

11/8/22

Daviess County 4-H Assoc meeting minutes

Attendees: Jerry L, Scott A, Paul F, Sylvia C, Mike N, Josh D, Chance B, Tara B, Lisa Wilson

Approval of Minutes: Tara 1st, and Paul F 2nd, all in favor

Treasurer report: approval Paul F 1st, Jerry L 2nd, all in favor

Chance stated we have 2 invoices that haven't been paid, Farm Bureau Insurance and Nutrien Ag at Switz City

Update from Extension Office: Lisa Wilson will be the boards primary contact/liaison for the Daviess County 4-H Association and Board of Directors. Board members are reminded that each year they must renew their volunteer training year and it is currently due. Technically the expiration on volunteer training is 9/30 each year. Lisa mentioned scheduling that as soon as possible. The board scheduled the in-person training Tues Dec 13 at 6 pm with a directors meeting after at 7 pm.

Youth Program Budgets were discussed and it was determined that the 12000 annually awarded from the commissioners to the county education can be decided on at the county education level and does not need to be discussed by the BOD. A proposed expenditure level was around 1000 before it needs to come to the BOD.

Insurance expenditures were also discussed, what types of events require a special American Income Life Policy. Lisa will look into how many we had last year. It seems excessive compared to what is required. The current building and grounds and public spaces in the county are already covered under the existing policy from Purdue Extension.

Chance led a discussion about current bylaws and if the BOD wants to change from township representation to county commissioners' districts. It was noted that that wasn't necessary and suggested by Lisa L. That to avoid vacant seats in certain townships due to lack of interest that the BOD changes the bylaws to say if the seat was vacant for so long then it became an at large seat on the board. Youth board positions were also discussed and while preferred, was discussed it was hard to find active youth.

There was a discussion that all meetings are public, all minutes of meetings are public, even outside committee members that aren't board members and don't work directly with youth on behalf of extension programs.

Josh Dove brought up the fact of excused vs unexcused absences at the board meetings and if it is not going to be enforced to not include this in the bylaws or if it is, get serious about enforcing it.

Chance mentioned that the new keyless entry system is working very well. He also spoke on the camera system and suggested we go back to the original quote and speeding the process along with getting those installed. The first quote was 3,500, no subscription and no membership. Tara made the motion to install and approve, Scott A 2nd, all in favor

Discussion was had on online ballots vs paper ballots and getting a larger number of people to vote for BOD. Sylvia will work with the extension office on a Google form for easier use.

Mike N said he will be coming up to decorate the 4H grounds for Christmas. Once Kelly F gives us a quote for plat books, we plan to order more, waiting for that information. That's an easy fundraiser and we only have 2 left.

Josh Dove gave the livestock committee update, livestock tagging dates have been set. Beef will now be in April 18, rain date of 25th 5-7 at Dinkys, Sheet Goat Swine May 2 (4-7) and May 6 (7-10), times to follow

YQCA due date by Sunday of Livestock check in. Lisa W mentioned there may be another program to replace or supplement YQCA, more details to come. YQCA will likely still be required for more national and state shows, but this alternative course may be a good solution for kids that show more at the county level. Feb, May 6, and June will be target in-person YQCA training.

Grooming discussion was had regarding fitters and how they register, ID themselves, etc. It was noted that it is hard to police and if it isn't going to be enforced, then why make the rules.

Scott A made a motion to discontinue the grooming assistance policy at the county level, Tara B 2nd, all in favor, passed. There will be no grooming assistance rule or requirement for 2023 show.

Josh Dove discussed Outstanding Members from each species and adding additional species such as Horse and Pony, Poultry, Dog, Rabbit. The board acknowledged that the auction would be an appropriate place to award that.

Chance spoke for the buildings and grounds committee and updated the group on minimizing the heating and cooling cost on the exhibit building. Schedules will be changed to accommodate minimal use of that building.

Tara fundraising update on Readi 2 community grants, stated that she had applied for a \$250,000 grant opportunity and had reached round 2 of consideration but nothing had been decided or approved. That money would be coming from IEDC approval and be used for the newly proposed exhibit building.

Jerry L questioned if camper hookups would be an option in the future. Tara expressed concern over priority of projects and Chance mentioned we haven't gotten full quotes on hookups. Chance stated we do have the supplies for the new waterline to the exhibit building available on site.

Dates to Remember on meeting minutes.

Nov 9 Host to area crops, entomology, forestry

Nov 10 4H Leaders meeting 6:30 Food Court

Nov 17 Achievement Awards night 6:30 Pm followed by open house

Next meeting on Dec 13th at 7 PM

Future fair dates, auction Fri July 21

Scott A to adjourn meeting, Sylvia 2nd, all in favor