

4-H Council Meeting 1/3/2023

The meeting was called to order and started with pledges at 5:30 p.m. In attendance were Stephanie Voss, Cindy Lentsch, Michelle Hamilton, Aspyn Hamilton, Amber Armajo, Jessica Tharp, Erica Reasoner, Maddox Johnson, and Emily Johnson.

Cindy read the secretary's report. Michelle moved, Stephanie seconded to approve the report. The motion carried. There was no treasurer's report as Janet was out of town.

Cindy read a thank you note from Luke Voss thanking the council for his scholarship.

Maddox Johnson is the new correspondent for the council from the Renegades Club, and he read about the club's activity, which included a cookie activity, Christmas party that had a turnout of 30 people, volunteering for Meals on Wheels, presentations at the last meeting by Grady and Burgess, and the upcoming volunteer activity will be to help BLM count eagles and make Valentine's Day posters for the nursing home. Their next meeting will be January 16 at 7 p.m.

Cindy and Jessica gave a report for the Roadrunners Club. In the past month the club volunteered to gift wrap gifts at Bomgaars and elected new officers (Natalie Tharp, president; Beckett Tharp, vice president; Ivy Radabaugh, secretary; Kyston Rollema, treasurer). Upcoming activities include a game night where members are encouraged to invite a nonmember for pizza and games to learn about 4-H, and making Valentine's Day cards for the nursing home.

Amber reported that lots of activities are gearing up to start in the next few months. Horses, photography, sport fishing, cats, Cloverbuds, shooting sports, and Junior leader meetings are all set to start in January. A Fairboard meeting will be held January 9, and Amber noted the new fair dates are July 22-29.

For unfinished business, Amber reported that Samantha Hopkinson is reviving the South Flat Juniors Club, and they have 8-9 kids signed up already. Amber said she will be an involved

parent to help everything get rolling, and they will meet Monday at 6p.m. However, they may change future meeting dates if needed.

In new business, the group discussed the newsletter and the need for a Washakie County representative on the H Diamond W board to help manage the camp. There will be an opportunity for volunteers to share in an online forum once a month from January-April to share ideas and opportunities with each other in a statewide Zoom collaboration. Amber told the council the policy bylaws were last updated in February of 2022 and that there might be a need to review and update them at the next meeting. They can be found on the 4-H website to see what's current. Erica said she will go through minutes that are posted online. Amber also asked for thoughts on any changes to the 4-H scholarship and/or its wording. She said it hasn't been changed in several years, and she wondered if it should be revised to reflect more of an essay component rather than a portfolio. She said she will work on it and ask for council approval.

Also in new business, the group discussed 2023 dates and that leveled quality assurance will be required again this year. Erica was officially announced as the new sport fishing and photography leader. The council agreed to try an earlier meeting time of 5 p.m. next month.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.