

Burleigh County 4-H Council
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Stacey Lelm. Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge were recited.

Karen Hook read the minutes from the October 13, 2008 meeting. Motion made by Joanne Swonger to accept the minutes, seconded by Darcy Brooks. MC

Treasurer Report: Stacey Lelm presented the report in absence of Pam Aberle, treasurer. The balance listed shows several fund accounts which are grant based so they aren't a part of the general fund dollars rather are ear-marked for certain projects. General Fund balance stands at \$1,961.44 as of January 26, 2009.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – Stacey Lelm read the minutes from the January 10th meeting. All members of the executive committee met with Cathy Palczewski to discuss ways of boosting 4-H in Burleigh County. Some comments were made about the word 'Leaders' possibly being removed from the Council meetings so to encourage more people to come such as parents and members. The thoughts were to come up with ideas of how to educate parents, members and other leaders to attend the Council meetings. Executive committee focused on looking at 4-H in Burleigh County as a whole and will continue generating ideas for inspiring involvement.

Static Committee – The committee discussed using the white dividers for displaying 4-H projects and generated ideas of how to make projects presented more appealing to the public viewing. The plan is to extend the day until 4:00 pm.

Committee recommended setting the Static 4-H Achievement day to July 11 rather than August 7 based on the following points:

- ✍ Opportunity for 4-Hers to take more projects to the State Fair.
- ✍ Opportunity to allow 4-H families to eliminate possible overload with the 4-day activity back to back.
- ✍ Hopes of raising static exhibits involvement from 4-Hers.

No other committee reports.

Discussion on what the possibilities of eliminating the word 'Leaders' from the Council meeting focused more on getting the word out to parents, members, and other leaders that everyone is welcome and to keep encouraging all to attend rather than take out the word 'Leaders'. Wording will remain.

Motion was moved by Joan Swanger to change the Static 4-H Achievement day from August 7, 2009 to July 11, 2009. Darcy Brooks seconded. Motion carried.

Transportation of blue ribbon projects from the Static achievement day to the State Fair will be advertised. The sooner the extension office can know who is available to drive, the better. Thanks for helping. Blue ribbon projects will be allowed to remain at the 4-H extension office following the Static event and prepped for the State Fair.

Youth protection forms were distributed. A part of the renewal process for the youth protection forms is that all leaders must view a video relating. Each leader will need to contact the office to view this.

Elroy reported that the some land has been sold for 1.2 million. Bids are out for developing a shelter over the bleachers at the arena. Park board will be manager of the facility.

Leader training was offered at Standing Rock Community College. Karen Hook reported on the sessions presented and described their usefulness to leaders. Suggestion was offered to encourage leaders to check out the educational trunks the state has.

Committee assignments have been complete for all committees. The chair person of each committee will be notified and asked to contact committee members for a meeting prior to the next Council meeting. Each committee will be expected to give a report at the Leaders Council meetings.

ND Citizenship in Action event is in Bismarck February 15-16. This is put on by the state and clubs are encouraged to have members attend to make a 4-H presence to legislators.

Clubs are reminded that if they haven't already brought in their club checkbooks for auditing, it needs to be done as soon as possible. The 4-H calendar for 2009 was presented and events highlighted for awareness.

Information was presented on 4-H Healthy Clubs. At present, one hundred sixty-one members are signed up. Each club was given a packet of information. The state 4-H web site hosts the information about the Poster Contest with the theme emphasizing healthy heart lifestyle. Awards are presented in the teen and preteen division. Forms for registering to the contest are also included on the website. The emphasis this year for clubs is the Mealtime Challenge – asking each 4-H family to eat together anytime during the day for 20 minutes at 5 times during the week. Clubs are encouraged to submit their mealtime commitment to the state office while mini backpacks will be awarded for those.

Updates to the Burleigh Breeze need to be made by March 9 so is can go out to members by June 1. A meeting to work on those changes is scheduled for February 19.

A suggestion was made to allowing 4-Hers to open up the Lot # for more freedom of adjusting projects. This idea will be presented to the Static Committee for further discussion.

The Livestock Committee will be having a meeting within the next 4 weeks.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hook
Burleigh County Leaders Council Secretary