

August 24, 2020 5:30pm

Meeting of the Toole County 4-H Council was called to order. Members present were Sanna Clark, Barb Larson, Tawna Hanson, Alice Burchack, and Kim Woodring. Absent was Anna Fretheim. Sanna ran the meeting as Barb was on the combine.

Minutes were read and approved.

There was no treasurer report.

There was no correspondence.

Reports:

Kim reviewed that the fair this year was virtual, with videos being recorded of kids showing their animals. The judges used the videos to place classes. The sale went well through Collins Auction Service. There were 170+ bidders. Averages were down. Exhibits were judged in-person without members being present. The number of exhibits was also down. Public presentations were done live but virtually. As per past practice, those members who did not turn books in on time are not eligible for awards. However, if record books are turned into the extension office by the official end of the year of September 30, full participation will be allowed for the following year.

The food booth will meet next on September 15 at 7:00 pm at the Food Booth Building.

Old Business:

Re-enrollment will begin October 1 through Z-Suite. No further information will be available until then. Paper registration will not be accepted, but those who need help with this registration method can come to the extension office for assistance.

Hadley Barbie was recognized for the improvements she made to the dog arena. All agreed that the improvement look nice.

New Business: After discussion it was agreed upon that the very latest date that record books would be accepted for project completion would be September 30, 2020. It was noted that any books turned in past the original deadline of August 21, 2020 would not be eligible for consideration of awards but would be considered for project completion. A reminder was given that Award considerations for the Clover, Emerald, Bronze, Gold were due into Alice. Discussion about possible candidates for the Distinguished Service and Meritorious Awards was had. Alice will send out an email for final nominations and voting.

Alice and Kim expressed a need for new leaders needed to join the Council and the need for new members on the Livestock Committee. Club Organizational leaders will encourage parents/leaders to join. It was also noted that Anna has expressed her resignation from the Council at the end of this year.

Greytak Calendars have been ordered and will be for sale this fall for \$15/each.

Achievement Day will be held on November 1, 2020 at the Baptist Church Activity Hall. West Butte will be in charge of Decorations this year, Blazing Saddles will be in charge of food, and Kountry Kids will plan games/entertainment. The Ambassadors for Toole County will be the Emcee's.

National 4-H week will be October 4th -10th this year. Blazing Saddles oversees promotion this year. The Thank you list was reviewed.

Alice received approval that the Council could have a Debit card for use of purchases as it is becoming increasingly more difficult to have checks written. Alice will present Policy options to the council at the next meeting.

The Butterbraid fundraiser is still set for the end of November with delivery of product in Mid-December. It was agreed that the council would also plan the normal Butterbraid fund drive for April 2021. Barb will contact the company and get the dates finalized.

Alice informed the Council that she will be gone this October through November and again in January with a retirement set for April of 2021. Kim will remain in the Office and at this time the County Commissioners are not planning to hire a replacement for Alice.

Next meeting will be January 25, 2021 @ 5:30p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Tawna Hanson, Secretary