



Yellowstone County Council Minutes May 4, 2023

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President Kayla Koivu

Pledges: Presented by Lucas Arkell and May Russel.

Minutes: Minutes from April 6, 2023 meeting were read. Motion to accept minutes made by Heather Arkell, seconded by Cathy Muessig, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Caroline Brito reported \$112,810.02 in account as of 4/30/2023. Discussion as to question about variances in ending/starting balances from the prior meeting was discussed. Stephanie Johnson moved that we use the ending bank balance on the monthly statement and that we accept the Treasures report, Angie Murdick seconded, motion passed.

County BB Gun Team going to National Shoot (Arkansas July 6-9, 2023 Matt Russell/Kevin Adkins leaders and May Russell, Lukas Arkell, Carson Adkins and Rex Koivu. members approached Council regarding funding for the upcoming trip. There will be 7 kids and 2 chaperones going, last year cost was \$16,000. Reported on scores from State Shoot and that 3 MT teams are going, Yellowstone, Carbon and Gallatin. Stephanie Johnson moved to give \$500 per kid and chaperone, Jordyn Trupka seconded, motion passed.

Correspondence: No notes regarding correspondence received.

Old Business:

4-H Building- AC does not work- County Commissioners will pay to have it fixed, was recommended to replace entire HVAC system as it is old

Cleaning-Clubs that miss their times will be rescheduled

Flowers- Project Rockin' Wranglers will do flowers this year

Changing Table-Heather Arkell requested that we get a changing table

MT Farmers Union Grant-Dan Robertson reported that his club used grant for Club T-shirts. Many of the clubs in the county applied and received the grant.

NRA Banquet-7 of our 4-H kids assisted in various ways, NRA gave a \$6900 grant for the county pistol program. Reports were given by Robertson's grandkids, Lukas Arkell and Rex Koivu about the score increase from this year to last year using new guns.

Scheels- Donated \$5000 to the 4-H Foundation. Lukas Arkell moved to do banners for sponsor wall at fair, Jordyn Trupka seconded, motion passed. Lukas and Skelly Adkins showed us one that had been made for BB Gun as an example.

Committees:

Dept. N: Discussed Cloverbud Camp, Showcase and Fair.

Photography- Tami Hockhalter will be holding a weekly photography contest in May, each Monday a new theme will be announced, pictures can be submitted through Sunday, and there will be weekly prizes and an overall prize.

Dept. A:

- **Sheep/Goat/Swine Tagging-**May 6, 2023 8am to 11am, PAYS.
- **AQA-** Last live AQA May 6, 2023 9am-1030am, Pays
- **Horse Helmet-** May 6, 2023 11am to 12 pm, Pays
- **Workshops/Jackpot Shows:** Watch newsletter and emails for information on workshops and shows
 - **Sheep/Goat-** one workshop left
 - **Dog-** ongoing, mostly Tuesday evenings
 - **Cat-**Cat show May 13, 2023 8 am to ?, 4-H Building
 - **Swine-** Stephanie reported that "goal is to not have any white ribbon hogs"

- **Poultry**-Cathy and Brandon Muessig will be at the 4-H Building June 8,15 and 22 from 6pm to 8pm to assist with entries as this is the first year for new Divisions, they will also check animals for sex and bugs if you bring them.
- **Small Animal**- wrapped up in April
- **Horse**- monthly workshops held by Bonnie Deverneiro and Gina Loose is also doing some
- **Fair Herdsmanship Contest**- still in the works

Camp- Planning still in progress, applications due May 5, 2023

Ambassadors/Teen Leaders reports from Jordyn Trupka, Lukas Arkell and Cale Hockhalter.

- **Workshop**- workshop on general fair information will be held on May 3rd.
- **Scholarship**- 4 applicants
- **Club visits**- they have been visiting clubs

Exchange: Group is traveling to Missouri in June- some activities include a cave tour and a trip to the Purina factory

New Business:

Fair-

- **Entries**-Get started on fair entries now-put on paper so you'll be ready when online entries open up
- **Senior Wall**- Need items in June, remind your "senior" families

Congress- Will be in Bozeman July 11-14, 2023

Agent Report:

- **Fruit sale**- checks were mailed to clubs
- **Active Leader Form**- This will be completed on ZSuite this year
- **Fair**
 - **Gate Tickets**-Member's/Parents can buy tickets and wrist bands
 - **Entry Fees**- There is no fee other than the \$20 per member fee which must be paid upon entry.
 - **Sticker Contest**-will be the same as last year
- **MSU Engineering Day**- Not just for 4-H
- **Soil your Undies**-Challenge put on by USDA and Western Sustainability Exchange
- **Intern**- Ashley Fraker from Forsyth is the MSU Extension intern

Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation-10 of the 21 seniors applied for and received scholarships for continuing education. Foundation is paying the \$20 entry fair fee for all Cloverbuds.

Nominating, Budget and Policy Committee-Kayla Koivu, Heather Arkell, Caroline Brito, Stephanie Johnson, Jordyn Trupka, Lukas Arkell and Cale Hockhalter are on this year's Committee. They will meet July 25, 2023 at 6pm, location TBD.

We are still looking for an Assistant Treasurer.

Rex Koivu and Lucas Arkell interviewed with The Ag Network (Radio Show) about their 4-H projects

Dan Robertson moved to adjourn, Lukas Arkell seconded, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

Read your newsletters and watch your emails.

Next Meeting: June 1 6:30 pm 4-H Building, follows Dept. N which starts at 6:00 pm

Submitted by

Angie Murdick

Secretary