4-H Council Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.

Bread Company – Poplar Bluff, Missouri

In attendance: Denise Brooks, Eskew Family, Kathryn Clark, Zoe Savat, Martin Family, Courtney Roberts (Youth Program Assistant) and Stephanie Milner (4-H Youth Specialist).

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm and agendas were given out and previous minutes were put in a packet for everyone to read. Everyone participated in the 4-H pledge. The treasurer’s report was given and the current account balance is $1,026.51.

Staff brought up that we need to elect a new secretary due to the previous secretary’s busy schedule. It was discussed and tabled until the next meeting when we will have more in attendance to vote.

Staff reminded everyone to turn in volunteer and member enrollment forms as soon as possible. These forms are to be turned in periodically if you receive new members. The first payment of dues is due January 10 to the state office, so clubs should turn in any remaining dues before then. If there are new volunteers, they will need to attend an orientation. All volunteers (including leaders) are required to turn in volunteer forms each year.

All insurance forms also need to be turned in as soon as possible. (Every club should have insurance; the cost is already included with the dues).

Staff reminded that club project plans for the 2013-2014 year will need to be turned in to the office. Level III forms and Regional Representative Applications are due February 10 for 4-H’ers interested. Ages are 13-18. A link to the online forms will be emailed to leaders or copies of these forms will be distributed by staff. Staff also reminded everyone that they are allowed 2 fundraisers a year and those need to be approved by the office before starting.
Everyone discussed a 4-H Council fundraiser for Ag Expo. Selling candy bars (alongside a few clubs) or possibly having a silent auction (if each club can donate at least one item) or doing a gift basket were all discussed. Ag Expo is January 24-25 and the work schedule was given.

Staff let everyone know that we are going to start planning camp soon and if you would like to volunteer to plan or attend camp, please let the office know. There are no official plans other than camp being held the last week of June.

Staff reminded everyone about the upcoming 4-H events: Ag Expo, the Regional Energizer February 15, Teen Conference March 22-23, Shooting Sports Certification Workshop in Clarence, MO March 28-30, and Youth Civic Leaders Summit March 7-9. More information will be provided in the February edition of the 4-H newsletter and on the Butler County 4-H website.

Other items brought up included CYL (County Youth Liaison) applications coming out soon. If you plan to join the MOVE Across Missouri project, please let the office know; adults and youth can participate. Everyone must fill out a monthly log and turn it into the office. Everyone who joins will receive a Dunham’s discount card.

Tim Martin made a motion to approve the minutes, Kathryn Clark seconded. Motion passed.

Kathryn Clark made a motion to adjourn and Joyce Eskew seconded. Motion passed. The council adjourned at 7:17 p.m. and scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office.