



Yellowstone County Council Minutes October 2, 2025

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Carson Adkins at 6:34 pm

Pledges: Flags presented by Serena Parks, Amanda Parks and Hadleigh Lynch.

Minutes: Minutes from the September 5th meeting were read. Minor corrections to be done. Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report: Rochelle Smith reported \$73,489.83 in the account as of September 30th. Approved as presented.

Correspondence: 12 cards were received; they were sent around for all to read.

Old Business:

Family Fun Night: November 22nd is also Twirp for most schools, be creative on member participation as it is a County required event. Next meeting is November 19th, have tickets and money ready to turn in. Still need Bingo prizes, glassware, remember to assign cakes and pies to families.

National 4-H Week: Ambassadors will be doing a daily challenge via Facebook. State 4-H office suggested wearing 4-H shirts for a day.

Committees:

Dept. N: Discussed Fair, Rule change voting meeting is on November 6th at 6:00pm, change forms are due October 10th.

Dept. A:

Rule changes: Change forms are due October 10th; Rule change voting meeting is November 5th at 6 pm. Council votes on Dept N and A rule changes in December.

State 4-H Horse Show: 2 Yellowstone County members participated in the Working Ranch Horse Competition and 15 Yellowstone County members participated in the State Show in September. Some discussion to do a county horse show around Nile time while there is dirt in the Metra arena

AQA: teachers needed, would like to have an AQA at each species county meeting, if possible, as was done last year.

Nile Ag Ed: Will be putting together packets on October 8th at noon, come help if you can. Volunteers needed October 13th, 14th and 15th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Even if you can't help all the days or a whole day, reach out to Roni, she'll find a spot for you.

County Awards: Facilitators and record book checkers needed. Thursday November 13th 5-7 pm and Sunday November 16th 1-3 pm. Reminder from Roni to turn in club nominations.

Nominating, Policy and Budgeting:

Budget: discussion of changes made and why. Request made to combine Large and Small Animal Skillathon budgets.

Policy: Cost of background checks are going up, discussion to increase dues for the 2026-2027 year to cover. State is recommending leaders be background checked every 5 years.

Nominating: Need new Vice President, Angie Murdick will continue as Secretary.

Ambassadors/Teen Leaders: Planning Meeting

Fall Training: Is in Butte November 7th – 9th, drivers needed

Exchange: Will decide in November where to go- options include Delaware, Kansas and Maryland. Getting started on fundraising- will be working Rescued and Reclaimed- hauling and will have a booth.

New Business:

Volunteer Institute: October 3rd – 5th, at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center, the following from our County will be recognized:

State Alumni Award winner-Brenda Bromenshank

Volunteer of the Year District 7- Adam Serock

Outstanding Volunteer Award District 7- Wes and Dixie Osborne

Yearly Calendar:

Workshops - if you have dates please get them to the office,

Event Day- (Communication Contest and Showcase) set for April 4th, 2026.

Make N Take - dates needed.

Camp 2026 - will be June 8th to 12th for CIT's and the 9th to 12th for camper

Fair 2026 - will be August 7th to 16th, Interview Judging Day will be August 3rd.

Rec Lab: Columbus March 27th – 29th. Members 13+ may attend Theme: **4-H Escape...Do you have the skills to unlock your potential?** Planning meeting November 10th 6:30 pm at the 4-H Building. T-shirt logos are due November 1st, 2025.

Agent Report:

Office Moving: Still no specific date, new location is on corner of 23rd and 3rd Ave N across from Altana Credit Union, lots of off-street parking.

Organizational Leaders Meeting: in planning

Club Social Media Accounts: Facebook or Instagram: Must be tied to 4-H, Brandy can assist in getting your accounts compliant. TikTok accounts are not permitted

Simply Local Magazine: Local 4-H member Adelia Curry is featured.

Sign up Inquiries: Many clubs are full, so please take the time to help interested ones find a club that is taking on new members.

Karen Robertson moved to adjourn the meeting, Amy Ready seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Next Meeting: November 6th, 6:30 pm, following Dept N.

Submitted by

Angie Murdick

Secretary