

**Hill County 4-H Council Meeting
August 23, 2018**

Attendance: Carrie Molitor (Pres); Cody Solomon (VP); Alicia Velk (Sec.); Amanda Powell & Lisa Toth (Bear Paw Beavers); Travis Velk (Blue Horizon); Reba Domire (Chirping Meadowlarks); Krista Komrosky & Dominique Preputin (Happy Havre); Becki Miller (Kremlin Hawks); Kari Riley (Mtn View); Karla Vaughn (Sunrise) and Sydney O'Neil (Trailblazers). Shylea Wingard & Jasmine Carbajal (Ext. Agents); Youth members: Raine Komrosky.

President, Carrie Molitor called the meeting to order at 7:05pm in the Timmons Room.

Pledges were said. Cody S. moved to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting on June 28, 2018. Travis Velk seconded. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda: Proposed Constitution and By Law changes.

Communications

- Travis thanked Cody for all his effort and organization as Chuckwagon manager.
- Dominique complimented the addition of “call back” as a recognition ribbon (between grand/reserve and blue). General consensus was they were well received by all. Just need to make sure the audience and viewers understand their designation.
- Cody mentioned concern that there is no premium money awarded to members taking small animal projects. Amanda will bring this to Livestock committee for consideration.
- Dominique addressed those in attendance about how poorly the “sweat equity” agreement was supported and addressed by 4-H members. She made the following points:
 1. Our council officers are volunteers and give of their support and time. They are elected to make decisions in the best interest of the whole membership.
 2. If you disagree with council decisions that is what parliamentary procedure is for, that is what voting is for. Not voting on a matter and then causing turmoil, disagreement or sabotage after the fact is not acceptable. If you disagree, vote “nay”. If you feel it is a bad decision after the fact, bring it to committee, a council officer or for reconsideration at the next council meeting.
 3. Badmouthing leadership does not set a good example for youth members.
- Shylea reported that the State 4-H leadership became involved in the matter and they see it as a community service opportunity. The fair needs help and 4-H is a civic community organization. They were concerned that Hill County 4-H might not see it as such. She reminded everyone that she and Jasmine are available when 4-H leaders or members have concerns or an issue. That is part of their role as extension agents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Livestock: The committee met on August 14th. Scott Chagnon has resigned as beef superintendent and has asked Micah Gibson to assume the role. Fair seemed to go well with

no major fair issues. There was discussion about awards (ie. Sheep members will receive (6) grand and reserve jackets/sweatshirts for market and jr and sr showmanship donated by AgWise. Horse members received a halter, saddle blanket and training flags from various donors). They are looking at getting donors for other projects.

Herdsmanship: It was mentioned that clubs who were not selected did not know what they should improve upon. Discussion followed. At one time clubs received scoring sheets highlighting areas that were well done and need for improvement. Amanda will bring it up at the next Livestock meeting so the Herdsmanship committee can discuss a form. The plaques recognizing small and large club winners will be hung in the Chuckwagon.

Foundation: Met on Monday, August 27th at @ WIPFLI. A budget was set for the year. Stacey Waid completed her term as Secretary and was thanked for her long term service. They are accepting nominations. There was discussion about involving them more with the business side of the Chuckwagon building as it is a major capital investment of 4-H funds.

Ambassadors: Is a leadership opportunity for youth ages 14-18 (by Oct. 1st). Applications are due at extension office on Sept. 10th. Ambassador Training will be October 18-21 in Bozeman. Sydney O'Neil, newly elected state officer/ambassador spoke about the leadership roles ambassadors have like putting on 4-H Congress, communicator between 4-H / community, etc.

Chuckwagon: Cody reported that the Committee met prior to the Council meeting and decided it was best to hold the Donor Appreciation Dinner (originally scheduled for Sept. 8th) with the 4-H End-of-Year Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 14th at 5 pm. Consensus was most of the donors would enjoy interacting with the kids.

Exchange: No August meeting. There will be a meeting about the Exchange Dinner on Sept. 9th at 5pm in the Timmons Room. Fundraiser dinner will be held Sunday, November 18th @ MSUN. A few questioned why it would not be held at the Chuckwagon? Cody said it was very economical to have MSUN serve the meal. Jasmine said it really saved on labor and prep to have it there and that is why the kids chose it. Both she and Sydney agreed decisions made at exchange are largely left to the kids and anyone who wished to discuss it was invited to the meeting on Sept. 9th.

OLD BUSINESS

Fair Agreement/"Sweat Equity": Dominique reported another civic group is mowing yards. She has several openings (including current week) for cleaning duty. Mtn View (Stacy Waid) has signed up for Sept. 6th and Blue Horizon has 2 weeks in October. Cleaning the bathrooms is usually done Thursday night and Sunday or Monday. She also addressed concerns about health risks (dirty needles, Hep C). Shylea pointed out the Chuckwagon also has bathrooms that 4-H is expected to clean during fair so it isn't a lot to ask that the fairground camp restrooms get cleaned too. By the end of the meeting, Trailblazers, Mountain View, and Blue Horizons filled all cleaning openings.

Obstacle Course Fundraiser: Will be held Sept. 22nd at 1:30pm as part of Festival Days. At fair 7 clubs and approx. 60 kids participated at the fair. North 40 and NMHC have agreed to participate so far. Wally Duchscher will donate medals for kids and adults will get a drink token. Dominique moved to charge \$10/adult, \$5/kid and \$25/family (4 or more). Sydney 2nd. It passed.

Donor Appreciation Dinner: Now part of Year End Celebration with Kremlin Hawks and Havre Honey Badgers as clubs in charge of food. *(See Chuckwagon Committee Report).*

NEW BUSINESS

4H Scholarship: Jasmine discussed the process. There was no formal committee that was involved this year. Discussion was that for next year the committee needs to be involved. Those interested can sign-up. This year (2) \$750 scholarships and (3) \$500 were given. Dominique will take to Foundation for further input.

Cleaning of Clothing Building: Cody moved to table; Travis 2nd. Motion carried.

4H Year End Celebration: Will be held Sunday, October 14th at 5:00 pm in conjunction with the Donor Appreciation dinner. The theme, "Inspire To Do", is the same as National 4-H week (Oct. 7-13th) Clubs in charge of food this year are Kremlin Hawks and Havre Honey Badgers. Jasmine Carbajal will send out a doodle pool to establish a date for a planning meeting. The Kremlin Hawks, Havre Honey Badgers, Ambassadors, Chuckwagon Chair, and extension agents will be on the committee for organizing.

National 4-H Week: Will be October. 7-13th. Activities? Window Decorating?

4-H Record Books: are due in the extension office on September 20th at 5 pm. Leaders will receive the books first, review and check off the sheet as "complete". If kids want to turn books in for awards they can have them turned in to the office. Extension agents will meet and help the awards committee. Anyone who is interested and able to help can serve on review committee for awards. Just let extension know.

Proposed Constitution and By-Law Changes: Cody proposed there is a need for the council to meet more often than 4 times per year, especially given all that is going on with the new Chuckwagon. This would require a change of the Constitution regarding "**Article IV – Meetings**". Discussion followed. It was decided:

Section "a" would be revised to state "Meetings will be held the third Thursday of odd months (1,3,5,7,9,11) with the third Thursday of January being recognized as the Annual Meeting; and pursuant to the State recombination that Council consist of members and leaders in equal number. No Council meeting shall adjourn later than ten (10:00) P.M."

Cody also suggested updating the By-Laws regarding the Teen/Queen rep. Since there is no longer such a program, there is no need for a teen/queen committee. He moved to revise **Article 3 Committees** by: Revising line 11 to read "Ambassadors". Dominique 2nd. Motion carried.

Officer Nomination Committee: Council will need to elect a new President and Vice President. Carrie Molitor has completed her 2nd term as president and Cody is resigning as he has taken the 4-H Chuckwagon Manager/Committee Chair position. Both were thanked for their leadership, time and service. Alicia Velk accepted the nomination to continue as secretary. Positions are open. A nomination committee was formed consisting of Krista Komrosky, Travis Velk and Kari Riley. They will accept names from the membership for the president and vice president positions.

Agent Reports: Neither Shylea nor Jasmine had anything further to report.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by: Alicia Velk.