

June 28, 2021 5:34 pm

The Toole County 4-H Council meeting was called to order by President Barb Larson. Members present were Crystal McAlpine, Amy Smith, Tawna Hanson, Sanna Clark, and Kim Woodring.

Minutes of the March 29, 2021 meeting were read. Corrections/clarification regarding the wording on the Sisk Fund discussion and decision were made. Sanna moved to accept the minutes with noted clarification, Crystal seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Correspondence: Kim read cards sent to the Council from the MT 4-H Foundation and Alice Burchack.

Treasure Report: Amy reported that as of May 31, 2021 checking balance of \$12,715.38, savings balance of \$10,378.10, and a CD of \$500. Sanna made a motion to approve the treasure report and Crystal seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Committee Reports: Small animal/showmanship clinic was held this spring. Kim reported good attendance of approximately 30 people, and all were well engaged in learning. Small animal barn work is still progressing with the skirting inside about half done. Livestock Judging Contest was held in May and Kim reported approximately 35 attendees from across several counties. It was reported that the Chicken Club has extra Heritage Breed Turkeys available for raising after the fair. If anyone is interested in a turkey, let the Extension Office know.

Old Business: Barb reported that Public Presentation Day went well. She noted that more help was needed with clean up after the event. This was noted for planning for next year. Multi-County 4-H Camp was held in June. Kim reported good attendance from local youth in the Tuesday through Thursday camp. Kim reported that next year we will be unable to use a bus from the school due to Insurance Liability. She spoke with Dave at Northern Transit and has the camp on the books for a bus next year. Discussion was had and a motion was made by Sanna and seconded by Tawna to give a \$100 gift certificate to the Frontier and reimbursement for fuel to the Volunteer Bus Driver, Jeanie Wigen. All were in favor and the motion passed. Kim reported that Fair organization was progressing. Fair packets are ready for pick up at the Extension Office. There will be an online auction feature as well as in person auction for the livestock sale this year. Kim reminded leaders to have livestock members submit their picture and write up for the online sale catalog to the Jerry Collins Auction site. Look for web link information and instructions in the fair packets. Kim explained the new set up for Exhibit Building workers during fair, noting that Toole County will oversee the Sunday Clean up. She asked that we pass on to club members and parents the need for help. Clean up day is still set for Saturday, July 17, 2021. All members planning to exhibit at the fair must attend or set up other options with her in the next couple of weeks. Kim reminded Club leaders to check off project book completions for the kids exhibiting in the fair. 5 lessons and 2 learning experiences are required to be completed to participate in fair, as well as 5 hours of community service and attendance of 4 club meetings. Debit Card By-Laws were reviewed a final time. Motion was made by Tawna and seconded by Crystal to accept the proposed By-Laws. All were in favor and motion passed. Discussion was had regarding plaques for memorial gifts received in the memory of Greg Taylor and Marvin Fretheim. Kim will get plaques made in Great Falls hopefully before fair so that they may be on display to the public. Sanna made a motion siting that the money from Greg Taylor memorial will purchase a pig scale, and the money from Marvin Fretheim will go towards the purchase of a beef scale. Crystal seconded the motion, and all were in favor; motion passed.

New Business: Kim reported that she does not have any Toole County 4-H members attending State 4-H Congress this year. Kim also reported that she is awaiting a call from the Banking dept with the 4-H Foundation to clarify the processes for withdrawing money from the account if needed. A discussion was had regarding the Robotics Club. It is noted that it is a popular club, and the kids are learning good information, but more kits and computers are needed. It was noted that no dues or fees are currently required to be a member. The Council encouraged Barb and Kim to continue looking at a fundraising option for the involved members, as well as possibly having to charge club dues to help offset the cost of equipment and supplies. Barb will also continue to look for grants to help fund the program. After discussion it was agreed that Completed Record Books will need to be turned in to Club Leaders by August 13, 2021, and then turned in to the County Office by August 20, 2021. All award forms are due to the office as well.

Next Council meeting will be September 27,2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Submitted by,

Tawna Hanson, 4-H Council Secretary