

Burleigh County 4-H Council Meeting  
October 12, 2009

President Stacy Lelm called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Secretary Karen Hook read the minutes from March 2009 meeting. Mitzi Johnson moved to approve minutes as read, Tana Haak seconded.

Treasure report stated \$17,072.44 on hand. Premium money still needs to come out of this amount.

**Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee**

Karen Hook read the report from the meeting on August 18, 2009. There is a need for help of workers at the chuckwagon during the Vendor Holiday Show in November.

**Static Committee**

Committee met via email – thoughts were to shorten the length of the Static Achievement Day and keep the event in July, being on the 17<sup>th</sup> in 2010. Burleigh County had the second largest number of exhibits at the State Fair in 2009. Suggestion was made to have a bigger van for hauling projects to the state fair. Comment was made from the floor commending the Static Committee for putting together a great year for Static Achievement Day. Suggestion was made of adding to that day the small pets judging. Wing does theirs the same day as static exhibits and Morton County does it the same day as Static also. The concern was about having the small animals in the same building as the baking, etc. Additional suggestion was made to have it done the same day as livestock judging day. It was mentioned that it would be a great idea to have all the small animals in a tent for exhibiting. A Small Animal Committee will be established to further discuss this. Motion was made by Mitzi Johnson and seconded by Darcy Brooks to have Static judging on July 17 for 2010. All were in favor, motion passed.

**Livestock Committee**

The minutes for this committee are posted on the net. Elroy Haadem mentioned that committees need to have the minutes from their meetings posted prior to the council meeting and that the committees should meet to confirm the items mentioned in the minutes are fulfilled.

Suggestion was made from this committee to form a committee for small animals judging.

**Buyers Banquet Committee**

123 people were served at the banquet. There were a few changes in this year's menu and a few changes in how kids introduced their buyers. A suggestion was given saying that the first 10 kids who call will be assigned to set up and the next 10 kids will be assigned on take down. A complete committee report in online. Comment was made that perhaps

buyers were not recognized properly – kids seemed nervous and the sound was not good for hearing. Suggestion was given to have the banquet at a different time. Committee will review this further. Suggestion was to have a survey done to check why the buyers are not attending the banquet as well as the 4-H leaders would like to see.

### **New Business:**

Healthy 4-H clubs are to register with the office and pick up their information. An announcement was made indicating that Peggy Candler, the FMP director at the office is willing to come to 4-H clubs and do some healthy activities. Clubs can contact her by calling the Extension office – 221-6865 – to schedule with her. November 1 is the deadline registration.

A sheet was passed around for leaders to sign up to serve on committees.

Small animal committee will be responsible for the judging achievement day. Less expectation needs to be placed on the Extension office staff and more on the committee members. Looking for at least 5 members to serve on this committee.

Horsemasters 4-H club announced they would like to see the council assume financial responsibility the Horse Judging shows and that a committee from the council be established for organizing this. Horsemasters 4-H club has ended up running the horse show event in the past and in that has assumed all the expenses related to the event. Looking for about 8-10 committee members to serve on this committee. Need some people on the committee that have been involved in running the judging event in the past. This committee needs to understand there will be additional expenses for the council and suggest that there be blue, red, and white ribbons given rather than trophies, and perhaps grand and reserve. This will be a part of the discussion for the committee.

A suggestion was made from the floor for the county extension office to check with the commissioners about an amount of money that can be given to the county 4-H program. Additional comment was made that if leaders want to be leaders, they need to be on committees and involved in participating with leadership activities.

Stacy attended the Nation Leaders Conference and share ideas about a possible new Awards Program for Burleigh County. In many states each 4-Her can only receive two awards. 4-Hers are allowed to choose what awards they want to receive in and then they receive only two of those choices as an award for that year. Additional discussion centered on how could anyone not award a 4-Her who had excelled in a certain area seeming that it is encouraging that 4-Her to not work as hard on projects.

Nebraska has a program called the Diamond Clover award program and perhaps that idea will be for the 4-Her who will be willing to go above and beyond the average 4-H activities. Burleigh County wants to work this program into its programming for future years.

The youth rodeo number of contestants was down this year – had questionable weather. Also the number of viewers was down. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> year and the arena ground was in the best condition it's even been due to the sand that was distributed last spring. The day went without any major accidents. \$5000 in prizes and buckles was awarded. Buckles were given to ages as low as 4 years old.

4-H Council runs the arena and has signed the agreement to keep maintaining it. Commissioners have waived the fee charge. A group of users was put together to bounce ideas around. A plaque has been posted in memory of Marlys Steckler. \$4000 was given by the council toward the bleachers. The new bleachers are in and looking great. There is currently a need for tables – contact has been made with the college to build some heavy picnic type tables. Also need to set up some type of restroom facility. Some groups have indicated that they would like to have some stalls built. A new schedule has been created for events. Anything to do with 4-H will be free to the club users. Other events will be \$250 per event even if it is a two day event. Consideration will be given in the future for changing fees as the idea of usage catches on with groups. 4-H rodeo group bought a brand new chute. Runnings pitched in half the cost of the chute. High School rodeo may pitch in some dollars also. Commissioners have given the challenge to upgrade. Big indoor arena is still on the commissioners agenda. State extension is interested in adding on extension staff offices, but that is still in the discussion stages. Trees are being transplanted in various areas around the 4-H grounds.

Nominations were taken for Friend of 4-H Award. It is an award given annually to someone who has been involved in 4-H for years as far as supporting 4-H. Bank of North Dakota was nominated along with Diane Clinton and MDU. Motion was made by Marie Horning to nominate Bank of ND and Diane Clinton, seconded by Jerry Doan.

Announcement was made that 4-Hers are to be sure and send thank you notes to those who have given dollars to support them and the 4-H program as a whole. County Commissioners put in \$3000 for premiums. All 4-Hers should sent thank you notes to them. Rotary and Kwaniyas also should have thank you notes sent to them. Also State Fair premiums will be increased this year and 4-Hers should be sending thank you notes to the district sponsors.

Election of officers – it was moved to cast a unanimous ballot approving the current slate of officers. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Hook  
Burleigh County 4-H Secretary