

Coos County 4H Advisory Council  
Lancaster  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 26, 2011**

Vicki DeLalla called the meeting to order at 6:36PM in Lancaster.

**Members Present:** Larry Barker, Vicki DeLalla, Katie Burns, Christine Whiting, Sarah Whiting, Suzanne Goulet, Jourdain Goulet, April Allin, Lucas DeBlois, Jacob Brady, Joyce Brady, and Kathy Burns

**Guests:** David Chessman

**Thank You Cards**

No thank you cards have been received since the last meeting. Larry did have an article about the Dairy Quiz Bowl that he shared with the Board.

**Minutes**

Minutes to last meeting were passed out. Joyce moved that we accept the minutes as written. Earl seconded the motion. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

The checking account balance is \$9668.93 and the Scholarship Fund balance is \$16,747.77.

Unexpected income was received from NH Horse and Trails Association (\$50), Recycling (\$130), Tractor Supply Fundraiser (\$59.80), The Coos County Farm Bureau (\$100), and the Littleton Garden Club (\$100). The Tractor Supply Fund Raiser was from an earlier Clover Fundraiser. Tractor Supply is running another Clover Fundraiser now.

Larry has written or will write Thank you cards to all of the above donors.

Katie moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Kathy seconded the motion. Passed.

**Demonstration Day**

Demonstration Day was well attended. The poll conducted that day show the impact on youth who participate in 4H. The poll showed that 4H Youth are more likely to volunteer, give speeches and have higher educational aspirations.

The rooms used for Demo Day this year worked better than last year. It was nice to be all on one floor and have the larger rooms. The consensus was that the format and location work well for us and we hope to continue to use the facility. Larry did send a thank you letter to the College.

Fifteen youth qualified for State Activities Day. Fourteen plan to participate. State Day starts at 9AM on June 4th. The organizers try to schedule youth from Coos County to start later in the morning. There is a closing ceremony but because of the number of participants, it tends to be mid afternoon. Participants are not required to stay for closing ceremonies.

**State Activities Day is looking for judges. Please contact Larry if you are willing to be a judge.**

Caleb Mason recorded video of all the presentations in the Senior Room. The video has been set to the organizational leader of the clubs who have members

who qualified for States Day. The video is intended to be a learning tool only. The videos should not be submitted to any public forum such as You Tube.

State tune-Up Day is May 10<sup>th</sup> from 4PM to 8PM. Please come and practice your presentation for State Day. We would like this to be a dress rehearsal. If you can come in the outfit you plan to wear in Durham if possible. Audience members wanted to help critique the presentations.

#### **4H Camps**

Barry Conservation Camp weeks are filling up. Shooting Sports and Hunter Safety weeks are filling up as are the other weeks. Advisory Council Scholarship applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. The NH 4H Foundation is also giving camperships from the money earned when they sold the contents of Bear Hill Camp. They will start looking at applications on May 1<sup>st</sup>. They will continue to accept applications after that date. However, applications should be submitted as soon as possible.

Work Projects at Barry include building new benches for the fire pit area. Larry has a design for the benches. Joyce and Chris will ask their clubs to help build benches.

June 9<sup>th</sup> will be Coos Work Day from 4PM to 7PM at Barry.

The Extension Office is in the process of checking references for the camp staff. They hope to make offers next week.

#### **Training**

Parliamentary Procedure Training was held on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The attendees were given a lot of tips for running meetings. A trail mix was created using parliamentary procedure which was very good.

A Bullying workshop was given on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The audience was small but brought different perspectives to the meeting. The training can be presented again if anyone is interested in it.

CPR/First Aid training is still in the planning process. Larry will try to contact Sam Oaks and Richard Cotter. Katie will try to contact Zina Schmidt. If anyone knows if someone who would be willing to do a training, please let Larry know as soon as possible. We would like to schedule a training in late May or early June.

#### **New Business**

##### **State 4H Advisory Council**

A State 4H Advisory Council is being recreated. The Council will meet three times a year. Coos County has two seats on the Council. The meetings will probably be evening meetings in the Concord area. It may be possible to do video conferencing as the Extension Office will have that capability in the near future. If anyone is interested in being on the Council, please let Larry know as soon as possible.

##### **UNH Budget Situation**

New Hampshire places 50<sup>th</sup> in funding to our State University. If the UNH budget was increased by 40% it would move us up to 49<sup>th</sup>. This year the State Budget decreases the UNH budget by 45%. Since the Cooperative Extension Offices are an outreach program of the State University, the current budget will end Extension as we currently know it. The NH House has already passed this budget. **Please contact John Gallus [john.gallus@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:john.gallus@leg.state.nh.us) or call him at (603) 271-3077 or (603) 752-1066 to express your concerns about the continuation of state support for UNH and Extension System.**

### **Lancaster Fair**

The Fair is in the process of putting together the 2011 Premium Book. The Fair Association will not be printing premium books again this year. The Premium Book will be available on line. If you are unable to view or print the book, please contact the Extension Office and they will mail you a copy.

Larry will be meeting with the educator from Vermont to discuss schedules. If you have anything you would like to see changed please let Larry know by Friday 04/29/11. 4H schedules will be checked to make sure that the Fair Association publishes our schedule and not the incorrect one they usually publish.

We now have 2 4H leaders on the Fair Board, Ramona Chessman and Chris Brady.

Larry is also looking for a large display to be in the front of the 4H building. Please let him know if you have any suggestions.

Larry will not be at the Fair on Sat 9/3 as his mother is getting married that day.

### **Fairgrounds**

The Working Steer Prequalifier is coming back to Lancaster. The State 4H Horse Show will be in Lancaster for the next two years.

### **Dairy Judging Tour**

The Marshall Fund was established to provide money to enable youth in Coos County to attend functions outside of Coos County. The Dairy Judging tour will be an overnight event in Connecticut. Joyce moved that up to \$350 from the Marshall Fund be used to support the Tour.

### **Golf Tournament**

NH 4H Foundation's major fundraiser is a golf tournament. They are looking for auction items to help boost revenues. Larry suggested Golf Certificates from area golf courses. Katie will check with the Mountain View grand. Joyce will check with the Balsams. Any other items would be welcomed. Items are needed before May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Goat Clinic**

A goat clinic will be held at the fairgrounds on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The Club is still in the process of determining what events will be held. They are looking at demonstrations on washing goats, nutrition and possibly a judge. They will also be deciding if the event will be open to other counties. Of the Clinic will be opened to non04H members, extra insurance will e required. The Clinic must follow all health regulations.

Joyce moved that \$200 be spent on the Goat Clinic expenses. The motion was seconded by Katie. Passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Katie and seconded by Joyce at 7:00PM. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Burns, Secretary.