

The Carter County 4-H Council met January 22, 2009 at 4:30 p.m at the Wagon Wheel Café in Ekalaka. Those present were Thebea Thomas, Noralla Thomas, Sharon Higgins, Mikel Fruit, Leva Jo Bonsell, Sharon Schwartz, Sandy Butler, and Cynde Cole. The pledges were said and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with a motion by Noralla Thomas and a second by Sandy Butler.

Sharon Higgins gave the treasurer's report. She paid Mikel Fruit for supplies for 4-H Fun Day. The Council received a \$20.00 donation from Ila Mae Richards in memory of Dale Richards. The calendar money is still coming in. Sandy moved to accept the report and Leva seconded.

Sharon Schwartz gave the Extension Report. There will be a State Livestock Forum in Billings on February 27- March 1, 2009 at the Billings Convention Center. There is a State Horse Show October 2-4 in Lewis town. All businesses and councils are being asked to help sponsor the event. The council decided to wait and see if any of the members from Carter County were going to go.

Cynde moved that we authorize Sharon Higgins to pay the insurance for the 4-H members. Sharon Higgins seconded. There was discussion on the shooting sports program. The council would like to have a report from the leaders on the progress of the program this year. There was discussion on the challenge the 4-H Foundation is having where it is suggested that the members donate \$4.00, clubs \$40.00, and the counties \$400.00. The council asked Sharon Schwartz to ask Fallon County if they would like to go in with Carter to each donate \$200.00. Sharon will ask them on January 26, 2009 when they meet.

There was a report on the Leader's Forum that was held October 11, 2008. There was discussion on the Rec Lab being held in Forsyth in March. Members must be 13 by October 1, 2008. There was a reminder to ask Mr. Morgan about the benches for the Council. Tri-State Wool is giving \$100.00 to the best fleece in the four counties again this year at the fair.

The council updated the committee list.

June 4 was tentatively considered for the All-Event's Day.

There was discussion on the fair book revisions.

There are two new projects for the members to consider; robotics and outdoor adventures.

Noralla moved to keep the same slate of officers; Thebea seconded. All were in favor. Mikel Fruit read the Constitution.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynde S. Cole

**CARTER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**  
**June 2, 2009**

The Carter County 4-H Council met June 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. The pledges were said and the minutes were read and approved with a motion by Thebea and a second by Sharon Higgins.

Sharon Higgins presented the treasurer's report. She noted that we had donated \$100 to Camp Needmore. Mikel asked if we had received a report on the livestock sales. Pam had given the amount to Sharon Higgins.

Correspondence included a thank-you note from Cody Cole for being the co-recipient of the 4-H Scholarship and a note from the 4-H Foundation for the \$150 donation.

Old business included the benches Mr. Morgan was building. They have been ordered. There was discussion on the open class market section at the fair.

New Business was the 4-H FFA committee report. The committee has taken care of the details including the scale, auctioneer, and drivers. The council will have root beer floats again. There was discussion on FFA donating for trophies. They are required to donate \$75.00 per year. Gail will check with Mr. Morgan. There was discussion on the painting project at the fair grounds. No one has committed; some would help but no one wants the whole job.

Mikel asked if the council wanted to donate to Emma's trip to FCCLA Nationals in Nashville. Thebea moved to give Emma Guyer \$200 toward her FCCLA trip. Sandy Butler seconded. Discussion followed and Gail said she would like it to stay \$100. Rebecca amended the motion to read \$100. Sharon Higgins seconded and all were in favor.

Cynde moved to reimburse Logan Bauman for the cost of the registration for the Rec Lab. Thebea seconded and all were in favor.

There was discussion on the ambassador applications. Dylan Mulkey applied. Emma will be senior and he will be junior. He will start after Congress. Sharon Higgins moved to approve his application, Gail seconded and all were in favor.

It was decided to honor Range Telephone with the Friends of 4-H and "The memory of Becky Beach Coisman" for the 4-H Alumni.

There was discussion on the silent auction. Sandy moved to continue the silent auction at the 2009 fair and to have it close at 2 p.m. on Sunday. McKinzie seconded and all voted in favor.

Gail moved to adjourn; Sharon Higgins seconded.

The Carter County 4-H Council met Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at the Wagon Wheel Café in Ekalaka. Those present were Mikel Fruit, Sharon K. Schwartz, Gail Brence, Ellen Beach, Leroy Schallenberger, Thebea Thomas, Noralla Thomas, Sharon Higgins, Cynde Cole, Virginia Rychner, and Sandy Butler-Hildreth. The pledges were said and the minutes of the previous meeting were read. They were approved with a motion by Gail and a second by Thebea.

Thank-you notes were read from Dylan Mulkey, Bailey Fruit, and one unidentified. (There were others received that were not read at this meeting – Ellen Guyer, Greg Brence, Cody Cole, and Emma Guyer).

Sharon Higgins read thank-you notes from calendar recipients – Cara Willson, Brown's Custom Feeds, and asked the secretary to send thank-you cards to Brown's and Gina and Randy Rathie for their donations. The treasurer's report was \$4,824.05.

Sharon Schwartz presented the extension report. She reported the youth enrollment of 2009 as 23 males and 23 females with 16 female and 7 male leaders in Carter County. She explained the new process of volunteer screening and certification that will cost \$12.00 per leader. Sharon will hold the class on November 17, 2009 at the Carter County Courthouse. Sharon Higgins moved that the council pay for this one-time cost of \$12.00 for the current leaders and those who may join in the future. Gail Brence seconded. Mikel called for the vote and all were in favor.

Old business was the silent auction. There were only three participants this year. Suggestions for improvement included an article in the Eagle, a sign to advertise in the fair hall, and maybe a change in location. There was also a suggestion that each member could be sent a personal letter with information about the auction.

The changes for the fair book included quilting and photography to date and the council decided to look at the projects with the new material and then address further changes that may be necessary.

New business began with a discussion of the market sale account. Questions addressed included when checks could be issued, how soon the members could expect to receive them and then when should the accounting records for the sale be complete? Sometimes there is a definite delay in the money getting to the clerk as some comes from offices in other states. There was discussion on this and then Sandy moved that the executive council meet and set the job description for the clerk of the livestock sale. This will include deciding the date of the sales checks and how long they should be held. Thebea seconded. The council voted in favor of the motion.

Ellen and Leroy discussed the fair with the council reviewing this past year's events and how everything went. There was discussion on how poorly the situation with Horizon Implement was handled at the fair. Gail had written a note from the council thanking them for the donation so that they were reassured that the council appreciated their support of the program in Carter County.

Dates were discussed for the 4-H Fun Day and Achievement Night. It was decided to hold it on November 20, 2009.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynde S. Cole