Leader's Council Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Kristi Simrau.

Pledges recited.

Treasurers report: $12,696.02 in checking, $2,160.52 in the scholarship fund. Motion to accept treasurer's report by Tracy Curtis, supported by Jeremy Cuddie. M/C

Secretary report – missing minutes from the last meeting. Melissa was excused from that meeting.

MSU Report: From Jessica...

- New office manager – Rachel Brewer
- Awards Banquet October 25th, bring a side dish
- 4H online – can register now until December 1st. Please check 4H years in projects. Shooting sports & horse kids registration fee is $12, everyone else is $11.
- Volunteers that help with the club (admin, resource leaders or anyone that would be left alone with kids in the club) will have to go through a screening process. Those volunteers won’t be able to be left alone with the kids until the screening process has been conducted.
- Leaders Training for 4H online – November 2nd @ 6:00 pm. Leaders need to attend or send someone from the club.
- End of the year packet is due to Jessica by October 31st.
- Focus survey, please take 15-20 minutes
- There are many trainings at Kettunen Center, visit the webpage.
  http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events/4_h_volunteer_training_workshop_schedule

Livestock Update: By laws have been updated. November 10th is the annual meeting. Out of 9 meetings per year, each club must attend ½ for voting privileges.

Shooting Sports Update: Need to enroll.

Horse Update: By laws have been updated, have already had the annual meeting.

Small Animal Update: Updated by laws, annual meeting November 5th. A representative from each club must attend 6 meetings or the 4H kids from that club won’t be able to sell.

Awards Banquet: Beaverton Buckaroos – set up, Getting’ Down on the Farm – clean up, and Crafty Kids will be donating the center pieces.

Fair Theme: There will be a suggestion can at the awards banquet. Put any suggestions in the can. The
top 4 suggestions will be brought to the November 2nd leaders council meeting for a vote.

**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 cubs 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.

Committee's: Need to get more people involved – parents & volunteers. If interested in any committee’s see Jessica.

Fair: Will be trying a new registration program this year, Blue Ribbon did not work last year. Fairboard Annual Meeting October 20th at 7:00 pm. There are 4 director’s positions open and 5 directors running. Please come vote.

Jeremy Cuddie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy Curtis supported. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Next Meeting November 2nd at 7:00 pm

Clubs represented: Beaverton Buckaroos, Country Blend, Getting’ Down on the Farm, New Horizons, Performing Arts, Crafty Kids