

Fallon County 4-H Council

October 15, 2008

President Norton Walker called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Taylyn & Faye Koenig, Promise Miller, Leslie Gray, Penney & Dave Kono, Jolinda Allerdings, Cindy Stark, Wanda Pinnow, Betty Steen, Carol Sparks, Jessica Dinardi, Sharon Schwartz, Nico Cantalupo, Roddy Rost, Roy Rost, Tiffany Benner, Marvel Murphy, Norton & Regan Walker.

Tiffany Benner led the pledges.

Faye read the minutes from the July Council Meeting. Nico would like to amend the statement that Extension is to audit only when doing audits on the club checkbooks—not looking for embezzlement. Carol Sparks moved to accept the minutes with the correction. Penney seconded. Motion carries. Communications--Thank you's were read from Regan & Lexyn Walker, Logan Bauman, and Spencer & Chandler Losing.

Treasurer's Report was postponed until later.

Extension Report--Nico stated there was a Horse Judging at Missoula in October. Nico handed out a Memorandum of Understanding between Fallon County 4-H, Baker FFA and Plevna FFA stating this group would be looking at the 4-H and FFA rules in the Fair Book. He, also, stated that the positions would be comprised of the following: Baker FFA advisor, Plevna FFA Advisor, MSU Fallon County Extension Agent, Fallon County 4-H Assistant, Fallon County FFA Alumni designee and the Fallon County 4-H Livestock Committee Chairman. He stated that the club audits are due and E2990 forms need to be filed if there are gross receipts over \$20,000. The Livestock Sale Account will be restructured--it may stand alone in its own checkbook and the checks to members may be longer in coming according to Nico. Advanced Market Beef--

They would like to take Market Beef members to Billings to tour feed mill and feed lot.

Awards--Nico would like to rescind the motion from the last Council meeting to have FFA pay the bill for awards because the 4-H Council can cover this through the donations received for 4-H and FFA. Marvel seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Carol Sparks asked about the Fair--Nico stated that it will be the same weekend--August 15. Miles City will be the week after us and Glendive will be the same weekend as us.

Nico stated that the east end of the Fair Barn will be fixed so unloading animals will be easier. The Fallon County Commissioners have approved this project.

Sharon stated that Red Butte Ramblers won 1st place Window Display and Fertile Prairie won Reserve. Honorable Mention was won by Country Cousins, Outlaws, and Country Pals. She passed out information on Clover Country Bears if anyone was interested, annual extension youth enrollment report for 2008 showing there were 85 members, and Halloween Bags that she had received were passed around (maybe the Ambassadors could use them).

Treasurer's Report--Tom Sparks joined the meeting by conference call. The Livestock Sales report was handed out and a lengthy discussion followed by the members with several questions that Tom answered. He stated that the last check for purchasing animals came in on September 19 and it was deposited that day to the Livestock account. The Treasurer's Report was handed out with breakdowns of each account being answered about the following-- awards had a carryover from last year for Achievement Night, 4-H dues expense was over due to one club not paying dues, Food booth was over the anticipated income and the same with 4-H Fruit, Livestock expenses was broken down as far as members, beef checkoff, brand inspection, buyers gifts, insurance, advertising. Miscellaneous account expense was due to stamps and Murphy donation, and trips was over. Penney Kono moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for 2007-08

as amended with increase in the trips. Roddy Rost seconded and motion carried. Promise Miller moved to accept the Proposed budget for 2008-2009 as presented. Marvel seconded and motion carried. It was stated that the Rec Lab will be held in Forsyth this year and should be taken out of trips. Discussion was held on the Murphy Trust fund and Marvel suggested that Tom, Toni and she will discuss this over lunch sometime. Tom would like to recommend that we really try to encourage members to go to 4-H Congress as there were only two that went this year and he would like to see more attend. Sharon handed out the sheet showing how much each club owed for the completion discs and stated that clubs are welcome to pay Council for these.

Committee Reports-

Livestock Committee--Regan read the minutes concerning the MOU. Nico stated that there is a new

Horse Rule handed down from the State that the Horse Safety Video needs to be shown to all members every year and the helmet releases still need to be signed.

Food Booth Committee--Jolinda turned in the report. She stated that the BBQ beef did not sell well. She will give a report to each club and stated that Tom & Nona Muckle donate the mix for the ice cream every year.

Old Business--

Achievement Night--After discussion and younger members being asked if they like Achievement Night (which they do), it was decided to have it on Sunday, November 2 at 5 pm at Thee Garage. They will not charge for the use of the room only that all tables and chairs picked up and cleaning done.

Shooting Sports Training & project news--Penney stated that 8 people attended training in September. November 18 @ 6pm in the Library basement will be the first meeting but members need to be signed up prior to attending this meeting--they have to be 9 years old to be enrolled and 12 years old as of October 1 to participate in Pistol and Cowboy Action.

New Business--

Montana State 4-H Leaders Forum report--Jolinda gave this report. There were 180 leaders there and she stated that if we get leaders dues in by January 15 there will one 4-H license plate donated to the Council. There are 2 new projects in the Clover this year. Karol Zachmann received the award for our District and will get this at Achievement Night. This makes her eligible for National Volunteer Excellence.

District 8 4-H Leaders Forum Report--Sharon submitted a bill for \$75 and stated that Carter County hosted this meeting. District 8 is hosting the Rec Lab and Fallon/Carter County are in charge of entertainment, crafts, etc. on March 21 & 22, 2009. We need to talk to teens to get involved and anyone interested is to contact the Extension Office. Promise moved we send \$25 for Ambassador Training. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

Montana Legislative Breakfast--We need to nominate key leader for this and a \$35 donation from each County is needed. The breakfast will be on January 20 at 6:30 - 7:30 am. in Helena, all ages are eligible to help showcase 4-H. Anyone interest is to contact Sharon.

Election of Council President and Secretary--Roddy Rost was elected President and Jessica Dinardi was elected Secretary.

Completion for Committee lists for the 2008-2009 4-H year was done.

Emailing--Wanda asked if Sharon could email a list of deadlines every month instead of calling. The Extension Office is going to try this.

Marvel wants to clarify what is paid for Achievement Night and she would like to see that \$40 is given the same as a County Event for next year. Nico moved to add Achievement Night to \$40 reimbursement. Roddy seconded and the motion carried.

Faye asked if awards were given for Horse projects. Promise stated that awards were given for Horses, also.

Regan moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be January 21, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Faye Koenig