

**Burleigh County 4-H Council**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**August 18, 2009**

**Camp Scholarship Discussion**

- The Executive Committee discussed the consequences of a 4-H'er whose registration fee is paid by the 4-H Council, as the trip recipient award winner, who chooses not to attend camp. This year an award recipient winner chose not to stay for the Outdoor Skills Camp (registration fee of \$150 paid by the 4-H Council) based on the age of the other campers (youth felt too old for the camp).
- There is confusion on the camp application about the name Natural Resources Camp and the age requirements for the award versus the age requirements for the "qualifying" camp. Cathy will make changes to the application for next year to address those two issues.
- The decision was made for the 4-H Council to absorb the camp fee for this award recipient, although the \$25 deposit required by the family will not be returned to the family.
- In the future, the following disclaimer will be added to the application form and the letter that goes to the award recipient.
  - If an award recipient commits to attend either a camp or EYC, they must give the Burleigh County Extension Office 3 weeks notice if they choose to cancel. This will allow a refund from the Center for 4-H. If the cancellation is not reported in the allotted time frame, the award recipient will be required to reimburse the Burleigh County 4-H Council for the camp fee and the required deposit from the family will not be returned.

**4-H Yearbook Discussion**

- The Executive Committee was asked to give suggestions on how to improve the yearbook process and the judging process of the yearbooks so it was more objective and less time consuming.
  - It was agreed the yearbooks are redundant in asking 4-H'er the same information they provide during interview judging.
  - It was also agreed the judging by leaders is not the best method of determining awards. Having community partners or Extension Agents in other counties judge the yearbooks is a good alternative to leaders judging them.
  - The purpose of the yearbook is a good idea – keeping records of their projects. This is a skill we want to teach 4-H'ers. Alternatives to this should be considered and passed along to the awards committee. How many 4-H'ers actually work on their yearbooks throughout the year as they are intended?
  - Are we placing too much emphasis on the award on not on the intrinsic value of learning and doing well in a project area? Should 4-H'er be rewarded for being better than their peers, because of their writing skills, or should they be rewarded for involvement and participation? Are 4-H'er already rewarded for their projects during achievement day?

**Rummage Sale, Vendor Fair or Both**

- A decision was made for the Burleigh County 4-H Council to host a Vendor Fair at the 4-H Building on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - 10'X10' booth space will be sold to vendors for \$50 to include an 8' table & 2 chairs and admission for 2 "workers". *(The fee changed after the meeting due to doing some research of*

*other vendor shows – cost will be \$35 for 10'x10' space with an additional \$5 charge if they choose to rent an 8' table & 2 chairs)*

- Concessions will also be available
  - The event will run from 8-5 Nov. 14
  - Set-Up will be required on Nov. 13 from 5-7pm
  - Advertising will go out to all media outlets used for the rummage sale
  - Vendor space must be reserved with payment by September 26.
  - Advertising for the public to attend will go to the media by October 11
  - One vendor per national product line will be allowed to alleviate competition between vendors
  - Possible vendors are: Tastefully Simple, Bling (purses), Lia Sofia, Upper Case Living, Creative Memories, Tupperware, Avon, Norwex, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Childs Play, Honey, Glass Roses, Foot Party Stuff, Stanley, Watkins, Dakota Candles, Close to My Heart, Stamping Up, etc.
- A rummage sale will be held at the 4-H Building March 19 & 20, with set-up on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **4-H Committee Follow-Through Discussion**

- The question was raised why the Executive Committee is doing the fundraising events and not the Promotions/Fundraising Committee.
  - Cathy has tried to set up a meeting with the promotions/fundraising committee on 3 occasions, with little to no response from committee members. Therefore a meeting has not occurred.
- How can we make the 4-H Committee more functional and accountable?
  - Attempts were made by the office to meet with each committee to get them up and running this year. However, there are still issues.
  - In an attempt to clarify duties, committee descriptions were written describing responsibilities last year.
- It was decided Cathy would send out the Committee Sign-Up Form to all 4-H leaders next week, asking all 4-H leaders to take the form to their next meeting and encourage parents to get involved and invested in the 4-H program. The forms will be asked to be returned back to the office by October 1. The form will also be available for sign up at Fun Night. After this time frame, the Executive Committee will assign parents/leaders to committees and will appoint committee chairs.

#### **Combined Rotary Fun Night & 4-H Leader's Banquet**

- The Executive Committee again confirmed the decision made at the January 2009 4-H Council meeting to combine Rotary Fun Night & the Leader's Banquet. Plans will move forward with this decision.
- To reiterate, the focus of Rotary Fun Night will be on fun for the 4-H'ers. 4-H leaders will be recognized as will sponsors for the event.
- The Friend of 4-H plaque will be awarded at Rotary Fun Night as well.

#### **4-H Year Summary**

- The Executive Committee unanimously agreed the changes to the 4-H program this year were positive, including moving Static Achievement Days to July.
- Hopes are to continue moving the 4-H program in a positive direction.