

Coos County 4H Advisory Council
Lancaster
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2007

Mary McLain called the meeting to order at 6:30PM at the Forest And Lands Building in Lancaster.

Members Present: Mary McLain, Larry Barker, Elissa Dyer, Brenda Dyer, Katie Burns, Ramona Chessman, Heidi Mason, Zachary Mason, Joyce Brady, Earl Brady, Vicki Delalla, Monique Dube, Kate Phillips and Theresa Berry

Guests: Rodney Dyer

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

The minutes from the last meeting were amended to correct the date for the January meeting to January 23 and Rodney Dyers last name. A motion was made by Earl and seconded by Joyce to approve the minutes as amended. Passed.

Thank You Cards

Thank you cards were received from Jacob Brady –Campership, Earl Brady – Hunter Safety, Early Risers – Beatification Project, and Brenda Dyer – Creating the Magic.

Achievement Ceremony

The Achievement Ceremony was well attended with standing room only. Eveyone agreed that holding the ceremony in the morning was a good time. Having the members speak during the first half works well. Vicki suggested that clubs bring their banners to display around the room.

Cookie/Candy Bar Awards

The award for selling the most cookies/candy bars was discussed. The award is currently an individual award. Elisa Dyer was this year's top seller. Changing to a club award was discussed. As clubs are different sizes, the count would have to be adjusted to make it fair to all participants. The Board was asked to poll their club members to see if the award actually encourages sales.

Club Records

It was noted that in some of the information on end of the year records that the records were due on September 10. This was incorrect. All records were due on October 10. This includes scrapbooks.

Budget Update

The Vermont Foundation proposed that the Dairy Bar profits be split as follows: Vermont \$1500 and New Hampshire \$2500. Some discussion followed about the division of labor. A plan for profit sharing will be worked out at the spring Lancaster Fair meeting. Katie made a motion that we accept the Vermont profit sharing proposal for this year. Monique seconded the motion. Passed.

Other Miscellaneous Income was broken down into the following items.

Stock sale \$1200.	Dividend \$19.20
Bits of Pleasure \$10.15 (club disbanded)	PSNH Donation \$1000
At a Sweat \$400 campership donation	West Milan \$100 (club disbanded)
Garden Club \$350	4HCCS \$261

After School grant \$18,750
Forest Service \$100 donation for fair booth

Raffle Grill \$626
Ramona \$100 PSNH donation

5 youth have applied for horseshow stipends. These are scholarships to help defray the cost of attending the State Horseshow. In the past if they applied and had participated in fund raising, the Council has reimbursed half the cost. All five applicants have participated in some form of fund raising. Joyce moved to reimburse half the cost if the youth had applied and had participated in fund raising. Earl seconded the motion. Passed.

Insurance for all registered club members and volunteers costs \$1 per person and \$2 for participants in more dangerous events such as horse projects. This is a very inexpensive way to provide coverage to all members in the county. Katie moved that we purchase the insurance again this year. Monique seconded the motion. Passed.

In the past the council has voted to continue to build the scholarship fund so that only the interest would be used to fund scholarships in the future. In the last few years, college scholarships have been paid out of the operating account. Monique made a motion to add \$1500 to the scholarship fund. Elissa seconded the motion. Passed.

The Council recommended that this year's scholarship be paid from the operating account.

The Council usually donates \$250 to the NH 4H Foundation. NH will be hosting a Leadership Conference in 2008. Vicki made a motion to donate \$500 to the NH 4H Foundation to help defray the cost of the up-coming conference. Brenda seconded the motion. Passed.

The Council set the budget for 2008. Please see attached sheet for details. The budget amendment was moved by Monique and seconded by Brenda. Passed.

Lancaster Fair 2007

Larry will contact Kristi to set up a Spring meeting on the Lancaster Fair with Vermont. Mary, Ramona, Joyce and Katie have expressed interest in attending the meeting. Let Larry know if anyone else would like to attend.

Club Tax ID#s

The Federal government is requiring all clubs to have individual tax ID numbers. All clubs needed to apply under the National 4H exemption number. Larry has applied for all the Coos clubs that he had a physical address for and will apply for the rest in the near future. The County Office will be the mailing address for all tax records and will submit the annual paperwork unless a club has over \$25,000 in their account. All 4H accounts will need to be switched to the new tax id number instead of the county number that was used in the past. The Council expressed their appreciation of the work that Larry and the county office has done to facilitate this change.

Washington DC Trip

As of November 28, one has signed up for the WOW trip in 2008. A minimum of 25 participants are needed to run the trip. Vermont runs a trip with Maine and would be willing to allow New Hampshire members to participate. The Vermont/Maine trip is for youth from 14-19. A decision on the trip will be made on December 4, 2007.

Calendar

National & State Award Resume Judging is on Saturday January 12 from 8AM to 2PM in Concord. Please let Larry know if you would like to help out.

Membership

Daniel Berry has asked to step down from the council. All other council members with expiring terms have agreed to continue. This leaves the Council with one youth position open. The youth should be a mature 12 or older.

The current officers agreed to continue in their positions. Larry moved that the current slate of officers be reelected for 2008. The motion was seconded by Monique. Passed.

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

The next meeting will be January 23, 2008 in Stark.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Burns, Secretary.