

Coos County 4H Advisory Council
Milan
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2008

Mary McLain called the meeting to order at 6:30PM at the Milan School Library in Milan NH

Members Present: Mary McLain, Larry Barker, Katie Burns, Ramona Chessman, Heidi Mason, Joyce Brady, Vicki Delalla, Monique Dube,
Guests: David Chessman

Minutes to last meeting and treasurer's report were passed out.

The minutes from the last meeting were amended to correct the date for the September meeting. A motion was made by Vicki and seconded by Joyce to approve the minutes as amended. Passed.

The minutes for the meeting on March 26 were not approved at the last meeting. Heidi moved to approve the minutes as written. Vicki seconded the motion. Passed.

Thank You Cards

Thank you cards were passed around.

Budget Update

Two clubs pre-sold cookies and turned the money in with their orders.

The Marshall Fund donated the money for the Fisher Cats bus.

Mary donated \$250 from paper recycling.

FSA donated for space in the 4H Hall at the Fair.

Ramona & PSNH donated \$100 to the Advisory Council and \$100 to the Horse Kids.

The AC is in a good position financially. Current checking account balance is \$6,823.44. Anticipated income in the next few weeks is \$6,150 (Dairy Bar and Cookie sale). We need to make sure that 4-H members and volunteers utilize these dollars.

Six kids participated in the State Horse show. They were reimbursed \$37.50 each for expenses.

The left over candy bars from the Fair were purchased for \$131.04.

An alternative candy bar company will be asked to send samples.

Shooting Sports Training went very well. There were fourteen participants with three from Coos County. The motion was made to reimburse the three Coos participants the \$35 fee by Katie. Monique seconded it. Passed.

Three from Coos County have signed up for the Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum in October. The Forum costs \$310 and rooms are \$377. Heidi moved that the participants be reimbursed \$450 for attending the Forum. Joyce seconded the motion. Passed.

Lancaster Fair 2007

The Dairy Bar had record profits for the Fair. There were no comments about the price increase. Marshall donated half of the ice cream. They usually donate all the ice cream, but with the poor economy, they had to scale back.

The syrup and milk were donated.

The jet machine motor has died. Larry will contact Dave Caron to see if he knows someone who might be able to repair it. A replacement will be looked for.

The Dairy Bar is a good experience for the kids. It teaches them how to take orders and handle money.

Hair nets have been proposed for workers next year.

The shifts were fairly evenly covered by Vermont and New Hampshire this year so profits will be split between the States.

The 4H Hall looked awesome. A fact mentioned at the Fair Board meeting. Lots of compliments were heard during the Fair.

Sharing makes the building look fuller and gets a donation from FSA.

The hatching chicks were great.

The Giant pumpkin contest had larger pumpkins than the open class. The three largest were 203 ½, 204 1/3 and 310.

The Lancaster Fair winner for the award for promotion of agriculture was a 4H horse person. The judge said she is always impressed when she learns something new from a display and she learned a lot from that display.

Livestock numbers were down this year. The barns looked empty. Two herds canceled at the last moment, as they needed to stay home and hay. It was recommended that we contact local 4Hers about bringing animals more if this happens again.

The Chicken area improvements helped but the cages need to be kept cleaner. A 12 year-old 4H youth was in charge with the help of his father. The management will improve as he gains more experience. The plan is to paint the area and replace the rail for next year.

The Lancaster Fair dates for next year are September 2-7. It will be interesting to see when school will start.

4H Foundation of New Hampshire

The Board was invited to attend the meeting on October 16th in Canterbury.

Larry will be attending the meeting. He will be going early to attend another meeting. He is willing to car pool.

Calendar

October 15	10AM	Judging for Achievement Ceremony
November 7		Horse Quiz Bowl
November	9:30AM	Achievement Ceremony with Shooting Sports after
November 15		Equine Affair
November 20	6:30 PM	Advisory Council 6:30PM Lancaster
January 28	6:30 PM	Advisory Council Stark
March 14		Hippology
March 25	6:30 PM	Advisory Council Groveton
March 28		Demo Day Snow Date April 4
May 27	6:30 PM	Advisory Council Errol or Milan
July 23	6:30PM	Advisory Council Barry Conservation Camp

Achievement Ceremony

Since the Milan Hill Toppers no longer exist, a new club needs to take over the door prizes for the Achievement Ceremony. Mary has the raffle tickets and will bring them in with some prizes. Members should be looking for prizes to add to the collection.

Career Development

The Career Development trip will be on clothing and textiles. A 2-3 day trip is planned to New York City on August 9, 2009. The trip will be expensive. The Council will budget extra funds for scholarships at the November meeting.

The Glover's a 4H family catered the Shooting Sports Weekend. A thank you note will be sent.

Larry will order pins for the teens on the Advisory Council to be present at Achievement Day.

A motion to adjourn was made by Heidi and seconded by Joyce. Passed.

The next meeting will be Thursday November 20, 2008 at 6:30PM in Lancaster.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Burns, Secretary.