

Volunteer Council Meeting Agenda

February 21, 2023

FCS meeting at 6:45 with general meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Welcome: President Dan Gammon

Pledges: Done as a group

Treasurers Report: Amy Blauer \$15,927.71

October Meeting Minutes: Ratify. Minutes are attached. Motion by Brenton Holt to ratify minutes. Amy Blauer seconded the motion.

General Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

Old Business:

1. Spring Break Classes are coming up. Please pick up a flyer. 3/20-3/24 classes. Cost \$10/class. Times and classes are listed on the flyer.
2. Please have the youth in your club get enrolled on zsuites. Members in the club must be enrolled in Z-suites before the first club meeting. Check on your club's enrollment status. Also, background checks and leader's training still need to be done by many leaders. If you need help or support in getting any of this done, please contact the office.
3. Report given by Dan Gammon regarding the November Ethics meeting. It was poorly attended but the information was valuable. Things covered included the ethical treatment of animals, appropriate involvement by parents, animal abuse defined and discussed as well as the importance of animal health. We operate under the U of I policies. 4 H leaders and club members have not a right but an opportunity. We cannot step outside program guidelines. If unable to follow the set guidelines and ethics, then 4 H is not for them.

New Business:

1. A shooting sports information evening was held on February 7th. If your club is interested or if you have youth who are interested in the 4-H pistol, hunting, rifle, shotgun or archery projects, have them contact the office or there is a sign up sheet out on the table. Brenton would like to take a couple of minutes to explain the new Hunting project. If you have youth interested in the shooting sports programs, have them contact the office. Brentan is heading up a hunting project starting 3/13/23 at 6:00 p.m. at Linda Holt's residence in the shed to the west of the house. They are hoping for good involvement. It includes cooking, survival, camping, sewing, etc. Required to have a discipling in a shooting sports project to compete in a state competition. The hunting project will be done under the Cousins and Critters 4H club name. There is no cost currently assigned to this project.
2. Money for shooting sports training. We are requesting \$500.00 dollars to get volunteers trained so we can be two deep. We are almost two deep in some disciplines. Would love an archery leader for the Oakley area. William Holt could do the Raft River area. Brentan moved to approve up to \$500 to train leaders for shooting sports disciplines. Sarah Someson seconded

the motion.

3. Congratulations to the 6 youth from Cassia that attended KYG last weekend. They were Abram Morgan, Averyll Emery, Brooke Mabey, Jaeden Smith, Joshua Ramsey and Whitney Marlowe. Comment was made that it would be interesting to hear a report to the volunteer council from the youth that attended.

4. The University of Idaho 4-H is following in the footsteps of the school system as far as being able to communicate effectively with 4-H families. By show of hands, how many of you use Remind or Band with your school for information? Many present were familiar with one or the other or both. Discussion about what each app can do. They seem very similar. A difference may be the option of a calendar on the Band app that may or may not be available on the Remind app. There is also What's App. It may be that U of I will choose for us anyway.

5. As mentioned in the FCS meeting, Sharee Martin is teaching Adventures in Art. If there are interested youth please contact the office and we will connect them with Sharee.

Next meeting will be March 21st at 7:30. FCS at 6:45 p.m. Rosie will be gone and it is Spring Break week. A motion was made by Janet Wright to postpone the meeting until April 18. Brenton Holt seconded the motion.

Specie Meetings: To follow general meeting

1. Beef registration Deadline, Livestock Agreements and Bills of Sale or Idaho Brand Inspection are due and need to be done by March 3rd. By 5:00 p.m.
2. Beef weigh-in will be held on March 11th at the Burley Livestock yard from 7-9 a.m. 3. Market Animal Livestock Agreements may be picked up by the club organizational volunteer to have youth and parents sign at their club meeting. Must be turned back in by specie deadline. DO NOT SEPARATE THE LIVESTOCK AGREEMENTS. BOTH PAGES NEED TO COME BACK INTO THE OFFICE. Club volunteers may only pick up the agreements for youth who are completely enrolled with fees paid. Parents and youth are welcome to come in together and sign the agreements as well.
4. New this year on the agreement is #7. This was added at the MASC request. Youth are responsible for their animal through the date of load out. Youth, not the buyer, will bear the loss; that is the hard knocks of life. Possible for MASC to consult on cas-by-case.
5. MASC wants to remind youth to please not give thank you's or thank you baskets at or during the sale. A verbal agreement is recommended, even strongly encouraged, but save the thank you items (cards, baskets, gifts, etc.) for another time. The buyers cannot pack out extra items or store them in cars until they return home hours later.
6. Review the process for Livestock Record Books:
 - a. Club organizational volunteer will be given a yes/no rubric which they will use to mark the record books for the youth in their club. Leaders, must make sure it is all there and in order before signing the book. Last year some books were signed that were not complete. If there is a conflict with addressing missing items from the youth, refer to #C below. It is helpful for clubs to set their own prior deadlines for books to be reviewed by leaders to give time to review and check for completeness before the 4H deadline date.

- b. **If everything listed on the rubric** is in their book, the organizational leaders will sign it so that the youth/volunteer can turn the record book into the office by specified deadline. If the leader signs it, it is a blue ribbon.
- c. If the volunteer doesn't feel that the book meets the requirements on the rubric, they will turn it into the office without a volunteer signature. The office will contact the youth and they will have an opportunity to come in and complete the book on August 4th or August 7th. The highest score they can receive is a red ribbon.
- d. If youth does not come in and fix book, it is an automatic white ribbon.
- e. Youth will check appropriate spot on record book label if they would like their book considered for a best book prior to giving it to their 4-H leader.

Reminder for leaders to check Z-suites for enrollment of members and leaders status.

Go to reports: names, phone numbers, emails, and enrollment

Brenton Holt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Janet Wright seconded the motion.

FCS: 6:45

1. Record books/involvement report FCS books are remaining the same. They are not simplified yet. So this year, they will be the same as the Z-suites books last year.
2. Trash to Treasure project Defined project to be 75% old/trash and 25% new (i.e. needed hardware). D.I. and Yard Sale items are considered trash.
3. String Art Wanting more guidelines for levels. Currently under Handwork for our Heritage. The report requirement is a concern of how to find enough info or different info each year. Change made to allow just a paragraph not a full report on the topic. There are complaints concerning the Handwork from our Heritage projects because they are similar, but also very different from each other. Linda Holt and Brenton were asked to come up with guidelines for the project per levels. Then the question was asked as to why additional guidelines were needed because judging was already divided by ages (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior). Consensus was that additional guidelines were not needed if judging is to be divided between those three levels.
4. Tye Dying Same discussion for String Art applies here. Just remember that each of these types of projects need to be appropriate to the age and ability of the 4H member.
5. Outdoor survival camp-Albion-May ??? May 12, 2023 in Albion. Discussed possible desires for the camp i.e. dutch oven cooking, archery, hunting skills, string art, entomology (Erin's dad could be a great resource), electricity, drones, bicycle obstacle course (Amy Blauer is a good resource).
6. Completion of projects Discussion about the concern of kids who come to shooting sports and do not finish the project. There is a lot of wear and tear on equipment Question was asked if a participation fee helps to cover equipment repair costs. Other concerns are the leaders get burned out with teaching youth who do not finish, 4H becomes a babysitting service, and balancing the needs of youth to give them opportunities to be part of these wonderful 4H programs. Brenton Holt motioned to have a three year period to allow parents and kids the opportunity and encourage the completion of the disciplines/projects they choose to participate in. This will encourage vested interest and accountability to participate fully in the fair without destroying the opportunities aspect.
7. Sharee Martin is doing Adventures in art if there are interested youth in the county.
8. MaryAnn Bristol's club needs leader help.