfast and 7 sessions throughout the day

4H Team Mounted Games

Public Speaking Techniques

Horse Evaluation (Keep it student simple)

Program engages Youth

Horsing' Around without horses

Using the Internet

10:45 Speaker on “Unwanted Horse and Current Equine Welfare Issues”

Tom Lenz, DVM

Lunch –

1-4:00 Teen Activities

Sunday

Breakfast – Youth Presentations – 10 Groups 1 topic

10:00 – 1: Live Horse demonstrations at the NC State Fairgrounds

Ramona Chessman and Theresa Berry