

4-H Advisory Committee

Minutes from October 13, 2014

The following were in attendance:

Kay Amstutz	Stephen Heppe	Mel Rehm
Beth Brenneman	Kerilyn Jagger	Jennifer Reynolds
Ron Borton	Jennifer A. LeFebvre	Fred Shiffer
Doug Foxx	Gena Musselman	Jacob Studer
Cheryl Gordon	Geoffrey Norris	Frances Ullom
Barbara Guthrie	Rhonda Oser	

The Wayne County 4-H Advisory Committee met Monday, October 13, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President Rhonda Oser at 7:03. We said the American Pledge and the 4-H Pledge. The minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report showed a bank balance of \$5,559.65 as of June 9, 2014. Total deposits were \$2,901.36 and expenses were \$1,711.83. This leaves a checkbook balance of \$6,749.18. Scholarship withdrawals were: The Doyle Finley Account-\$500.00 and Wayne County 4-H Account-\$4,500.00. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Senior Fair: The feed back session will be Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 P.M. and is open to the public. Three of the shows during the fair were sold out. Sunday, Sept. 7 was a record attendance of over 30,000.

Mel: Nancy Wise bought food for the skillathon. The receipts for 2013 of \$386.47 need to be reimbursed. Moved and notion passed to do so. Working on post fair committee meetings. The skillathon meeting is the end of October. There were several out-of-county participants who were charged to come to Wayne County. Total amount received was \$430.00. This money will be used to supply a feed sample kit for each Wayne County club.

Stephen: 4-H Camp this year had a total of 137 participants. Iron Chef was completed. 67 4-H members were eligible for State Fair this year. There were not too many problems at the fair this year. The calendar for next year is in progress. We will have a new Family Guide in 2015. Many thanks for all the help with a smooth fair.

Doug: Showed a power point of numbers of youth participating, clubs, volunteers, and camps. In 2000 there were 1800 participants, this number went down in 2009. In 2011 there were 1500 with 700 males and 800 females. (These numbers are all approximates.) The numbers are gradually going up with almost 1600 this year. The number of clubs is 46-47. In 2013 there were 385 volunteers and in 2014 387 volunteers. In 2010 Camp had close to 100 participants which climbed to 130+ in 2014. Cloverbud Day Camp increased to 93 participants this year. Enrichment classes, Character Counts and Real Money/Real World, reached approximately 1700. Jr. Fair livestock brought in a total of \$725,000 in 2013 and \$867,000 in 2014. The awards committee will be working of Excellence in 4-H and County Award Medals this evening. All volunteer background checks to be implemented this year and will be conducted every 4th year. Volunteers with 5 years, 9, 13, 17, and so on will need to have the checks done by December 31, 2014. We are hoping to have more clubs doing their own on-line enrollment this year. The required advisor training will be starting in February. Finally, the committee evaluated Doug.

PR/Community Service: Bike money is due by 10-24-14. No numbers on the blood drive at this time. 1729 items were donated to the Back-to-School drive with Baughman Guys and Gals winning the party. 180 pairs of socks came in for the Happy Feet drive with more collecting at the Recognition Banquet. The Awareness Team may have bracelets made with

the 4-H enrollment date to pass out to third graders at participating schools. There is a need for clubs in the Doylestown/Orrville area.

Awards: The interviews for the Excellence in 4-H Award went very well just before tonights meeting. During the breakout session we gave our views on the County Award Medals. These will all be given at the Recognition Banquet. Meritorious Service Awards will be discussed this evening. Finally, the achievement records for trips, and Jr. Fair Board will be due in January.

Recognition: We will be setting up for the banquet on the day of the banquet, Thursday, October 6 at 10:00 A.M. All help will be appreciated. The theme this year is 4-H through the seasons. The three baskets that were going to be auctioned were not as expected. The committee decided to break the baskets into smaller groupings have the Chinese Auction instead.

Dairy: No report.

Goat: Meeting Tuesday.

Horse: Discussion of changes to the fair book will continue in November.

Beef: Will be having 2 clinics (one early & one later). Weigh in on January 7, 2015. They will be showing by weight not hip height.

Rabbit/Poultry: Meeting on 10/28 for post fair changes.

Building 10: Judging went well. Next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 16.

Sheep: Discussed the traffic flow at check-in. The sheep banner was well received.

Swine: Met last week. They are ammending the fair book to state that injured animals be removed from the fair grounds at the discretion of the Fair Vet and the Swine Committee. They are working on chanes in the pig barn. The committee would like more people on their committee for extra help during the fair. There were 373 pigs weighed. The top weight was 310#. Six were under weight and sold at turn price. One pig died and one was injured.

Dog: Meeting coming up.

Jr. Leaders: Met last Monday. Barry Jolliff lead activities. Officers to meet tomorrow night.

New Business: Meritorious Service Awards nominations: Kim and Gene Mumaw and Berkey Trophies. Agreed to accept both nominatilons and to award them at the Recognition Banquet. Extension Advisory Committee will need a new person from the committee to replace outgoing member for a three year term. Jennifer A. LeFebvre volunteered.

Another EERA meeting (several counties) meet for dinner and discuss their counties' activities. Geoff, Jacob, and Rhonda will be going on October 28. The committee voted to pay for it.

Mel has stepped down from Carteens & Character Counts. Rachel Ramsier will be the consultant.

Paper Clovers are available at the Tractor Store Company for fall. They will be available again in the spring.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 P.M.