

DISCUSSION

(Not enough members present for a Quorum. Not all clubs represented.)

Council Members Present: Sanna Clark, Ashley Denno, Lindsey Habets, Crystal McAlpine (Zoom), Extension Agent Kim Woodring

Council Members Absent: Emilie Vetch, Barb Larsen, Alyssa Besancon, Jesse Thompson

Kim called the discussion to order at 6:38 pm.

Correspondence: None.

Secretary's Report: Barb had filled in by taking minutes at the last meeting. She emailed the minutes to Kim. Kim will send those out to everyone later. We will read at the next actual meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Ashley reported the Savings account balance is \$10,491.86 and the Checking account balance is \$23,752.90.

Ashley gave an update on how the new system is coming along. Alan has updated many things and reorganized. All categories are updated. Ashley provided printouts of Income and Expense records.

The Claybusters line item was discussed. (Where the old amount came from, what to do with it in the future.) Moving forward there will be a budget amount for each year of \$200 or so.

There was a discussion about Shooting Sports fees and budget. Kim is going to look into this. The Rifle/Pistol club, Claybusters, and other shooting sports clubs (?) charge their members certain annual fees. Does this money go to NRA? Do the local shooting sports clubs have their own money to pay for their own end-of-year parties? Kim is going to find out more.

Council members present went over Income and Expense reports, as well as detailed reports on the Nanna Flesch Memorial Fund, Marvin Fretheim Fund, and Cloverbuds. Minor adjustments were suggested.

Kim said council members had responded to her email and that Lilianna Denno's application for the Nanna Flesch Memorial scholarship award would be accepted. Lilianna will receive the award this year. Kim asked Ashley to write a check out to her for that.

Shane from the Chamber mentioned the Shelby TBID to Kim recently. Kim is going to fill out a TBID funding application. They might award 4-H funding to cover the price of the new Pig Scale.

Budget will be discussed at the next actual meeting, and will be voted on for approval at that time.

Committee/Events Reports:

Kim reported on the Fair Board meeting last Monday. The Fair Pass confusion from last year was discussed. Last year passes were sold to 4-H families for \$150. Then the Fair Board offered them for \$60 on their website. Kim requested they make a decision for this year's fair. Their response was that fair passes will be a \$100 flat fee this year. 4-H Families will be able to purchase them through Extension, along with their camper pass, like normal.

Thursday Family night, kids will get in free for grandstand. Two nights of NRA Rodeo. No carnival. There will be some inflatables and other games for kids.

Kim mentioned that the Marias Fair Board was considering having the 4-H clean their own bathrooms this year. It was evidently said at one point during that meeting that the 4-H makes so much money during the fair that they could pay for their own cleaning services. She invited Shannon, the Marias Fair Board Manager, to the recent Extension Agent meeting. Fair board agreed to continue to keep cleaning services available for the 4-H bathrooms during fair week.

Livestock Committee - Kim reported that there will be Rate of Gain awards for all market animal kids. 4-H kids will provide their animal's beginning weight and ending weight, to calculate their daily rate of gain. Beef kids have done this all along. It is now being expanded to include sheep, goat and swine. There will be a trophy for each category, awarded at fair.

Extension Agents Meeting was recently too. The Poultry Show will be held in the Seewald barn this year. Will have two groups of cloverbud poultry show, instead of one. Livestock judging goes on afterward, will be done by then. Also talked about adding fun things for the cat show. Going to do cat costume contest, longest whiskers and longest tails. Kids can choose to participate in these shows, but not mandatory.

Lilianna Denno applied for people partner grant for a swamp cooler and two fans for the small animal barn. Some people are donating money. Ashley has a coupon she can use. Est \$700 for the swamp cooler and fans. Someone may need to supervise the operation of cooler/fans at fair.

Old Business:

The Fix family did write the apology letter.

Public Presentation day is on March 30 at First Baptist Church. Kim currently has 19 registrations (13 4-H members, 6 Cloverbuds)

Barb bought some judges gifts. Kim is going to use a cricut to put on custom design/message. Barb also had told Kim that there will likely be more Cloverbuds to register after this week's Cloverbud meeting.

There was supposed to be a vote (this meeting) on how much clubs were going to get reimbursed for MRE dinner. Will need to do that at the next meeting.

New Business:

Kim has planned a short project day on April 18 (Good Friday), at the Lutheran Church. Lisa Terry will give a Food safety class at 9 am. Kim is presenting Livestock Quality Assurance at 10 am. If anyone wants to do a workshop, let Kim know, nothing else planned yet. "Online safety" was brought up as an idea, by Ashley. She will look into this more.

Cloverbud Day Camp is June 5. 4-H Camp is June 24. Toole and Glacier will split a bus ride. Pondera may jump in too.

Next Meeting will be June 3, 2025.

Kim adjourned the discussion at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsey Habets
4-H Council Secretary