

Kitsap County 4-H Council Minutes *Draft*
January 8, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by **Toni Blanchard**
Pledge of Allegiance led by **Heather Blanchard**
4-H Pledge led by **Heather Blanchard**

Individuals in attendance:

Arno Bergstrum Heather Blanchard Toni Blanchard Bruce Bradley Corrina Coan
Brian Coolbaugh Harry Hibler Kay Hibler Joel Kalmer Susan Krawiecki
Debbie McKeever Wanda Meeker Asa Norwood Harriet Norwood Toni Probert

December minutes were amended to include Joel Kalmer and Wanda Meeker among the individuals in attendance. The December minutes were approved.

Treasurer report:

- 4-H Council checking account balance ~ \$2,908.46
 - Deposits~\$1131.00
 - Expenses~\$1082.49
- Camp account balance ~ \$8,767.07

Heather Blanchard moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented
Corrina Coan seconded the motion
The treasurer's report was approved as presented

Correspondence: None

Kelly Fisk's 4-H News:

Susan Krawiecki presented the information from Kelly Fisk at the meeting as Kelly had a prior engagement and was unable to attend the meeting.

- We were informed that Rhiannon is no longer with WSU as she has accepted a position with Commissioner Garrido, therefore no new material will be posted to our web site until a new person is hired and in place.
- Due to the holidays, weather, and vacations, Vicki is still working on this year's 4-H enrollment.
- Mega Monday registration should have been post marked by this Saturday, January 10, to receive the reduced rate of \$5, but registration will still be accepted until Monday, January 12.
- The office needs the financial information for the end of the year turned in by January 31, 2009.
- There were items brought to the meeting from the award ceremony and 2008 Kitsap Fair that need to be picked up. If you have received an award or are missing a poster from fair, please contact the office as there are no funds available to mail them to the recipients.
- **Everyone at the meeting would like to thank Arno Bergstrum for the delicious kettle corn he provided for everyone to share at the council meeting.**
- A motion was made by Heather Blanchard to send a thank you card to Rhiannon for her time with us. The motion was seconded by Corrina Coan. Motion passed.
- Check out the state newsletter, 4-H Forever Green, to see an article about Kitsap's special needs program. It is available on the state 4-H website at 4h.wsu.edu (scroll to the bottom of the page).

Project/Committee Reports:

Award committee~

Archery~ No report

Camp Committee~

Spaghetti feed to support 4-H Camp Program

When- March 17th

Where- Silverdale Grange Hall (on Clear Creek Rd.)

What- Calendars with camp photos will be on sale (thanks to Wanda Meeker)

Cats~ K.C. Cat 4-H members are deciding on a theme for its April 4th cat show at Kitsap County Fair grounds.

Clothing~.

Cooking~ None

Dogs~ Dog activities scheduled at Kitsap County Fairgrounds were cancelled due to the emergency shelter set up at the fair grounds for the homeless during our December weather.

Environmental Stewardship~ A field trip that was planned for December 14th to study the Mima Mounds was postponed due to weather concerns.

Expressive Arts~ None

Finance~ A check to cover the Tracy Sue Parker award was issued. Bruce Bradley's financial report is pending the report from Wells Fargo Bank.

Gardening~ The Fantasy Garden Activity will continue February 21st at the Eagles Nest from 1-3 P.M. We will be planting our gardens during this class. Pending confirmation from the Fruit Growers Club, we are hosting a fruit tree grafting class March 28th from 1-3 P.M. at the Eagles Nest. On a date to be announced we will be creating pottery structures to decorate our gardens at a local pottery studio.

Horses~ All December county horse activities were cancelled due to winter weather.

KYG~ The Rotary Club will sponsor two member's for Know Your Government at \$371. The first meeting is being planned by Toni Blanchard. There are 6-11 participants at this time.

Mega Monday - When: January 19th
Location: Faith Fellowship Church on Newberry Hill Road
Registration deadline is Monday, January 12.

Needlework~ None

Poultry~ None

Public Presentations~ Presentations will possible take place at Faith Fellowship Church instead of the Presidents Hall. The date for presentation is March 20 & 21. There will be on-line judge's training for anyone interested in being a judge. At this time there is no committee to coordinate this event and Tracy Coolbaugh is doing the entire job. **We are asking for volunteers to form a Public Presentation Committee. Please contact Tracy Coolbaugh @**

Record Books~ None

Rabbit/Cavies~ The Winter Clinic is planned for January 31st at the President's Hall. Concessions will be selling items including cavies/rabbit carrying cages.

State Ambassador~ There is a county teen representative training in Puyallup January 19th. State Ambassadors are having a meeting to plan State Conference. Applications for Teen Representative are due in February 09. At this time, teen representatives are being elected to office during Know Your Government Conference.

TAG~ The next meeting will be a joint TAG/Teen Councilor Meeting for 4-H camp councilors at Silverdale's Round Table Pizza on January 9th. The meetings will run back-to-back so members in both groups can attend both meetings on the same night.

Old Business:

Camp Improvements:

Arno Bergstrum presented a visual update on camp improvements:

- Dining Hall will have a garage door on one side and entry doors on all other sides, windows, sealed siding and insulation when complete.
- Craft shelter will have a new roof, a squared foundation, a garage door entry plus entry doors on all sides, windows, new siding, and old plywood with signatures/messages has been saved for memories.
- At this time all materials are available to enclose dining hall and craft hall.
- The septic system design has not been approved at this time by Mason County Health Department.
- Trees have been identified for removal.
- The septic installation and drain field are waiting the septic system permit approval.
- The well up grade will follow the septic system installation.
- The temporary field kitchen renovations will begin in late April-May.
- Camp caretakers will be on site by May.
- Camp will be open for use from June- September.
- Arno opened the table for questions.....
 - Problems during construction were discussed
 - Applying for more Birkenfeld funds were discussed, but tabled until later.
 - Usage data questioned & Arno reaffirmed the need for clubs/projects/individuals to register with the 4-H office when & who will be using facilities for documentation and liability issues.
 - The dock was discussed and although Arno feels it will be approved we are waiting for the paper work to be returned to us. to all council members

Council By-Laws amendment proposal for treasurer's terms~ Bruce sent an e-mail copy of the council by-laws, including proposed amendments, to all council members. At the council meeting, Bruce explained the rationale behind extending the optional extension of the treasurer's term in office. There was discussion as to the wording of the amendment for clarification purposes. The proposed amendment was reworded to state that the treasurer's position, although needing to be elected every year as all executive council positions, does not have the same restrictions of terms served. Corrina Coan made a motion to accept the amendments to the by-laws. Debbie McKeever seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bruce will amend the by-laws and have them ready to be signed by the executive officers at the February meeting.

New Business

Bruce Bradley moved to adjourn the meeting and Corrina Coan seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

