

Coos County 4H Advisory Council  
Stark  
**Meeting Minutes**  
May 27, 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, Monique Dube, Earl Brady, Joyce Brady, Vicki Delalla, Sarah Whiting, Christine Whiting, Jourdain Goulet and Suzanne Goulet

**Guests:** David Chessman

**Thank You Cards**

Thank you cards from Jonathan Whiting, Emma Ainsworth and Wendy Brock were passed around.

**Minutes**

Minutes to last meeting were passed out. Larry amended the minutes to read Strafford instead of Stratford. Joyce amended the date to February 11, 2009 instead of May 27, 2009. Monique moved to approve the minutes as amended. Joyce seconded the motion. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as amended.

**Council Pins**

Council pins were given to all members of the council. Youth pins were no longer available and it was felt that all members of the council should have pins.

**Strafford County Update**

Due to a major grassroots campaign, Strafford County restored the County Extension portion of the budget for the next fiscal year. At this time, Coos County is still funding their portion of the Coos County Extension office budget although they cut out the line item for computer upgrades. In the future, the 4H leaders and youth in Coos County may need to convince the County Commissioners that funding 4H and Cooperative Extension is important to the residents of Coos County.

**Budget Update**

Donations were received from Mary McLain (recycling). National Curriculum and Horse and Dairy Books were purchased. Some of the books purchased will be sold to members. A \$25 donation from Martin's Agway was part of the Agway Support 4H Fund. Monique moved that we accept the donation. Joyce seconded the motion. Passed. Katie moved that we reimburse the 4 attendees of Dairy Learning Day \$5.00 each which is 50% of the cost. The motion was seconded by Vicki and passed. 4 Leaders from Coos County attended the 4H Shooting Sports Training held on May 16 & 17 at Barry Conservation Camp. Monique moved that we reimburse the 4 the \$35 fee for the training. The motion was seconded by Joyce and passed. Beautification Grants, of \$100 each, were requested by 3 clubs. Monique moved that we approve the grants. The motion was seconded by Earl and passed. Soil tests were requested by 4 clubs as part of the garden program. It was agreed that the council would pay for the tests at \$12 per test. Teen Conference had 15 attendees. Katie moved that the Council cover ½ of the cost of the conference. The motion was seconded by Monique and passed. The Council paid \$2935.00 of which \$1510.00 will be repaid by the teens who attended the conference.

This year the Career Development trip is to New York City about fashion. The trip costs \$450 per participant. This is a trip that occurs every few years. It was recommended that youth interested in fashion should look into fund raising for this event. Joyce moved that we provide scholarships of \$200 for each participant for a total of \$800. The money will come from either the Marshall or R Chamberlain Fund. Vicki seconded the motion and it passed.

### **T-shirts**

Joyce checked with Basket of Stitches. Screen & Art work costs \$25 per design. T-shirts are \$8.00 each printed two sides. The design will be a clover on the front with Lancaster Fair and the year. The back will be a different print for each project area. Monique moved that the council pay for the screens and charge \$8 per shirt. Joyce seconded the motion and it passed. Joyce will get artwork for approval and check to see if 8/15 is too late to have shirts ready for the fair. Larry will add shirt order information to the Fair Premium List. There will be t-shirts available to 4Hers not in an animal project with a generic design.

### **Demonstration Day Critique**

Allowing more demonstrators for youth 12 and under worked well. Youth, who would never have demonstrated, participated.

It was suggested that the action exhibitors be allowed to watch some of the demonstrations before they started their exhibits, or to possibly split the judging. Exhibitors were out of stock before the demonstrators had a chance to see the exhibits.

State Rules allow 1 entry per member for posters. The County will still allow 3 per member but only one from each member will be allowed to go on to State.

Photography for the State allows 3 photos from the County. The County decides if they will send 1 from each member or more.

Coos County will follow the same rules for photos as for posters. Exhibitors will be allowed to submit up to 3 posters and photos. Only 1 from each exhibitor will be sent on to State Demo Day.

Moving the event around the County was discussed. Larry will look into what would happen if we did not use the Tech School for one year. Suitable locations would have to be found. Most schools do charge for non-school events.

### **State Activities Day**

15 youth and 3 adults will be attending State Activities Day. 3 showed up for Tune Up Day

### **Membership**

8 members will be finishing their terms in November. Members are requested to bring in names of people interested in being on the board. Bain storming on new members will be on the agenda. Possible new members will be invited to the September meeting.

The Council can have a maximum of 15 members including youth. It was suggested that the term be switched to 3year terms and replace 1/3 of the Council every year. This would require a by-laws change. By-laws can be amended by a 2/3 vote of those present at a meeting if notice of the change is sent out 2 weeks in advance. Larry will send out by-laws and they will be discussed in July with a vote on any changes to be made in September.

### **Educator Update**

Larry's tasks include: traditional 4H club activities, state responsibilities (shooting sports, Teen Conference, shooting for camp, Barry Camp), County Youth

Development (Coalition for Youth Justice, Grant to collect old prescriptions for a 4H club in Berlin), Police Athletic League, & Training people to work with kids.

### **Science, Engineering & Technology Forum**

Northeast Youth and Adult Forum on Land Sea and Space

Teams of youth and adult spend 4 days and 3 nights in Durham to learn about science and technology.

Teams are 2 youth over 13 and 1 adult. Cost is \$400 per person. State Scholarship of \$200 is available.

For more information see handout.

### **4H Premium List**

Lancaster Fair will not be mailing premium lists this year. The extension office will print lists for clubs that need them.

Review the list for corrections as soon as possible as Larry would like to post it by June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Coggins is no longer required for instate horses.

### **Camperships**

The council was polled about camperships. The decision for this year was to offer camperships to youth attending any 4H camp as long as they meet our other requirements. So far all requests have been for Barry.

### **Cookies and Candy Bars**

Lots of complaints have been made about the quality of the candy bars. The last order was short product. Larry will call Erin Chaverson, the company representative and see if he can find out why.

Larry will also email other counties to see if they have any issues with quality.

National is picky about who can use the clover.

A motion was made by Katie and seconded by Monique to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be Wednesday July 23, 2009 at 6:30PM at Barry Camp. Tour starts at 5PM, dinner at 5:30 and meeting will start at 6PM

Respectfully submitted by Katie Burns, Secretary.