Leader’s Council Minutes  
February 7, 2017  

Present: Carol Hoag, Denise Shears (EUTS); Gwen Tweed (Farm Central); Julie Jines (Camo Kids); Kristi Simrau; Lisa Schwager; Joannie Willford; Sienna Suszek; Roxanne Turner (MSU Extension)

Meeting called to order at 6:07 p.m. Pledges were said.

1. Secretary’s report: Minutes are posted on MSU website. Carol read them from the website. Kristi made a motion to receive and file the report as read; Julie supported. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer’s report:
   a. Checking - $9,908.95, $8,866.95 with outstanding checks deducted.
   b. Scholarship - $1,523.42
   c. Willford donations - $575.76 – to be transferred to Livestock account.
   d. Small Animal - $2,491.36
   e. Horses - $1,794.05
   f. CD (MTH Certificate) - $6,554.67
   g. Outstanding checks – 5 still outstanding for a total of $1,077
   h. Bills – Gladwin County Record fish fry ad will be coming
   i. Request from Bev for reimbursement for Build your Future classes in the amount of $77.29. Kristi made a motion to reimburse Bev; Joannie supported. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kristi to receive and file the treasurer’s report as presented. Lisa supported. Motion carried.

3. Correspondence: None

4. MSU Extension report:
   a. Fish fry – Friday, February 10. Need volunteers for baked goods/sale and general help. Time frames for set up: 3:30 – 5:00; 4:00 – 5:30; 5:30 – 7:00; and clean up. Please help promote the drive for cleaning supplies and other staple products for the Gladwin Leadership program. Either Lori Harrison and/or Doug Hoag will be there on Friday to collect the donations. Otherwise Jenny will take them. There is a young lady who needs community service hours; contact person the night of the fish fry will be Kristi Simrau.
   b. Give Denise Shears the 4-H kids address labels. (Done)
   c. For Julie – youth now unable to attend the vet science or the beef; sheep; and swine workshop. Laken is now unable to attend this weekend; money has already been sent in; possibility of sending a replacement?
   d. Sales tax changes. We do not have to pay sales tax on production animal auction income any more if we charge a commission. Still exhibits are still taxable.
   e. Scholarship committee meeting to be set after 3/1.
   f. Conservation tour with 3rd graders. Is there money set aside in the budget to purchase bottled water as well as a snack? Kristi made a motion to allow a budget of $100; Joannie supported. Motion carried.
   g. Crime stoppers baseball game ad? Lynn Hall called and spoke to Jenny; in the past 4-H put a 1/8 page ad with 4 tickets. We will let her know that we will not be doing that again this year as it does not have much of an impact for 4-H.
   h. Youth business guide to success – a training for parents and volunteers on February 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is a cost of $35 and Bev is willing to drive anyone wanting to attend.
   i. T-shirt contest – we have one entry for this.
   j. Fair information on feeds and swine flu/public interaction with swine – if animals are on a medicated feed there must be veterinary guidance for it. Copies of power point
presentation available, either in paper or computer format. Swine flu preventative tips for fairs – how to keep the public safe.

k. 4-H pc rehire update – 19 or 20 candidates applied. Phone interviews will be done on February 14 with the candidates to be sure that they understand the position they are applying for; and then inviting a pool of candidates in for face to face interviews on February 22.

l. Fair book – going with youth classification; auction will still be 4-H responsibility. Kristi is the fair board liaison; any questions will go through her. No Blue Ribbon this year; all paper format.

m. Discussion of no sale class/low weight class – Kristi will take this back to the fair board for clarification on the wording.

County Association reports:

1. Livestock – Denise presented minutes from last meeting.
2. Shooting sports – Dick will be having a meeting in March to get things underway.

Committee reports:

1. Finance/budget: Julie; Denise; and Brenda will meet
2. By-laws/rules/nominating: Roxanne Turner is here with changes to the by-laws. Questions on the wording for the committees versus boards. No committees will have specific by-laws; they will fall under the Leader’s Council by-laws. Each committee will need to present a written report to the Leaders Council at each meeting. They will then be voted upon and incorporated into the minutes.
3. Scholarship: Need to get a meeting set up after 3/1. Denise had to recuse herself because Anastasia has applied. Will see if Jenny can send out an email asking for someone to step up and replace her.
4. Concession stand report: We do have a new manager for the concession stand – Christina Bruse. Committee has been working with her; they have done an inventory; need to revisit and make sure the equipment that is there works and is tagged properly. Their next meeting is February 28th at 6 p.m. at the BAC. Breyer is serv-safe and allergy safe trained; Gwen will have him come to the next meeting. The committee is looking at software that will allow everyone to sign up for their concession stand duties online and will send a reminder to their phone to remind them of when they need to be there. Reports can be run showing how many hours kids have worked; can be used for multiple events. The cost will only be $99 per year.
5. Expansion and review: Still do not have anyone on this committee. Cannot put it out there until by-laws are set and the committee description is provided. Once we have that done we will have Jenny send something out asking for volunteers for this.
6. Horse – mentor meeting was held on the 24th; many cloverbuds looking for mentors; Gwen needs more older kids to be mentors
7. Small animal – embryology curriculum; goat and chicken farm;

Old business:

1. By-laws edit discussion – see above.
2. County t-shirt design contest – one entry. Do we want to extend the deadline to April 1? Then we can try to get it out to the clubs and get more entries. Jenny can send an extension email out. Gwen is willing to collect the entries; she will pick them up from the Extension office.
3. Fish fry – flyers available for passing out
5. Meeting schedule for 2017 – April 17; August 21; October 16
New business:

Fred met with prosecutor regarding the trouble that was going on at the fair last year, there will be charges brought against people responsible. Prosecutor also helped write a grant for a camera security system. Any trouble makers will be prosecuted; 4-H will also be sent to the 4-H coordinator.

Rodeo – large rodeo; SLACK starts on Friday at 5; 200 barrel racers Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. Best of the Best - $2,500 takes all. If anyone wants to volunteer to help clean horse stalls, contact Lisa Maxwell. Sunday events start at 8 a.m.

Fred would like to get a general menu for the concession stand so that he doesn't bring vendors in that have the same menu as we do.

Next meeting: Monday, April 17, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at pm

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Shears