

Fallon County 4-H Minutes
April 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Norton Walker with the following in attendance: Regan & Norton Walker, Kelly Gray, Medori & Leslie Gray, Marvel Murphy, Carol Sparks, Jolinda Allerdings, Justin, Carleigh, & Cindy Irgens, Sharon Schwartz, Nicole & Penney Kono, Mike Kirschten, Promise Miller, Faye & Denise Koenig, and Betty & Brandon Steen.

The pledges were led by Kelly & Medori Gray. Faye read the minutes from the January Council meeting. Sharon stated there was a correction to the minutes that the Chamber of Commerce is not in charge of the parade. Promise moved to accept the minutes with the correction. Penney seconded and the motion carried.

Correspondence—we received a thank you from Katie Gray and a letter from Montana 4-H Foundation with a check for \$50 for the 4-H plates that were purchased in Fallon County. Discussion was held.

Brandon Steen and Jolinda Allerdings reported on the 2008 Rec Lab that they attended.

Swine Checkoff—Sharon reported that she gave it to Carol Sparks.

Ambassadors—Sharon stated that June 1, 2008, is the deadline for prospects.

Treasurer's report—The audit was deferred to the next meeting when Tom Sparks will be there. A copy of the report from Tom was distributed to everyone in attendance. Kelly moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Medori seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports—

Livestock Committee—Regan reported. Discussion was held on the Option to retain animals after the sale and how many gifts a member may have to purchase when there are multiple purchasers.

Livestock Sale Committee—Denise reported that the clubs need to discuss if \$6 is enough for buyers gifts and what are some ideas for gifts.

Fruit Sale Committee—Faye reported on the sale. It is recommended in the guidelines that no half box orders will be accepted on the order sheets. Penney moved to accept these new guidelines in the Policy and Procedure manual. Promise seconded and the motion carried.

Fair ribbons and trophy committee—Promise reported that the awards for this year will be chairs, one shoulder back pack and beanies. The awards ceremony will be held on Sunday.

Scholarship Committee—The scholarships are given by Fallon County 4-H Council in memory of John Reetz and Karen Losing. There are four \$200 scholarships. Discussion was held—if one individual applies, they could receive 2 scholarships (one from each but not all 4 scholarships). There was discussion was held on whether Toni Reetz should stay on the committee this year as Ian will be applying but it was decided that it should not be an issue.

OLD BUSINESS—

4-H club/group audits and inventories—Sharon stated that one club has not paid their dues for this year and not all clubs have turned in their audits.

Capitol Christmas Tree 2008—Jolinda showed ornaments that her family had made and stated that 2000-5000 ornaments are needed. The due date is September 1, 2008. Sharon passed out information to everyone there.

Friends of 4-H and 4-H Alumni Committee—Each club needs to submit the names of one leader and one member to serve on this committee to the Extension Office.

Fairbook revisions/schedule—Sharon reported that all indoor exhibits will be judged on Thursday and that will include all vegetable & plant/flower exhibits. The Parade will be at 11:00 am on Saturday and the awards ceremony will be Sunday. Regan moved to have the awards ceremony at 11:30 am on Sunday and it will be held outside the Fair Barn to the north. Promise seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Norton suggested that all clubs should support the parade this year since we caused some problems when it was changed to Sunday for us.

Food Booth—Sharon had visited with Toni Reetz and she would like to get the schedules out by May 1 and have them back by July 1. Toni would like to encourage members to sign up for Saturday afternoon because they are very short-handed at that time.

Livestock Judging—Tuesday May 13, 2008. Registration will begin at 3:30 and judging will begin at 4 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Friends of 4-H Plaque—Discussion was held that 4-H sell 2 plaques and let the Baker FFA and Plevna FFA each sell one. Carol Sparks moved that we only sell 2 plaques and give Baker FFA and Plevna FFA the option to sell their own plaques. Medori seconded and the motion carried.

Event Calendar—Sharon showed a calendar that she had purchased on travels. It was a pocket calendar that had all the events listed and she thought it would be a great money making item.

Ready to Wear Category—Jolinda reported on the ready to wear category that Carter County has at the Fair and how interesting and educational this was—a comparison was made by purchasing items and then sewing the same items with cost comparisons.

Promise asked about FFA purchasing awards for their members instead of 4-H paying for all of the awards. There will be more awards for FFA this year than before. The members of FFA chapters were to take this back to their chapters and ask them if they would be willing to pay for their members awards. These awards are the chairs, backpacks and beanies for the Grand Champion, Reserve Champions, and Showmanship this does not address buyers gifts, which pertains only to the Livestock Sale. Sharon stated this affects more than just the local clubs because Carter County 4-H and FFA can come to the Fair, also. It was decided this did not matter.

Communication Day—Justin Irgens reported that there were 7 contestants with Deb Barth and Roger Gramond for judges. Will Sparks is eligible for 4-H Congress as he won a blue ribbon in the Senior Division.

Food Festival—Sharon reported that there were 4 contestants and the food was great. Jolinda reported that it was a great idea to have it at Thee Garage as they are a restaurant.

Betty Steen stated that the Golva Coop Elevator was very impressed with the members sending thank you's at Fair time.

Kelly Gray and Medori Gray asked for funding from the 4-H Council for the Washington Focus trip that they are attending. The Policy & Procedures states that they could receive \$300 each. Discussion was held and Marvel stated the Murphy Scholarship needs to be expended for out of state trips and that there is \$1,000 given each year and it was not used last year so there is \$2,000 available. It was decided that Marvel Murphy, Toni Reetz, and Tom Sparks should determine

how to disburse this money. Promise Miller moved that we give \$300 to each of the 3 members (Kelly Gray, Medori Gray, and Josie Mastel) from the 4-H Council. Penney Kono seconded and the motion carried.

Jolinda mentioned that Mini Congress was being held in Miles City April 26 for 10-14 year olds. Carol Sparks asked if the 4-H was going to have a presence in the parade such as a float. Discussion was held and it was suggested that maybe the Ambassadors could get something organized.

Regan moved to adjourn the meeting and Denise seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Koenig