

Minutes for March 24, 2008 4-H Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President, Dolores Howard. Members present included Jim and Josh Howard, Chris Hendrix, Roberta House, Larry Day, Leslie Smith, Lexie House, Amanda Lachance, Lynna Lawson, Kayce Amsden, Cindy King, Lisa, Katie, Emily and Annie Morris, Ann Boes, Susan Baird, Martin Johns, Lennie Fincher, Julie Nicholson, Shelly Thomure, and Becky, McKinley, Sarai and Daniel Worley.

Secretary's minutes were handed out and after review from the council were approved.

Martin gave the Treasurer's report and gave an overview of the Horse club account that now has a balance of \$21.20. Member dues over the past few months have totaled \$856. Checks were written for various expenses including the bowling/pizza party (\$602.50) and the balance that remains in \$3,905.40. Report was approved.

Club Reports

Jim Howard reported that the **Young Achievers** built blue bird houses as a wood working project. At the last meeting there was a robotics presentation. The next meeting will be April 10 and will include a program on biodiesel fuel.

Chris told about the **Bismarck** club going to the Leadington pet store in March. They will meet on April 15 at the Methodist Church in Bismarck.

Ann said that the **4-H Outdoor Adventure Club** made bird houses. She has extra kits if anyone would like to purchase them. There will be a stream team clean up on April 27 at Bismarck Lake. Their next meeting is April 10.

Roberta said that the **Wranglers** will meet March 28 at 6:30.

Susan said that the **Wild Bunch** had their meeting on Feb 18th and Kevin Hinkebein did a taxidermy program. Three kids completed the six hour (Project 740) safety class. Neil and Jason Boes and Jackson Shinkle did this on Feb. 9th. There are 11 kids in the 743 Smallbore Rifle project. April 12 will be the drawing for the shotgun they are raffling off and their campout at St. Francois State Park. On March 22 they did a community service project at Engler Park. They spread mulch on the river trail. Next business meeting is April 7 and Ron Biri will do the program on calling and hunting turkey. There will be a hunter education course provided by the MDC on April 7 and 8 at Bonne Terre Eagles from 5:00-10:00. Pre-register by calling 290-5730. The 4-H Outdoor Adventure Club and the Wild Bunch have teamed up to write a Kemper and Pioneer Community Service Grant. The Wild Bunch will be building duck houses to put up on Bismarck Lake and the St. Francois River while the Outdoor Adventure Club will build three benches to put up at Bismarck Lake and at Bismarck Senior Center. The grant was approved and the check received at this meeting.

Cindy reported that **Terre Bleue** club had their GPS project cancelled because of the weather and will reschedule it for April. They have been collecting cans as a fund-raiser.

Salem club now has 18 members. They are still working on their t-shirt project. The 2nd Wednesday of the month is their meeting time. If clubs need someone to embroider shirts let Lisa know. She has a contact that will give 4-H members a good deal on this service.

The **Silver Spurs** are getting ready for upcoming horse shows. They held a bake sale and made \$160. On April 12 they will have another. Some of their members went to the equine horse judging on March 15 in Columbia. They now have 37 members. The next meeting is April 15 at the Fischbecks' at 12:00. Bring your horses. They will talk about horse shoe safety and have a tack sale. Their members are encouraged to take turns giving demonstrations at each meeting.

Cindy King reported that the **Kountry Kanines** did a project with Tandy leather and made dog collars.

Old Business

Lisa Morris reported for the **St. Francois County Fair Jr. Sale Committee**. They met in March and will meet again on April 4 at 3:30 in Cindy King's classroom. They have been discussing better ways to handle the thank you to buyers (usually an insert to the Daily Journal) and ideas to better accommodate buyers the night of the auction. They are concentrating their efforts on finding a way to not have the big expense of putting the display in the newspaper. They have sent a survey to buyers to get their input.

Amanda reported that the county wide **bowling/ pizza party** sponsored by the 4-H Council was a lot of fun with about 120 people signing up to participate. There was some concern about those who bowled a second game and whether or not they had paid the council for this. Martin said that he thought that most of them had. This year's party cost \$602.50.

The **trivia night** on March 1st hosted by the Women of Today was a good fund-raiser for the fairgrounds project. Amanda hasn't seen a check yet, but estimates the profit on the night between \$800 and \$1000.

New Business

Susan nominated Martin Johns to be inducted into the **Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame**. Chris 2nd the motion and the votes were unanimously in favor of the motion. His picture was taken and the application will be filled out and sent on to Columbia.

Susan moved and Roberta 2nd the motion to reimburse Greg Boes the \$50 that he spent to register for the Shooting Sports **leader certification workshop** to be held April 4-6 in Macon. The motion passed unanimously. Greg will receive his certification in smallbore rifle.

Katie Morris gave a report on the **Teen Conference** held in February. The event was different than what she had expected, but she did enjoy herself. These attending received lessons in etiquette and played various games. Emily Rice, Klaire and Kathryn Lewis also attended.

The council is now accepting applications for the **Food Stand Manager** position for the 2008 St. Francois County Fair. Dolores will contact Maranda Taylor and see if the Farmington FFA Chapter is interested in doing the job this year. The sheep, swine and goat show have been moved to Thursday and cattle will be on Friday, so the clubs with 4-H members involved in these will need to take their shift working at the stand on some other day. Dolores suggested a Food Stand committee to come up with a menu and solicit applications for the manager's position. Volunteers for this committee include Annie and Emily Morris, Roberta House, Leslie Smith, and a representative from the Outdoor Adventure Club.

Dolores Howard talked about some division in the **Equine Council**. Without going into details, she proposed a committee that would include her and three others that will oversee the

workings of the equine council and its members and help resolve existing issues and any new ones that might arise. This committee will be in effect for one year. The next meeting of the Equine Council is March 28 at 6:30 in the Commissioner's Office of the Annex Building.

The **Prospect Show** will be held on May 17 at the Fairgrounds. David Moore and the Davis family will donate the meat and Jim and Dolores will cook it. Maranda Taylor will be in charge of hiring the judges. Jim made a motion asking the 4-H Council to donate \$100 to the Prospect Show. Larry 2nd the motion and it passed.

Amanda announced that **4-H Camp** will be held July 30 – August 1.

Ann Boes gave a report from the **BOAC Committee**. Members have been meeting and working to organize labor and materials needed to complete this project. Also, a schedule of dates has been made by the committee that includes four work days for the project. These days will be April 12 and 19 and May 3 and 10. On these days members and families are asked to volunteer to help in any way they can. Food will need to be provided for the volunteers on these days. She showed a copy of the letter that will go out to businesses in the following week to try to raise money, labor and supplies to assist in the project. Lisa informed the committee that the Fair board is building a new shower facility, so the letter will be revised to say that Phase II will include improvements to the Marvin Mell building. The committee asked for suggestions of names and businesses to send the letters to.

Other business

Ann Boes would like to see the 4-H leaders, parents and members divided into **committees** that would focus on such issues as **leadership, citizenship and promotion**. Lynna stated that such committees already were provided for within the structure of the 4-H organization. Ann moved that this process and existing arrangement be reviewed to see if it meets the needs of our county and look at the possibilities of forming new ones. Susan 2nd the motion and it passed.

Ann moved to have a **county wide project display** at Round up. Annie 2nd. After discussion on the scope and purpose of this display, it was suggested that the 4-H Youth Council would be in charge of this project. There will be a space created at the 4-H/FFA Exhibit Building in which each club may display pictures or literature to "show off" what projects and activities they have been involved in over the past year. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting of the 4-H Council will be May 5 at 6:30.