

President Mikel Fruit called the meeting of the Carter County 4-H Council to order at the back room of the Wagon Wheel on October 6, 2011 at 4:55 pm following 4-H book evaluation. Leaders present were: Sharon Higgins, Mikel Fruit, Cam Labree, Mardee Guyer, Gail Brence, Theabea Thomas, and Norella Thomas. 4-H Assistant Sharon Swartz was also in attendance.

The American and 4-H pledges were recited. The minutes of the June council meeting were read and approved. Thank you notes were read from Ryan and Rose Rychner. Mikel Fruit reported that Fruit Service hadn't received any thank you notes from the fair. Sharon H. went through the income and expenses. She reported there is a net worth of \$6,979.19. The calendar is paid for, and the calendars have arrived and are ready to be distributed.

Sharon S. gave the extension report. She went over re-enrollment. The code of conduct form is new. Fallon County is applying for their own GEN, and has invited Carter County to go under their umbrella. All clubs must have their constitution dated and signed. Ellen Beach bought an American flag for the Events Center. Sharon S. reported that there is a nice 4-H flag at the Extension Office that could also be put up at the Events Center.

For Old Business, Sharon H. presented the livestock sale report. There is about \$2,700 in the account.

An "Open Class Market" class was discussed and it is felt that it should be added as a 4-H entry to the fair book. An "Open 4-H Show" class should also be added for Fallon County members. They would use their 4-H animal to compete in showmanship. After much discussion, Sharon S. suggested coming up with wording for the January meeting.

Sharon H. said the fair book also says 4-H members can't enter bum lambs in the 4-H category at the fair. She will question the fair board.

There was some miscommunication about the joint FFA/4-H livestock committee. Mikel pointed out that an adult needs to be in charge.

Hauling out market animals after the fair is getting to be a problem. People are waiting for a person to haul. There was discussion about whether the members should be responsible for their own animals. The animals need to be removed from the fair buildings as soon as possible.

The Beef possession date has been moved to Feb. 1.

The Silent Auction was discussed. Mikel pointed out it is a lot of work, and wondered if we should continue. Gail will talk to the fair board.

In New Business it was discussed that we need to go over criteria for members to attend State 4-H Congress. For example only the Grand Champion quilt may currently compete at Congress. Mikel said that she felt there were many beneficial things that Congress offered for members, even if they were not competing. Sharon S. said that in the past

they had discussed about members needing to “earn the right” if the Council was going to pay.

November 18th has been tentatively selected at the date for the 4-H Fun Day and Achievement Night. It will be held at the Events Center. Mikel said they will try to have non-kit craft projects. It works well to have all the kids do the same craft at the same time with games in between.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mardee Guyer
Acting Secretary

President Mikel Fruit called the meeting of the Carter County 4-H Council to order at the Carter County Events Center on June 6, 2011 at 7:40 pm following All Events Day. Leaders present were: Sharon Higgins, Mikel Fruit, Cam Labree, Mardee Guyer, and Gail Brence. 4-H Assistant Sharon Swartz and County Agent Elin Westover were also in attendance.

The American and 4-H pledges were recited. The minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with. A thank you note from Emma Guyer, scholarship recipient, was read.

Sharon H. reported there is \$9,810.70 in the checking and savings accounts. After writing checks for the judges and prizes for All Events Day totaling around \$300 there will be approximately \$9500 in the accounts. Dues are all paid. Calendar payments are almost all in, and Sharon is doubtful that more will be collected.

For Old Business, we have discovered it is too late for our county to participate in the coffee table book commemorating 100 years of 4-H in Montana.

Sharon H. will send a thank you note to Range Telephone for their generous donation.

In New Business Sharon S. moved to donate flags to the Events Center, and Sharon H. seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. Sharon S. will check on prices and sizes and report back to the council.

Cam announced that the tentative fair theme is "Days of '85 – You can bet on it!"

Gail reported on the joint 4-H/FFA livestock auction committee. Everything is taken care of, except the clerk. Mikel will ask Crystal Higgins if she will clerk again, since she did last year. Gail is in charge of the ice cream social following the auction.

Sharon S. reported on federal tax exempt status for 4-H clubs, securing an EIN number, and 2011 tax year reporting. In the past federal tax exempt status of 4-H groups was held by the 4-H national headquarters. Now all states or individual counties or clubs must secure their own tax exempt status. After a discussion of cost, Sharon S. suggested that we let the Montana 4-H Foundation get the GEN. We will have to pay 1% of our end of year assets. Gail moved and Mardee seconded to go under the state foundation. Motion passed with all in favor.

Sandy Hildreth has resigned her position as 4-H Council Secretary. Mardee will replace her until the next officer election.

Bailey Fruit has applied to attend Montana 4-H Congress to compete in the Quilt Contest. After reviewing her application, it was determined that Bailey would be an excellent candidate.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mardee Guyer
Acting secretary

Carter County 4-H Council Meeting

March 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Mikel Fruit at 4:35p.m.

The members present were Sharon Higgins, Mardee Guyer, Ronda Bonsell, Gail Brence, Cam LaBree, Mikel Fruit and 4-H Assistant Sharon Schwartz.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read.

Correspondence –Thank you from Montana 4-H Foundation for the donation we gave. They gave us a Montana Silversmiths Gift Certificate.

--\$20.00 was sent to the council for Carter Co. people who buy 4-H license plates.

--Range Telephone sent \$750.00 for fair trophies.

Treasurers report by Sharon Higgins—Overall total is \$9649.70

--Some clubs still owe leaders dues.

Extension Report—Sharon Schwartz handed out add drop lists to the leaders.

--She told us about the new Extension Agent. Her name is Ellen Westover. She will be starting around May 23.

--Market Quality Assurance program. Members need to be done by August 1st.

Old Business—no representation was sent for the coffee table book.

--48 displays were at the capital and will be displayed at Congress and 4-H leaders forum.

--Fair book Revisions were given to Mikel for Joni.

New Business—All Events Day will be held June 6th at 1p.m. At the Events Center, with a finger food potluck. Council will provide plates, cups, etc.

--Ambassador applications—there was one applicant this year. Gail Brence moved we approve Ellen Guyer. Sharon Higgins seconded. Motion passed.

Mardee Guyer moved to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by: Cam LaBree

Carter County 4-H Council

Wagon Wheel Café

January 20, 2011

In Attendance:

Mikel Fruit, Sharon Higgins, Sharon Schwartz, Thebea Thomas, Noralla Thomas, Cam LaBree, Mardee Guyer, Sandy Butler-Hildreth.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the meeting held September 28, 2010 were read and Cam made a motion to approve and Sharon Higgins seconded. Motion Passed.

Correspondence was read from Montana 4-H Council, thanking the council for their purchase of the bracelet for the award for Jaclyn Ketchum for the completion of the 5 years in the Beef breeding project.

Treasurer's Report:

Sharon Higgins handed out print outs that states the balance as \$8,390.14. Mardee moved to approve the Treasurers report and Cam seconded the motion. Motion passed. Sharon stated that a check needed to be issued to Greg Brence for the scholarship and to pay some bills for Fun Day, postage and insurance. Thebea made the motion to pay the bills and Mardee seconded. The motion passed.

Sharon Higgins made a motion to pay Leader's Dues and be eligible to receive another gift certificate. Cam seconded. Motion passed.

Extension Report:

Sharon Schwartz handed out a flyer on the Horse and Livestock Leaders Forum. Then she gave some dates on some Livestock Judging Contests and a Quilt Retreat.

The Extension agent position was posted only 10 days before the meeting and wouldn't have any information until it closed and interviews were held. Maybe something by April meeting.

Old Business:

Discussion was held on the Carter County Fairbooks. How the photography is displayed would need some rearranging this year. And some of the wording in the manual would need clarified.

Sharon Higgins would like to try to get the rest of the calendars delivered by the first of February. Next year try to get them delivered by the first of the year.

Sandy stated that the \$150 People Partner Grant would need to be sent to the Carter County Fairboard. Cam is on the Fairboard and would take that to the next meeting.

Sandy will copy the grant proposal and get it to Sharon Schwartz.

New Business:

Mikel started the reading of the Constitution and the council proceeded to read the rest of the Constitution. It was approved as read.

Sharon Schwartz commented that there was a very nice Coffee Table book going to be available for the Centennial. They are requesting information such as pictures and personal stories by February 15th. Mardee Guyer stated she would use the pictures and stories that were at Achievement Night.

Committees:

1. Livestock Contracts:

Sandy Butler-Hildreth, Ronda Bonsell & Tena Ketchum

2. Scholarships:

Sandy Butler-Hildreth, Sharon Higgins & Noralla Thomas

3. Congress Selection:

Sharon Higgins, Gail Brence, Terri McInerney & Thebea Thomas

4. Budgeting:

Gail Brence, Mikel Fruit, Sharon Higgins & Sandy Butler-Hildreth

5. County Events:

Fashion Revue host: Gumbo Gophers

Communications host: Prairie Pals

4-H Food Festival host: Puptown Wranglers

Livestock Judging: NONE/Baker in March

Range Fun host: Country Kids & Cactus Kids

6. 4-H Members of the Joint 4-H/FFA committee:

Gail Brence, Sandy Butler-Hildreth, Tena Ketchum

Alissa Wolenetz, Logan Bauman, Bailey Fruit.

7. Trophies:

Leaders: Sharon Higgins, Mikel Fruit, Mardee Guyer

Members: Ellen Guyer, Jaclyn Ketchum, Bailey Fruit

8. Calendar:

Sharon Higgins, Cam LaBree, Thebea Thomas

Election of Officers:

Thebea Thomas made a motion to keep the officers as they are. Noralla Thomas seconded.

Motion passed.

Sharon Schwartz mentioned that we do not have a current Junior Ambassador and applications are due April 3rd.

Next meeting April 21st at 4:30 at the Wagon Wheel. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.