May 2023
4-H Advisory Meeting

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Corey at 6:31
- **Opening Pledges**: Corey
- **Guests:**

- **Attendance:** Carolyn Bishop, Adjondi Born, Hannah Buchs, Morgan Goss, Rich Hardway, Holden Harker, Michele Hines, Lori Lindsey, Julie Mackey, Sue Malik, Blake McGlivery, Cherrie Parrish, Charlie Polen, Kim Polen, Becky Reed, Tristan Reed, Rebecca Rollin, Cory Seabold, Jordan Simpson, Laura Smirz, Amy Smith, Adam Wilson, and Jennifer Wyatt.
    - Excused:

      Absent: Emily Kois

Correspondence: None

- **Minutes**: May Minutes had a blank for the purchase of scissors. Funds came from FCS funds. Carolyn moved and Rebecca Rollin seconded to approve minutes from April 2023 meeting, the motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report**
- Presented by Sue
  - Paid endowment $200 from bake sale from regular account
  - Reimbursed $233.01 from Rich Hardway
  - Beef Department donation of $128.85
  - Paid Cherie for Scissors $9.02
  - Balance in the regular fund of $9,758.55
  - Special $22,885.25

- **Bills**
  - Shooting sports training attended by Chad Nash-asking for $110 from shooting sports
  - Dog school judges paid gas money of $60-$20 per judge
    - Michelle moved Cherie second to pay bills of training for Chad Nash and gas money for dog school judges, the motion carried

Committee Reports
Ways and Means-None
Banner Club-None
Audit-None
Constitution Review-In old business
Publicity and Expansion
- Still have the signup list for the Mercy Health Care Fairs-Thrift store happening June 2 or 3. Sally Hennessy connected with only a few people. Reported that it was mostly parents attending with only a few children.

- New opportunity to set up a booth at the Grafton Jazz Festival which will be happening this weekend. 12-4 at Willow Park in Grafton on 5/20.

Membership-None
I& D-None
Awards-None
Jr. Fair Board-Had goat/sheep weigh-in. Tagged about 198 animals.
Endowment-None

Livestock Committee

- Lori attended a meeting in March
  - Officers were elected, talked about breaking ground in the fall of 2023, reviewed the constitution, and set up meetings for June 20th, Aug 1st, and Sept. 14th all at 7:00 pm.
  - Question about where our board falls
    - We are under OSU
    - Senior Fair Board is a separate entity from Livestock Committee
    - An advisory member could serve on the Youth Livestock Reserve Committee

State Awards-None

Old Business-

- **Constitution Review**
  - Rebecca Rollin presented with proposed constitutional changes.
  - Sample constitution included as the first handout.
  - Jackie did research and discovered they were able to move items around in the Constitution since a Constitution was already in place. This information was sent out in an email from Rebecca Rollin.
  - Moved items around to improve the flow of the document (moved #6 to #1 under purpose), and made grammatical changes and punctuation.
    - Rebecca moved Amy second to approve the changes the subcommittee has presented to articles 1-4. 19 for /0 opposed Motion passed
- Rebecca presented red pen changes to Articles V. Part 2-See red pen changes attached.
  - Kim asked about youth being selected in November but not starting until February
  - Once the youth starts in February the youth will be able to choose the Youth Executive Committee member.
  - Michelle asked about the term limits being 6 years.
  - Committee members step down and or cannot serve section needs to be added in.
  - Youth members asked their opinion about starting in February vs January.
    - Rebecca clarified that as a new member, she did not get to elect officers or select youth members. That way everyone including the new members would have the opportunity to help choose the youth to work with.
    - Tristan feels it is a good idea for everyone to be included in the selection of the youth members.
    - Kim- in the past, the board has not chosen the youth members and it has gone through the extension office. Advisory Board needs to be in charge of whom we want to work with us instead of the youth being chosen by the extension office.
    - Jen- invite the youth early to the February meeting to give orientation to the board meeting to catch them up.
    - Holden- feels the first meeting is crucial to hear the discussion of what the board is doing, Needs the hands-on experience of the meeting instead of an overview.

    - Charlee-Likes to see who she will be working with and there won't be a way to catch them up on it. A verbal explanation is going to be easier.
    - Adjondi- second meeting for youth possible? An orientation meeting is being planned while working on the changes to the By-Laws.
    - Holden- Officers elected in November and as new members put applications out at the fair and select youth members in November to start in January.
    - Jackie-Should current youth members select new youth members? Right now official volunteers only vote and youth do not. Nominations for youth members come in at the same time as adult members and Jackie & Julie go through to contact the nominees to see interest level.
    - Sue is concerned with letting young members vote as they may not know what they are voting for. In November current board would look for youth members to select from applications.
  - The committee will be back with changes and will vote at the next meeting.

- Networking Session-Kim updated on the networking session. The group met at Matus Winery and a variety of topics were discussed. Suggested for it to be a quarterly event. Talked about meeting prep, getting families involved, trying to get larger 4-H community events planned, the idea of a 4-H garage sale or flea market or possibly tied in with a farm market to highlight and sell some products from the youth projects, and possibly an ice cream social. Some of these events Advisory could possibly take on. Lorain County 4-H Advisor group created on the Band App. Thank you note sent to Matus for letting us use the facility without cost.

- The special funds committee presented a proposal about how to allocate money from special funds. (See attached)
  - Just addressing funds from old councils not misc. fund.
  - Use some of the funds to recognize kids who go beyond the local level.
  - Q- The adult and youth requesting section- is there a time frame as to approval and reimbursement of funds? A-Once funds would be approved funds would be held for up to 45 days after the event for reimbursement.
  - Are Horse, Dog, Clinic, and Schools, the only events that have limits? For other requests, once money is gone it is gone.
  - Need to be more specific as to what funds are requested for - remove the "and so on" part for clarification.
  - Does this need to be put into the constitution or Bylaws? A- this is what will be put into practice on a yearly basis.
  - Does this mean that we will be paying or will not be paying for kids going to state? Need to be clear moving forward.
  - Hannah will assemble a clean copy and present it for voting next month.
  - **Jackie recommends reimbursing Jen Wyatt for the $350 from the 2022 contests that she has already put out of pocket. Lori moved and Jordan Simpson seconded to reimburse Jennifer Wyatt $350 for money paid to register teams for horse teams from 2022. Motion passed.**
  - Moving forward youth attending state events will need to pay for their own registration to participate.
  - Morgan- the goal of these funds is to get rid of them so because there wasn't a council for each species the species that have the funds are being punished because there is only money for specific funds. The guidelines need to be even more specific as to what they are used for.

- Rebecca- committees were disbanded for a reason. Why don't we take the council money and give it to Endowment for the entire organization to use?
- Jackie- when we are given funds from donors we need to respect that as to where the money is used. When an entity is disbanded there are options as to whether the funds get dispersed to members or to the endowment board. Advisory promised they would do their best to disperse the funds as best as possible.
- Charlee- the money was raised to be used, why are we being so hesitant before using the funds? Before being on the board I wasn't aware that it is available to them. Is it publicized? Yes, in the Clover Communicator.
- Kim- donated money to 4-H has to come to advisory? In the last couple months, we now have $1200 for the beef department. Did the board discuss taking these funds?
- Jackie-we were told by the state to hold the funds donated.
- Sue- The fund is published in the Clover Communicator- let's see if we have requests for funds.
- Laura- we could sustain more years of funding if we keep it or it could be used up in one grant cycle.
- Rebecca- as the years go on each new cycle of members can nitpick the guidelines.
- Hannah- We can spend the money responsibly without just getting rid of it to get rid of it.
- Kim- Use funds specifically to recognize the state kids so they know we see them.
- Jordan-Youth doesn't want another award but wants to be funded and have the money used for what it was originally used for.
- Holden-Restated that Jordan would rather see the funds put towards educational activities directly related to the county.
- Julie- could it be presented at the fair to represent the experiences we had?
- Cory-Let's let this conversation be digested and discuss this at the next meeting. Jen agreed that a presentation can be arranged so we know what funds are being spent.

New Business

- Leadership award- do we continue this award? It can't be done anonymously currently the youth nominated have to fill out the paperwork which is looked at as bragging. Julie stated that the forms can be filled out without the youth. It has been done in the past. Applications are due in July and presented at the fair. The committee has time to review application.
- Hannah moved and Holden seconded to have a committee review the current application for the leadership award. Motion passed

Michelle mentioned a youth rep from last year wants to do the CloverBud graduation and was told she couldn't use the money from the CloverBud fund. Jackie can ask Michelle about the history of the CloverBud funds.

Adjondi moved and Lori seconded to adjourn. Motion passed
Meeting adjourned at 8:53