

ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL
Monday, July 20, 2009
Goodells County Park

Present: Jessie Aguinaga, Rosemary Aguinaga, Sarah Anderson, Dale Avery, Jackie Avery, Denise Czostkowski, Jenny Fox, Jolee Gregg, Peggy Gregg, Raemi Kunath (presiding), Cindy Leone, Connie Murray, Kim Newberry, Linda Pakulski, Jenn Putney, Chris Ruemenapp, Ashley Sebastian, LaDonna Shier, Donna Sill, Betty Stephens, Linda Thueme, Rob Usakowski, Lori Warchuck, Tim Warchuck and Tom Whitenight.

Excused: Steve Aguinaga, Al Leone and Sheri McColman,

- I. Call to Order – Raemi Kunath called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm
- II. Approval of Agenda – Chris Ruemenapp moved the agenda be accepted, Jessie Aguinaga seconded, motion carried.
- III. Secretary's Report/Correspondence – The minutes were distributed from the May 18, 2009 meeting. Linda Pakulski and Jenn Putney's names were added as present. Connie Murray moved the minutes be approved, Rosemarie Aguinaga seconded, motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Denise distributed the June Treasurer's Reports. The beginning balance was \$20,819.25. Income for the month was \$407.74 from the following events: the Spring Achievement Concession stand, interest and a returned check. Expenditures were \$2,424.04 for stamps, royal court hats & thermometers, food license, loan library, livestock day, Spring Achievement food & supplies, Fair advance, scholarships and gas expenses for Dave Fiedler for Exploration Days, Royal Court Shirts and club percentages from the auction for one club. Ending balance for April was \$18,802.95. Dale Avery moved the Treasurer's Reports be approved, Connie Murray seconded, motion carried. Denise stated she has receipts for \$154 for tires for the float. There are also Court expenses for the crowns and sashes/trophies. Denise explained that Court expenses were going over budget. Spring Achievement has \$500 left. Chris Rumenapp moved that the crowns, sashes and trophy money be moved to a Spring Achievement line item, Rob Usakowski seconded, motion carried.
- V. Staff Report – Lori Warchuck announced that Gilda resigned her position at the Extension office. She stated there were 53 shooters at the State Shoot and 18 delegates. The Urban Garden workshop went well. Kids are going to the State shoot can leave early from the Fair at 11:00 pm on Thursday and may take their animals.
- VI. Teen Advisory – Is on hold and should be removed from the agenda.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Auction: no report
 - B. Awards: no report
 - C. Fair Fun Night: Jackie stated she will be getting the candy soon and she will be moving the area over a little. She needs to separate the little kids to have a little more control of the area.
 - D. Fair Board Report –Woodchips will be for sale – call 810-325-1300 or fax 810-325-1800 if you are interested in purchasing them for the Fair. Dogs and Poultry can set up on

Thursday. Horses can set up on Friday. Livestock arrive at 1-6 and Horses can arrive from 4-8 on Sunday. Poultry should also arrive on Sunday.

- E. Spring Achievement: Kim stated the Committee would like to move the date up to March 20th or 27th or possible January 23rd. It was suggested that more judges are needed for judging food so the project area won't take so long. It was also suggested that to help give the kids something to do while waiting that we get a couple inflatable activities. Ashley will ask her parents if we could borrow the ones they own. We could also get people to do face painting and balloons. We could check with a cosmetology school if they would have someone come in to do nails and hair. It was also suggested we ask the St. Clair County Library to come in to do something with the kids. Discussion ensued regarding suggestions. Rosemarie Aguinaga moved we keep the same date which is the last Saturday in April or the week before if the building is not available, Betty Stephens seconded, motion carried.
- F. Court: Lori stated the Court has been very busy. They did a radio interview on WDRP and an interview on Channel 6. They all wore their yellow tee shirts which looked great on camera. They were in the Rotary parade in Port Huron and they took extra kids with them to help pass out flyers about the upcoming Fair – and stated "Come buy my animal at the Fair". The Court wore formal attire and looked great. Lori also stated they are going to get a page on Facebook and will post pictures. Lori is working on this with the IT guy at the Extension Office. The Court will set up stations and workshops at the Fair. Lori stated this group is really active and working very hard to help reenrollment and will be going on the radio and TV again and have an open house for new kids to join. They are working on Project Fresh which is providing vouchers for the Farmer's Market for Seniors and other eligible people. Future activities are: Capac Fall Fest, Farm Day in Memphis, Yale Christmas Parade, the Auction and Animal Mania. Lori will bring pictures of the float to the next meeting.
- G. Participation Fee: no report

VIII. Old Business.

- A. Leaders' Banquet: There was a discussion regarding the location and activities at the Banquet. There was a discussion regarding having the banquet at a Hall or at Fore Lakes. We could save \$3-\$4 per person at a Hall, but we would have to do the set up and clean up. Fore Lakes is \$17/person. It was suggested we cut back the number by 25 from the RSVP's. Last year 30 people that called in their RSVP didn't show. It was also suggested we have a donation box to help offset the cost of the dinner. The gift cards given away last year were great and should be done again this year. After the discussion it was decided to stay at Fore Lakes on the first Saturday of November, no 50/50 raffle and have their dessert. Ashley Sebastian will take care of the donation barrel. Chris Rumenapp will get the gift cards.
- B. Friends of 4H: Peggy Gregg had the wooden plaque made for \$30. Engraving will be done by Laser Lectric and will put on each 1 inch circle anything we want. We will have the names of the award winners and the year it was won.
- C. Club Treasury Reviews: 30 clubs were reviewed. The group used a checklist while going through each club's files. The checklists were given back to Gilda. It didn't take very long to do the 30 clubs and they will do all clubs next year. The checklist contained what should be in each file and then the checklist will be kept in each folder after the audit.

IX. New Business

A. Scholarship Requests:

1. Ken Fountain requested funds for an NRA Shooting Sports workshop – allowable percentage is \$50
2. Lindsay Fountain requested funds for an NRA Shooting Sports workshop – allowable percentage is \$62
3. Kayleigh Fountain requested funds for an NRA Shooting Sports workshop – allowable percentage is \$62
4. Jeff Schelske requested funds for a Shooting Sports workshop at the Ket. Center plus gas – allowable percentage is \$84
5. Amy Schelske requested funds for a Shooting Sports workshop at Ket Center – allowable percentage is \$34.

Tim Warchuck moved that the allowable scholarship funds be provided to the Fountains and the Schelskes, Rosemary Aguinaga seconded, motion carried. Discussion ensued regarding guidelines for scholarship requests. Lori read the guidelines we already have in place. It was suggested we address how many times a leader can request scholarship money. It is necessary for leaders in Challenge and Shooting Sports to go to multiple training certifications and therefore should be able to request scholarship money more than once. It was suggested we add more money to the scholarships in the budget next year.

- B. Rosemary Aguinaga suggested a picture be taken of all club members and leaders and make a directory. It was determined that memberships can vary greatly throughout the year and that it would be too difficult to maintain a current directory. It was suggested that each club get one group picture of the entire club and email it to Lori and she could put it on the website. Lori also features clubs and people in the newsletters. If you have a member in a club you want to feature let Lori know.
- C. Council Minutes. Lori stated she will begin to put the Council minutes on the website so clubs will know what is discussed at our meetings.
- D. Friend of 4H applications will be in the next newsletter.

XI. Adjournment – Cindy Leone moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 pm, Connie Murray seconded, motion carried. The next meeting will be Monday, September 21, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Raemi Kunath
Council President

Donna Sill
Secretary

The next meeting will be held on July 20, 2009 at 7:00 pm.