

Coos County 4H Advisory Council
N Stratford

Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2009

Ramona Chessman called the meeting to order at 6:36PM at The Town Office in n Stratford NH

Members Present: Larry Barker, Katie Burns, Ramona Chessman, Joyce Brady, Vicki Delalla, Christine Whiting, Earl Brady, Jacob Brady and Travis Joyce

Guests: David Chessman

Thank You Cards

Thank you cards were passed around.

Minutes

Minutes to last meeting were passed out. Earl moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Vicki. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as printed.

Cookie Sales

114 cases of cookies were ordered. 121 cases of cookies were received. We received an extra 7 cases.

17 cases of cookies were returned before cutoff date. 24 cases have not been sold. 12 cases were given to Mary McLain for the food bank.

12 cases are still waiting to be sold at a cost of approximately. \$600.

Cookie & candy bar sales did generate \$3153.70 in income.

The Board decided to continue to try and sell the cookies until demo day. Any remaining cookies will be brought to demo day for sale or donation.

Budget Update

Dairy Bar profit came to \$2400 for Coos (and \$2400 for Essex).

Mary's recycling and PSNH, the Garden Club and Charles Huntington all donated money to the Council.

The Focus on Fashion trip cost \$800.

The Income for the year was \$15,964.48

Sheep Clinic \$37.50

The first check written to pay for cookies was lost in the mail. A stop payment fee of \$25 was paid. Cookies expense was \$6874.44. \$1100. was paid to the clubs. County Awards cost \$1300. Stock in awards was low and we have enough for a few years now.

Eastern States scholarships cost \$330.

American Life Insurance to cover 4H members and leaders cost \$221.80. This is supplemental insurance to cover members and leaders during 4H events. We actually used it once this year and it worked perfectly with no problems. This insurance will be purchased each year until the Council votes to discontinue it.

The Fisher Cats bus cost \$525. There was one college scholarship this year. The council voted to move \$1000 from the general account to the scholarship account. \$250 will be sent to the NH 4H Foundation.

A deposit was also made for the refund for cancellation.

The checking account balance is \$8510.70 and the Scholarship Fund balance is \$15,668.83

2010 Budget

Camps:

Bear Hill Camp is closed permanently. There is a current hiring freeze and 4H can't fill any vacant positions including the camp director.

UNH has supported the camp with about \$100,000 per year and they can no longer afford to support the camp.

Barry Conservation Camp is currently closed for the 2010 season. Larry ran the camp last year. The camp cleared \$7,000 in 4 weeks. Barry has some physical plant issues including: a new well is needed and the staff housing has structural problems. The Pond has blue green algae which is toxic if ingested. The water tested at 300,000ppm. Normally the water should test at 10,000ppm. The decision to close Barry was made by Fish & Game not by 4H.

Maine is going to offer NH 4Hers the in-state rate to attend Maine camps. There is one located in Bryant Pond. The council also agreed to continue to offer camperships for Maine or Vermont camps.

The budget for 2010 was reviewed. Katie moved that we accept the budget as discussed. Joyce seconded the motion. Passed. (please see the budget sheet for details)

Achievement Ceremony

The Achievement Ceremony was well attended. The media also provided good coverage of the event. It was recommended that future speakers be provided guidance on their speeches possibly through a fact sheet. Speakers will be encouraged to use the microphone. It was suggested that the event be held earlier in the year. Next year's event will be on October 30 and start at 9AM instead of 9:30. Also there will be no door prizes next year.

Across Coos Items

Fun with Horse Knowledge will be held on Saturday January 16 at the extension office from 9:30-3:00.

4H records training will be held on February 1st at 6:30 PM in the extension office. 4H E-learning is available on the web. There is a link from the State 4H web site. This training is for volunteers. Please read the instructions associated with the training.

\$1000 youth grants are still available. The application is on the web site. The grants are for projects on prescription drug abuse, underage drinking, or tobacco use.

Discussion on the Coos County Retreat was nixed.

The Talent Show/Fundraiser is still being worked on. It may be at the Town Hall in Lancaster in March.

Membership

Vicki moved that the by-laws be amended to:

B: Each voting member serves for a **3** year period and may serve for 2 consecutive terms. After this a member must retire for 1 year and may return again. The new term shall start immediately after the Annual Meeting. Council members who live in Errol or further north may designate (to the Chairperson) a voting substitute to attend the meeting in their place.

Chris moved that the term of some members be extended for 2 years to make the new membership model work. Earl seconded the motion. Passed.

Joyce, Vicki and Katie have accepted the extended terms.

A quorum is currently 4 members. After some discussion a quorum was left at 4.

Election of Officers

Chris moved that the following officers be elected for a one year term: Chair: Vicki DeLalla, Vice Chair: vacant, Treasurer: Joyce Brady and Secretary: Katie Burns. The motion was seconded by Travis and passed.

Meeting Schedule 2010

November 18 N Stratford

September 16 Lancaster

July 28 at Barry if possible

June 24 Lancaster

March 11 Stark

All meetings will start at 6:30PM unless otherwise posted.

Ramon Chessman was thanked for her hard work on behalf of 4H in Coos County and in New Hampshire.

Earl Brady has been accepted to College in Cobleskill NY

The next meeting will be Thursday March 11 at 6:30PM at in Stark.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Burns, Secretary.