

# MINUTES

## **Carter County 4-H Council Minutes**

*January 21, 2010*

The meeting was called to order by Mikel Fruit at 4:00 p.m. The pledges were said. Mikel thanked the new leaders, Cam and Rebecca for coming, as well as Ellen and Keith Beach representing the fair board.

### **In Attendance**

Mikel Fruit, Gail Brence, Sharon Schwartz, Sandy Butler Hildreth, Cynde Cole, Ellen Beach, Keith Beach, Rebecca Wolenetz, Cam LaBree, Thebea Thomas and Sharon Higgins.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Correspondence included thank you notes about the calendar from the Gordon Bernard Company, Glenda Bailey, and Marguerite and Jim Rozelle.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Sharon Higgins presented the treasurer's report. The balance is \$7,107.38. She also noted that the Council was mentioned in the 4-H Foundation Newsletter as we had paid our dues before December 31, 2009. Mikel also reported that there were no expenses from 4-H Fun Day.

### **Extension Report**

Sharon Schwartz noted that they are taking applications for camp counselors. They must be over 15 years old and have finished their freshman year in high school. Campers must be in the third through sixth grade. There has not been a decision on an Oreo trip yet this year. The Rec Lab is April 16-18 in Corvallis, MT and there is the possibility of chartering a bus so more can attend.

The next topic was fair book revisions. Sharon has been working on them trying to keep up with the changes. Some of the new material is not available yet but should be within the next two or three weeks. She would like to see more compatibility between Fallon and Carter Counties. Mikel asked that if anyone has new projects and they see changes that need made to please contact Sharon. There was discussion on the horse projects. There is new material being printed. Mikel suggested that Cam be the County Horse Project Leader. Cam agreed. She and Sharon will meet about the horse projects.

### **Old Business**

Mikel had the information about the livestock sale. The executive council has not set a job description for the clerk of the sale yet. Mikel and Ellen had discussed setting up the grievance committee (as stated in the fair book) to handle any situation that might come up at the fair. The Council decided the Joint 4-H/FFA Committee's responsibilities would include: 1. Sale order 2. Buyer appreciation 3. Commission maximum which can be adjusted 4. Weigh-ins 5. Scale 6. Drivers 7. Brand inspection 8. Advertising

9. Auctioneer 10. Pictures. The executive council will meet and set the job description for the clerk of the livestock sale. It must be noted that the 4-H council is responsible for the livestock sale, appointing the clerk of the livestock sale, and the financial records thereof. There was a motion made by Gail to this affect. There was discussion. Gail then rescinded the first motion and moved that the 4-H Council is responsible for the livestock sale and the records thereof; therefore also responsible for appointing the clerk of the livestock sale, the job description thereof; and auditing the records of the sale. Sharon Higgins seconded the motion. Mikel reminded the council that we do have a new bank with perhaps different procedures. The executive council will address the questions in the October minutes when they meet to set the job description.

### **New Business**

Keith discussed the possibility of making another cement area and wash rack at the fair barn. He discussed the specifications and cost of the project and whether the council is aware of any other needs there might be at this time. Mikel suggested talking to J&M Lumber as they have been generous in their support of projects in the past. There is a grant for \$500 that can be applied for. Sandy Butler will work on that application. Keith said he would work up an estimate for the project and present it to the fair board next

week. He will call Gail and she will report to the council about the feasibility of the project. Gail suggested that the council see what the estimate is and then decide what the options will be to support the project.

The council set the new committee list. Sharon Higgins moved to add to the 4-H Scholarship that the scholarship money will be pending on the applicant(s) turning in a book for the completion of the project year.

There was election of officers. Cynde has opted not to stay in the secretary position. Sandy Butler Hildreth has said she would take the position. Mikel will stay on as president, Gail as vice-president, Sharon Higgins as treasurer. Thebea moved to go with Mikel, president, Gail, vice-president, Sandy, secretary, and Sharon Higgins, treasurer. Mikel called for nominations. Cam moved the nominations cease. Cynde seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Thebea moved that the president and vice-president serve on the grievance committee. Cynde seconded. All voted in favor.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynde S. Cole

# **Carter County 4-H Council**

## **Carter County Courthouse**

**April 22, 2010**

### **In Attendance**

Sharon Schwartz, Gail Brence, Mikel Fruit, Sharon Higgins, Virginia Rychner, Norella Thomas, Thebea Thomas, Rebecca Wolenez, Cam Labree, Ronda Bonsell, Leva Bonsell and Sandy Butler-Hildreth.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes, from the previous meeting, taken by Cynde Cole, were read by Sandy. They were approved as read. Correspondence was read from Montana 4-H Foundation thanking the Council for their Member contributions of \$230.00. The next correspondence was from Range Telephone. They sent a contribution of \$750 to be paid towards Fair Project Premiums this year. The next was from Montana 4-H Council in response to the People Partner Grant, which was applied for by Logan Bauman for a "Wash Rack" at the Fairgrounds in the small Livestock Barn. The Grant was approved and they received \$150.00 toward the project. A Thank You will be sent to each.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Sharon Higgins presented the Treasurer's Report. She presented a print out of activity and stated the balance as \$8489.17. \$485.00 is still outstanding on the calendar money. Leader's dues are still needed. Paid are Puptown Wranglers and Prairie Pals. Gail moved to approve and Norella seconded. Motion passes.

### **Extension Report**

Sharon Schwartz presented the Extension Report. She handed out the Add/Drop sheets to each Organizational Leader. Then she presented an Extension Events Calendar with some revisions. Revisions and events were discussed. Next Sharon handed out OREO trip forms to leaders with eligible members.

### **Old Business**

Mikel reported that the Executive Committee would have to meet again to finalize the job description for a Livestock Sale Clerk. And announced that the Livestock Sale time would be different this year do to the 125 Year Celebration. It will be at 3:00 p.m. as it is scheduled right now.

Sandy reported on the progress of the Small Livestock Wash Rack. The grant for \$150.00 is enough to cover the concrete and she feels the community and area businesses will donate the rest of the materials and labor needed. She contacted Randy Rathie to educate on the planning, welding and equipment needed. She will contact Baker Metal and J & M Lumber in Baker for other supplies.

### **New Business**

Rebecca inquired if the Cookie Decorating Day held on Valentine's Day would count as a county-wide event. Gail said yes, all of the clubs were invited.

Discussion was started on All-Events Day. The days are very busy with many conflicts and a alternate date may be needed to help some members with time constraints. The date of May 26, 2010 was decided on. This date being the last day of school it was decided to start at 1:00 p.m. with Fashion Interviews; Communications at 3:00 p.m.; Food Festival at 5:00 p.m.; Potluck dinner to follow; after dinner Fashion Revue and Awards. Range Fun was eliminated at this time due to time, but will be held later in the summer in conjunction with the Conservation District.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandra Butler-Hildreth  
Carter Co. Council Secretary