

Unofficial Minutes
Ellis County 4-H Council
April 22, 2021

Karli Neher called the 4-H Council meeting to order.

County Committee Reports

Colton Pfannenstiel gave a report on behalf of the Ag Livestock Committee. There were over 30 participants at the April 10 Livestock Showmanship Clinic. Plans are underway for a virtual Animal Management Skill-a-thon at the Ellis County Fair. The committee suggests adding doe and ewe classes to the goat and sheep entries for the fair.

Anna Kuhn reported that the 4-H Day event was held March 7 at North Oak Church. Regional 4-H Day Virtual results are coming soon.

Susan Schlichting gave the Home Ec., BBQ, Food Stand Committee report. The committee is researching adding the ability to take credit cards via Square. A proposal will need to be submitted to the Extension Board for approval. The Exhibitor Breakfast will be on Tuesday from 7-9 a.m. at the Food Stand only and will be available for all 4-H families and volunteers. The committee recommends suspending the BBQ and moving the Food Challenge to later in the year, possibly during 4-H Week.

Jill Pfannenstiel gave the Fair Board report.

Susan gave the dates and happenings that clubs should be aware of.

Minutes

Susan read the minutes of the February meeting. Anna Kuhn moved to approve the minutes and Evan Betz seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Anna gave the treasurer's report. Taegan Shannon moved to approve the report and Ashlen Lang seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business

Colton Metzler moved to finalize the fair schedule as presented, including cancelling the 4-H BBQ and postponing the Food Challenge. Ashlen seconded. The motion passed.

Council Committee Meetings

The Council then broke into committee meetings. A special guest, Representative Steven Johnson from Assaria, a 4-H alumnus who spoke about Civil Discourse at the 2020 Citizenship in Action event in Topeka, joined the Civil Discourse Workshop committee. When the regular meeting resumed, Rep. Johnson spoke about Civil Discourse and his experience as a 4-Her with the whole Council. He credits his 4-H experience with giving him knowledge of parliamentary procedure and speaking skills he still uses today. He left the meeting, and committee reports resumed.

Photo Day Camp

Anna Kuhn gave the Photo Day Camp report. The theme for Photo Day Camp will be "Covid in a Flash." They are considering bringing in a speaker. Susan said she would reach out to people in the photography project or alumni to run the event. Counselors must be at least 14.

Civil Discourse Workshop

John Weisenborn gave the Civil Discourse committee report. The committee is planning to have an event at the beginning of the school year, and to invite Ellis and surrounding county youth groups. The committee is brainstorming ideas about guest speakers.

New Picnic Tables

Colton P. gave the report for the committee which recommended buying new tables rather than fixing the old ones, some of which are in disrepair. The best price they found for new ones was at Sam's Club. These would be made of a composite material and would fold flat for storage. The old tables would need to be disposed of.

Outdoor Treasure Hunt

Taegan gave the Treasure Hunt committee report. The group said that they are looking at a July/August time frame and they'd like to do a potluck meal after the treasure hunt, at the Ag Research Center.

Cards for Nursing Home Residents

Karli gave the committee report. The greeting cards for the elderly recommended that each family make 5 cards and turn the cards in by June 15, to the Extension Office. The cards would not be provided.

New Business

Anna moved to approve the committee reports and John seconded. The motion passed.

Ashlen moved to donate \$800 to the new ropes course at Rock Springs. Evan seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 3 opposed.

Evan moved to buy new picnic tables for the food stand and John seconded. The motion passed.

Anna moved to dispose of the old picnic tables and Eva seconded. The motion passed. Big Creek Astros volunteered to take the old tables apart as their pride project.

Bonnie asked that the officers meet and revise the budget to fit the cost of the ropes course donation and picnic table purchases.

The next meeting will be in June. Look for Doodle polls to select the dates.

Colton M. moved to adjourn the meeting. Evan seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Weisenborn
Council Vice President

**Special Budget Meeting
May 5, 2021**

4-H Council Officers met May 5 to review and revise the 2021 budget. \$1,000 was removed from the 4-H Camp expense line item, due to the reduced number of campers in 2021. That would offset the \$800 donation expense. The Income and Expenses of the Fair BBQ were removed from the budget and the County 4-H Day expense was eliminated. With these adjustments, the new income total is \$20,860. Total expense is \$19,980. Leaving a balance of \$880.

The officers discussed putting the picnic table purchase on hold until next year and working to write grants for picnic tables to cover the \$3,250 expense.

John moved and Elizabeth seconded opening the t-shirt store before Fair. Motion carried. Karli will contact Redeem Designs.

They also discussed the possibility of creating an application process for serving on 4-H Council, providing an orientation for new members and parents, and considering raising the age of Council reps to 13. No action was taken on these items.

Anna moved and John seconded adjourning the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.