

Coos County 4H Advisory Council
Berlin
Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2011

Vicki DeLalla called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM at Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin.

Members Present: Larry Barker, Katie Burns, Christine Whiting, Sarah Whiting, April Allin, Lucas DeBlois, Jacob Brady, Joyce Brady, Debra DuBlois, Vicki DeLalla and Kathy Burns

Thank You Cards

Thank you notes were received from: Danielle DuBlois, Lucas DeBlois, Sarah Whiting, Shawn Whiting, Jourdain Goulet, Jacob Brady, Adrienne Hook, Olivia Conway, Alexis Scott, Erica Langkau, Scott Burns, Jenny Burns, Sarah St Gelais, Marissa Hanson and the Lions Cubs 4H

Minutes

Minutes to last meeting were passed out. Corrections were made to the attendees, location and the results of the poll about 4H youth. Joyce moved that we accept the minutes as amended. Kathy seconded the motion. Passed.

Treasurer's Report

The checking account balance is \$6,632.62.

The Scholarship Fund balance is \$16,758.01.

Animal Science expense was for the Dairy Judging Tour. The income from the Marshall Fund was used for the Dairy Judging Tour.

Other income included \$500 from Public Service of NH courtesy of Ramona Chessman and \$331 for curriculum.

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

State Activities Day

State Activities Day on June 4th was well attended and fun for the Coos attendees. A record number of kids qualified for Eastern States from Coos County.

Teen Conference

Teen Conference attendees had a great time. Many favorable reports have been received from our sizeable delegation.

CPR/AED Training

14-15 people attended the training on June 8th. Zina did a good job training the attendees and everyone passed the course. Larry is thinking of acquiring an AED for Barry Conservation Camp.

Horse Clininc

The Horse Clinic was held on May 14 with strong attendance. Everyone had a good day.

Shooting Sports Training

Training was held May 20-22. 40 new instructors were certified during a total of 900 hours of training. Almost all the Barry staff attended the training.

Goat Clinic

The Goat Clinic on June 18 at the Lancaster Fair Grounds had 24 participants. The day included a power point presented by a nutritionist. The attendees learned about good hay, water and how to take care of goats.

Coos County Horse Qualifying Show

The Qualifying show was held June 25 at the Lancaster Fair grounds. The show went well and the day was uneventful.

Working Steer

The Working Steer show was at the Lancaster Fairgrounds. 18 teams participated. The kids choose to have the event at the Lancaster Fair grounds even though no teams from Coos County participated.

Fair Work Nights

Clean up night @ the Fair will be August 23 at 4:30PM. The 4H crew has also been asked to put together 5 set of bleachers. Early Risers are doing a service project to support the Fair. They may assemble some of the bleachers before Clean up night. Paint night @ the Fair went well. A number of participants painted some of the bleachers that the fair has received as a donation.

Stall cleaning will be done after the Fair.

NH State Horse Show

The State horse Show was held July 15-17 at the Lancaster Fair grounds.

The Coos County Delegation looked great and represented Coos well. One Participant was picked to go to Eastern States.

This was the first time since the 1970s that the State Show was not held at Deerfield.

Economics: 400 families came to Coos County for the weekend.

Stall cleaning after the event netted \$500 which was divided among the Clubs that helped clean. The money came from entry fees.

Shavings were purchased at \$3.50 per bale from Ron Lyons (Colebrook) and sold at \$5.00 per bale. About 270 bales were sold.

4H Camps

Barry Conservation camp has been upgraded, rebuilt and cleaned. The buildings will be getting new windows and new electric. A new swimming hole (cold) has been found.

Larry is camp administrator and almost all of the staff are locals and former 4Hers. Earl Brady & Caleb mason are on the staff. The attendance numbers have been good and the camps will definitely break even if not make a little money. Evaluations have been positive. The director has been great.

UNH Budget Situation

The UNH budget situation is not good. The State cut the budget by 45%. They do not know yet what the final impact will be on staff and programs. The Extension budget is down 25 % this year and 20% next year. The priority is keeping people in county positions. The Family

Resource person took the offered buy out. A Reinventing Committee is being created. An initial report is due in October. They expect changes to be implemented in January 2012.

Council Members

The Council has one vacancy. Zachery McMann was elected to fill the vacant spot which expires on 11/2012.

The Council decided to limit youth membership on the Board to one third of the board members.

Vicki DeLalla, Joyce Brady and Katie Burns will be leaving the board in November. Adults need to be recruited to fill their seats on the board.

New Business

Payments Due

The board discussed what to do if a payment is made to the County by an insufficient funds or closed account check. Kathy moved that we send a certified letter and follow it with a visit to the police for collection. If the first two do not work, then the case will be taken to small claims court. Joyce seconded the motion. Passed.

LANCASTER FAIR

Signups are available for Hall space, Dairy Bar and Hall shifts.

The Fair is August 23 to September 5.

Set up night is August 29

Work night is August 23

Cookie & Candy Bar Sales

There is a 7% increase in the cost of cookies this year. In 2010 Cookies cost \$2.63 and we sold them for \$3.50 with a total profit of \$0.87 per box. This year cookies cost \$2.83. Profits would be as follows: \$3.50 \$0.67, \$3.75 \$0.92 and \$4.00 \$1.17. Katie made a motion to sell cookies at \$3.75 per box. Joyce seconded the motion. Passed.

There are no changes in the cookies this year. The County makes about \$4500 from cookie sales.

State Leader Training Day

State Leader Training Day will be October 29 possibly in Plymouth. They are trying to focus the training rather than offer too many choices.

Important Dates

September Meeting will be on September 21 in Lancaster. September 22 is the day the bus picks kids up to go to Eastern States.

Records are due 10/10/11.

The achievement ceremony will be on November 5 in Lancaster.

Herdsmanship Awards

Joyce reported on the herdsmanship awards at N Haverhill Fair. The barn was sectioned so the teams were not all from a single club and the numbers were fairly even. Retailers donated prizes. The winners got to choose an item from the prizes with 1st place winners choosing first and second place winners choosing second and so on until the prizes were gone.. Each youth in a team got a prize. This encourages youth to work as a team rather than just as a club. Youth have to decide if they want their entries in the open barns or in

the 4H barns. Most youth would prefer a prize over the money that usually goes to the club. We will be giving premiums this year as is published. Prizes will be looked into for next year.

College Scholarship

Kelly Mason has been accepted at Plymouth. She will be majoring in early childhood studies and early intervention. Kathy moved that the Council award her a \$750. The Scholarship will be paid upon successful completion of her first semester.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris and seconded by Sarah at 8:11PM. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Burns, Secretary.