Leader’s Council Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm by Kristi Simrau.

Pledges recited.

Secretary report - Minutes from October were presented. Jeremy made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Julie supported. Motion carried.

Treasurers report: $12,696.02 in checking, $2,160.52 in the scholarship fund. Jessica presented Lisa Schwager with invoices from the awards banquet that will need to be paid along with an invoice from the fairboard for the Blue Ribbon portion that was agreed upon by the leaders council. A check of $49.00 will be written to the Horse Leaders Association for the concession goods that was sold at the horse arena the week of the fair.

**MSU Report:** From Jessica…

- The 4H awards banquet went well. Awarded members at the meeting, 1st year leaders: Fred Shaver, Carrie Shaver, Jeremy Cuddie. Friend of 4H: Jim & Cheryl Badger
- Anyone can nominate for 4H awards...parents, leaders, and 4H members
- 4H online – please log in & enroll, deadline is December 1st
- Focus Survey – 5 days left to take the survey. Our voice needs to be heard from Gladwin County.

**Livestock Update:** By laws have been updated. November 10th is the annual meeting.

**Shooting Sports Update:** No update.

**Horse Update:** Next meeting is January 14, 2016.

**Small Animal Update:** Annual meeting November 5th.

**Concession Stand Update:** The fairboard will be hosting two snowmobile races this year, January 16th & February 13th. The 4H concession stand will be open both dates, if you are available please come help. The fairboard will be purchasing the steel to enclose 3 sides of the concession stand pavilion.

**Fair Theme:** Suggestions from the 4H awards banquet...

- Movie Theatre
- Frozen Movie
- Charlie & The Chocolate Factory
- Harry Potter
- My Animal & Me
• Christmas in July

2016 Gladwin County Fair Theme...Christmas in July.

Proposed By-Law Changes (changes are in red):

Article III – Membership
1. Any current registered 4-H volunteer leader and registered 4-H teen leader in Gladwin County.

Article IV – Officers
2. The 4-H Executive Board shall be elected by ballot, of all current registered leaders and teen leaders, at the annual meeting each year. The ballots will be destroyed, if the election is not contested.
3. No more than two of the four members of the Executive Board may be representatives of the same club to allow for more diversity.
4. Members shall have completed one (1) year as a 4-H leader or 4-H Teen Leader and be registered and active leaders at the time of election.
5. Executive board members must attend all regular 4-H Leaders’ Council meetings, unless otherwise excused by the Board President.
6. Any board member, after three unexcused absences from regular board meetings, will automatically be removed from office and replaced by the action of the board.

Article V – Duties of Officers
1. President – Preside at all meetings, appoint all standing and special committees, fill vacancies of Executive Board officers.
   a. Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
   b. Shall meet on regular basis with MSU Extension Staff to discuss county 4-H program, prepare agendas, etc.

3. Secretary – Shall keep record of the minutes of all meetings, keep an attendance record, and conduct correspondence by the President. Shall provide minutes to MSU Extension staff to post on county website within two weeks of regular meeting.

4. Treasurer – Shall keep all records of all funds received and disbursed, in accordance with MSUE policy, write checks upon presentation of bills and upon authorization of the Council, give a written financial report at each meeting, serve on the financial committee, and reconcile bank statements monthly.
   a. Two adult signatures must be on the checks and one must be the treasurer and the other will be appointed at the annual meeting.
   b. All expenditures, not already in budget, must be approved by the Executive Board and documented in the minutes.
Article VI – Meetings

4. There will be a mandatory meeting for all 4-H members and clubs held each year in June.
5. Shall require that at least one representative of all Gladwin County 4-H Associations / or Advisory Boards, be present at all regular meetings.

Julie Jines made a motion to approve the by-law changes as written; Denise Shears supported. Motion carried.

Election of Officers:

President: Motion made by Dennis Maxwell to nominate Jeremy Cuddie as President, Fred Shaver supported. Denise Shears made a motion to close nominations for President; Jill Nartker supported. Jeremy Cuddie is elected President.

Vice-President: Mike Simrau would still be willing to be Vice President if no one wants the position. Motion made by Jeremy Cuddie to elect Melissa Maxwell as Vice President; Julie Jines supported. Fred Shaver made a motion to close nominations for Vice President; Denise Shears supported. Denise Shears made a motion to elect Melissa Maxwell as Vice President; Fred Shaver supported.

Secretary: Motion made by Dennis Maxwell to nominate Joannie Willford as Secretary, Fred Shaver supported. Dennis Maxwell made a motion to close nominations for Secretary; Fred Shaver supported. Joannie Willford is elected Secretary.

Treasurer: Lisa Schwager is willing to continue as the treasurer. Tracy Curtis made a motion to nominate Lisa Schwager for Treasurer; Carrie Shaver supported. Jeremy Cuddie made a motion to nominate Julie Jines for Treasurer; Melissa Maxwell supported. Closed ballot began with a tie between Lisa Schwager & Julie Jines. Jessica referred to the shortcut handbook to Roberts’s rules of parliamentary procedures to address the issue with the tie. In the event of a tie, the president will not cast a vote. Julie Jines was elected as treasurer.

Please sign up for committees. The next four meetings will be held, January 18th, March 21st, May 16th and October 17th. There will be a county wide meeting in June. More info to come...

Four New Clubs/Leaders:

- Julie Jines – Krafty Kids
- Fred & Carrie Shaver – New Horizons
- Jeremy Cuddie – Camo Kids
- Gwen McCulloch – Farm Central
Jeremy Cuddie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Denise Shears supported. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Next Meeting January 18th at 7:00 pm

At 8:22 pm the meeting was called back in session by Kristi Simrau.

There will need to be a 2nd signature on the Leaders Council Bank Accounts/Checks. Dennis Maxwell made a motion to have the treasurer & president as signatures on the Leader’s Council Account. Julie Jines supported. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm

Clubs represented: Beaverton Buckaroos, Gettin’ Down on the Farm, Performing Arts, Hoofbeats, New Horizons, Everything Under the Sun, Krafty Kids, Farm Central, Camo Kids