

ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H LEADERS' COUNCIL
Monday, March 15, 2010
Goodells County Park

Present: Jessie Aguinaga, Steve Aguinaga, Dale Avery, Jackie Avery, Denise Czostkowski, Jenny Fox, Peggy Gregg, Kim Newberry, Linda Pakulski, Jenn Putney, Chris Ruemenapp (presiding), Donna Sill, Betty Stephens, Rob Usakowski, JoLee VanTroostenberghe, Jodi Veldman, Lori Warchuck, Tim Warchuck and Tom Whitenight

Excused: Rebecca Kunath, Raemi Kunath, Al Leone, Cindy Leone, Jeff Schelske, Ashley Sebastian, LaDonna Shier and Linda Theume

Absent: Connie Murray,

- I. Call to Order – Chris Ruemenapp called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda – There was no agenda available this evening so the January agenda was used in the absence of the March agenda.
- III. Secretary's Report/Correspondence – The minutes were distributed from the January 18, 2010 meeting. Linda Pakulski moved the minutes be approved, Rob Usakowski seconded, motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Cindy emailed the Treasurer's Reports to everyone from Florida. The beginning balance on January 18, 2010 was \$14,254.71. Income for January and February was \$11,448.82 from the a voided check from Great Expectations, the Auction, deposit for the memorial fund donation for John Parrish and a separate check for the auction to be deposited later of \$51.20. Expenditures were \$781.56 for scholarships, a food permit, the Michigan 4-H Foundation for State Awards, SCC MSUE for Loan Library Resources, a replacement check for Great Expectations, Chris Ruemenapp for the money tree for the auction, Raemi Kunath for the auction DJ, Regalia/Spring Achievement ribbons, Port Huron Area School District for the March 2010 Newsletter and the National 4-H Council for Spring Achievement ribbons. Ending balance on March 15, 2010 was \$24,948.14. Denise Czostkowski moved the Treasurer's Reports be approved, Donna Sill seconded, motion carried. Lori also distributed a copy of the MSU Extension Month End Class Balances for January and February 2010. The John Parrish Memorial Fund was discussed. There was a total of \$641.00 which will be divided per the family's wishes: \$180 will go toward a Beef trophy for six years, a bench will be purchased for Goodells Park to be placed on the Community Building side of the park and \$210 will be deposited for Council. The total balance is \$44,651.01 for all areas described.
- V. Staff Report – Lori Warchuck stated that 1500 people attended Animal Mania on March 13th which was up 200 people from last year. Some of the kids that were in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Port Huron passed out flyers for Animal Mania

which may have helped boost attendance. It was also suggested we put flyers in local pet stores to promote it for next year. There were 67 kids that attended Forest to the Table on March 6th and everyone had a great day. The Extension office is going through restructuring. MSU will be dividing the regions into smaller regions. There is no overall decision as yet on how this will affect the St. Clair County office. They are going to have an online web base for enrollment. County offices won't need to do enrollment reports any longer. All information will be entered by April 15th and transferred to the state. Parents can enter the information themselves. This will make it easier for us to pull information on various project areas and should be a nice improvement.

VI. Fair Board Report – There will be a new entertainment this year – Ultrament Air Dogs. The Jackpot show for beef is April 16th & 17th and Livestock Day Camp is May 15th.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Auction: We made very close to what we made last year. This year we made \$9936.12 for the auction, \$745.10 from the Concession Stand and \$485 for the 50/50 raffle, which totals \$11,166.22. There were two items not picked up which is the smallest number of items left over. Both items' ownership has been solved and items will be distributed very soon. Some people commented they would like a sales bill earlier. It was suggested we could put out a general sales bill stating such as gift certificates, gift baskets, etc. Dale Avery suggested we would also put items on line so they could be updated and people could view them any time before the auction.

B. Awards: no report.

C. Fair Fun Night: no report

D. Spring Achievement: Kim Newberry stated that Spring Achievement will be held on April 24th and set up will be on April 23rd at 6:00. Kim stated she needs help setting up the night before and help with the tear down after the program. Judging will begin at 9:00, Style Review will be at 12:45 and the program will begin at 1:30. Donna W. will do the balloons as usual, the cosmetology school will be sending someone to do braids, there will be face painting and Ashley Sebastian will contact the library about coming to read to kids. It is suggested that clubs fill out their tags before coming to Spring Achievement. Jackie would like an inventory of what we have left from the Auction. Jessie Aguinaga stated she gave the list to Raemi. Donna will contact Raemi to send the list to Jessie. Lori will check with the Health Department to see if we need to have a permit. Jessie stated the Health Department person was very impressed with how well the Auction kitchen was run. Lori stated a superintendent is still needed for Puzzle Crafts. Jenn

Putney will work with Lori to develop an evaluation for to be filled out by parents and kids to survey their likes, dislikes and areas where we could improve Spring Achievement.

- E. Court: Lori stated she has gotten some applications for the new Court. She was also pleased that some of the Court members assisted at the Auction and at Animal Mania.
- F. Leaders' Banquet: no report
- G. Participation Fee: Lori distributed a detailed account of the Participation Fee. There is currently \$6,891.92 available. There are currently four requests. Livestock Day Camp is requesting \$1000, Animal Mania is requesting \$700, Rabbit Development Committee is requesting \$1450 for a workshop and the Challenge club is asking for \$250 for education materials for a mini grant. Chris Ruemenapp mentioned all the work Lori and Tim did for Animal Mania and they should ask for more help. Tim said they did have a lot of help, especially from the dog group and many others for set up. Lori stated the McMorrان Authority is going to increase the price for the use of the building. They will want \$1000 for the use of the arena. We will need to check with the McMorrان Foundation and possibly the 4H County Foundation and also community foundations for help to cover the cost of the arena for next year. It was also suggested that we charge vendors to tables to help offset the costs.

Tim moved we approve the \$1000 requested for the Livestock Day Camp be approved, Jackie Avery seconded, motion carried.

Linda Pakulski and Rob Usakowski explained the request from the Rabbit Development Committee. It is a day long program that should have at least 125 kids participating. It was suggested that next year they may want to consider being a part of the Animal Day Camp if they want to have this again and both sides of the park could be utilized next year for the Animal Day Camp. Tim moved that \$1450 be approved for the Rabbit Development Committee for a workshop, Peggy Gregg seconded, motion carried.

Denise Czostkowski moved that \$700 be approved for Animal Mania; Rob Usakowski seconded, motion carried.

Denise Czostkowski moved \$250 be approved for the Challenge Club's request for money for education materials, Steve Aguinaga seconded, motion carried.

- H. Budget – no report.
- I. Nominating Committee: no report.

VIII. Old Business. There was no old business to discuss.

IX. New Business

A. Scholarship Requests: Lori provided the following Scholarship Requests. There were nine requests for scholarship funds for the Environmental & Outdoor Workshops at the Kettunen Center

1. Theresa Whitenight (Leader) total requested \$35 plus \$50 for gas = \$85
2. Kelley Sampeer (Leader) total requested \$135.00.
3. Jerry St. James (Member) total request \$17.50
4. DJ Eves (Member) total request \$17.50. Chris asked Lori to check his membership status.
5. Sara Clark (Member) total request \$17.50
6. Jessica Newton (Member) total request \$17.50
7. Anthony Stahl (Member) total request \$17.50
8. Tyler Semos (Member) total request \$17.50
9. Megan Kinney (Member) total request \$17.50

There were six requests for scholarship funds for Shooting Sports Workshops at the Kettunen Center:

1. Brian Kirksey (Leader) total request \$36.50 plus \$50 for gas = \$86.50
2. Dennis Teed (Leader) total request \$36.50 plus \$50 for gas = \$86.50
3. Al Leone (Leader) total request \$36.50
4. Larry Kunath (Leader) total request \$36.50
5. Thomas Kalisch (Leader) total request \$36.50 plus \$50 for gas = \$86.50
6. Amy Balon (Leader) total request \$36.50

There was one request for a Vet Science Workshop at Kettunen Center

1. Danielle Darga (Member) total request \$11.38

Total for scholarships is \$722.88. Lori will check on the membership status of DJ Eves before approving his check.

Denise Czostkowski moved we approve all scholarship requests, Jessie Aguinaga seconded, motion carried.

XI. Announcements/Adjournment – Linda Pakulski moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm, Jackie Avery seconded, motion carried.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Community Building at Goodell's Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ruemenapp
Acting Council President

Donna Sill
Secretary