

## Johnson County 4-H Youth Development Committee

Meeting Minutes- September 6, 2007

7:00 PM Johnson County Extension Office

**Present:** *Staff:* Dianna Colgan, Janet Martin, *Fair Board:* Jane Hotz, *Committee:* Elaine Boeding, Jeff Englert, Kathy Forbes, Charlotte, Knepp, Kara Logsden, Dave Skallerud, Donna Wears, and Allie Ziskovsky.

Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**Approval of Minutes with Correction:** (Englert, Boeding, Unan)

**Approval of Agenda as Posted:** (Wears, Knepp, Unan)

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance \$7834.85. Pizza/Pop stand income similar to last year; expenses similar. Discussion was held on the pop sales at the second 'north' location; it did well but we need more 4-Hers to volunteer. The bottle recycling went well. Motion to give \$30.00 to East Lucas Clovers club for their help with the recycling project (Skallerud, Wears, Unan)

**Fair Board Report:** The face painting was a huge hit. The Horse Trolley was a hit as was the chain-saw artist. Both are re-booked for 2008. Additional gates will be installed for safety reasons. There will be only one day for the Beef Weigh in, January 5. The pie contest, entertainment at Kids Day, and Chicken Throwing were all good events. It was a very good fair. Martin reminded all that changes or concerns about 4-H issues needs to be brought before the Youth Development Committee before being discussed elsewhere. Boeding thought the YDC should meet with the Extension Council. This may be done after the first of the year. Knepp said there was very little going on in the South Arena which hurt the concession sales. The Banana Split party was very successful

**Youth Council Report:** Ziskovsky - They helped with the set-up of Montgomery Hall. The map used for that was helpful. Allie emphasized from her mother's experience that animals are not used to being around people and safety needs to be stressed. Hotz said the Lone Tree FFA is thinking of doing an animal safety day. Englert said there were a lot of unattended kids at the fair. Logsden noted that particularly on Kids Day there are a lot of day-care groups there.

### Old Business:

- The Breakfast/Silent Auction netted approximately \$8000. There will be no program fee charged this year (Colgan)
- Hall of Fame: Stutsman's was able to attend. There was a huge crowd. The Stutsman's will also be invited to Awards Night.
- People are needed to head the Pizza/Pop Stand and Media Committees
- The Pop Tab Challenge brought in 243# of tabs equaling \$145.80 for the Ronald McDonald House. It was voted to match that amount from YDC funds (Ziskovsky, Englert, Unan)
- The E Bay auction is continuing until September 19.

### New Business:

- County Awards will be reviewed next month. Pizza, pop and cookies will be provided.
- The Fall Leaders meetings will be September 11 and 13. We will be following state guidelines with this training.
- Recruitment – Martin and Colgan shared that the goal is to increase membership by 3%. Brochures have gone out to 4-H on Wheels participants, all 4<sup>th</sup> graders, and Clover Kids.

On September 23 4-H sticker will be included with the CR Gazette to all Johnson County homes.

- Englert commented on ideas from other county fairs
- Hotz said they would like to have retired 4-H leaders take shifts as “Host” in the gazebo.
- Wears reported she had seen a promotion at Stuff, Etc. to donate loose change to Johnson County 4-H. Colgan reported we received \$1500.
- Forbes expressed concern that too many events were happening at the same time at fair (Tractor pull and Kiddie Tractor pull). There may be more talk on rescheduling some events.

**Other:** Boeding shared that Terry Neuzil, has volunteered his time and talent for providing PA announcements during the Fair. Fair Board will discuss this and make a decision.

**Dates to Remember:** Forbes reviewed the printed important dates. YDC meeting in October will be the 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 for record book evaluations

Meeting Adjournment: 8:40PM (Ziskovsky, Wears, Unan)

Respectfully submitted: *Dave Skallerud/Dianna Colgan*