



Yellowstone County Council Minutes February 1, 2024

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President, Heather Arkell.

Pledges: Compass Allstars presented the Flags

Minutes: Minutes from December 7th meeting were read. One correction, replace Brooklyn, with Cadence. Motion to accept minutes made by Carson Adkins, Callie Greg seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Caroline Brito reported \$84,717.06 in account as of 11/30/2023. Motion to accept Treasurers report made by Karen Robertson, Carson Adkins seconded, motion passed.

Correspondence: Due to volume and time, correspondence was passed around.

Guests: Tanner Stott: reported on the Horse Judging Competition in Denver Jan 3-6 Team took 5th overall, Tanner took 8th in reasons.

Claire Murnin/Jordyn Trupka: reported on National Congress in Atlanta Thanksgiving weekend.

Aiden Lentz: Applied for a People Partner Grant for 2 metal picnic tables for area between 4-H building and Sandstone building. Grant is \$500, tables will cost \$1500. He asked Council to discuss; motion was amended by Kayal Koivu to read "Council will give \$ after PPG has been approved and after contact has been made with clubs requesting a club match." Carson Adkins seconded; motion passed.

Old Business:

Officers: Kayla Koivu recognized for her service as President last year.

Treasurer update: 4 interested parties, Caroline sent them information as to the responsibilities (a job description that she had pulled together) and requested they let her know why they wanted the position.

Was brought to the attention of Council that the QuickBooks version we have will no longer be supported, a new PC version would run \$600 a year, cloud based version would be \$30-90 a month. Looking around for options.

Fair Book Changes:

Dept N: Taking Open classes away; combining with Crafts and Hobbies; there will be a novice class added to sewing, quilting and welding, and removed from leatherwork and ceramics.

Dept A: Changes to use of therapeutic treatments/practices and supplements, Outstanding Exhibitor scoring system-change to Goats only-cap at 200 points, and Cloverbuds cannot show animals, they may participate in Costume Animal Parade with a stuffed animal, or as part of a group that has a member that is handling the animal. If an Out of County Exhibitor shows an animal in a market class at their fair it can only be shown in breeding at MontanaFair. Skelly moved to pass the Dept N and A changes, Amy Ready seconded, motion passed.

Council Policy: Committee to review current process for Pins and Awards had not had a chance to meet- tabling until April 4th.

Committees:

Dept. N: Discussed Dept N All Around, Fair Book Changes, Make it and Take it, Cloverbud Camp Rescued and Reclaimed, Project workshops,

Dept A:

AQA: Virtual AQA on 2/29, also discussion as to how we could incorporate AQA Certification into our County Animal Project Workshops, for example the first weekend in March the Sheep and Goat workshop will have a Vet coming to talk about diseases.

Ambassadors/Teen Leaders:

Lukas Arkell and Carson Adkins reported -they met in Jan-new ideas-new rules to better the team. Each Ambassador now has a title with a specific role.

Exchange: Very busy fundraising, serving food at the square dancing competition, working Rescued and Reclaimed

New Business:

Rec Lab: They are looking for workshop proposals.

Goals for 2024: Have some Parly Pro workshops, Project Rockin' Wranglers suggested Farm Games (like Squid Games) with a traveling trophy to encourage Club to Club interaction.

Focus on recruiting-take 4-H to the schools- Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Agent Report:

- 2 Bills submitted so far for Citizenship.
- Roni encouraged submission of members, club leader etc. items that can be acknowledged.
- Lauren Peterson will be going to Norway-she is expected to reach out to Council for financial assistance.
- Office is gathering club 4-H treasurer data for audits- Roni reminded everyone- that every expenditure needs to be backed by a receipt.
- Camp Planning meeting decided on Space " Star Wars" theme.

Dan Robertson moved to adjourn the meeting, Lukas Arkell seconded, meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next Meeting: April 4th following Dept. N

Angie Murdick

Secretary