



## Yellowstone County Council Minutes September 7, 2023

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

**Pledges:** Presented by Rex Koivu and Lukas Arkell

**Minutes:** Minutes from June 1, 2023 meeting were read. Motion to accept minutes made by Skelly Adkins, seconded by Heather Arkell, motion passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Caroline Brito reported \$63,737.86 in account as of 8/31/2023. Exchange \$ is out of account, Stillwater and Carbon Counties have not yet paid for their share of 2023 Camp. Metra pays \$5000 towards Fair Chairman Expenses. Motion to accept Treasures report made by Karen Robertson Skelly Adkins seconded, motion passed.

**Correspondence:** No Multiple Thank You cards were received, in interest of time they were passed around.

Carson Adkins, Traden Beddes, Mae Russell, Luka Arkell, Rex Koivu, The Yellowstone County Bullseyes (BB Gun Team) and their leaders Kevin Adkins and Matt Russell, reported on the National Shoot that they attended in Arkansas July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Traden Beddes took 1st in the Painted Gun Contest; theme was Back to the Future. The team placed 19<sup>th</sup> out of 60 overall, and 2 of the members were in the top 70.

3 Yellowstone County members are going to National Congress in November over Thanksgiving weekend: Molly Arnold, Clair Murnin and Jordyn Trupka. Brooklyn Kuhr also qualified but was too young to go.

### Old Business:

**FFN:** FFN will be held November 18

**National 4-H week:** October 1-7, Project Rockin Wranglers will be making 4-H themed cookies and distributing to local supporters and sponsors. There is also a kit online for ideas. Jamie Krug's club will be holding a carnival/petting zoo at TSC in Laurel on Saturday 10/7.

### Committees:

**Dept. N:** See detailed Dept N notes.

#### **Dept A:**

- **Rule Change Meetings:** Schedule of required meetings for voting was provided, and the rule change form was in Council meeting handouts
- **AQA:**
  - New Topics this year, ideas given: Bio Security, Vaccinations, trail mix (balanced feed workshop)
  - Kayla Koivu and Heather Arkell are helping at the AQA held on Beef Tagging Day in January 2024. Skelly Adkins will help in May 2024.
  - Roni brought up a proposed council rule policy change: Drop Beginners from AQA requirements.
- **Nile Ag Ed:** Volunteers are needed to help stuff packets on 10/10 at the 4-H Building at 3pm and to help at workshops 10/16-18 from 8:30 to 2:30.
- **Workshops:**
  - Sheep/Goat 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of month, October 2023 through February 2024
  - Kayla Koivu mentioned a Quail Demo and Falcon Training that Stillwater County was doing

**County Awards-** Nominations are due 10/11/23, acceptances due by 23<sup>rd</sup>, discussion group facilitators and record book checkers are needed.

**Congress:** #'s were down-17 members (4 of them first timers) and 5 adults went.

**Nominating, Policy and Budget Committee:** Met in July, if ideas for policy changes send to Roni

**Ambassadors/Teen Leaders:**

- **Fall Leader Training:** October 20-22, 2023 in Billings for kids 13+, clubs were encouraged to get information out to their members.
- **Are planning New Family Orientation**
- **Soil Your Undies:** opportunity to learn about soil permeability
- **Fair:** helped with Awards and Dance, dance attendees received a lei, walked around and did interviews, will be doing "Daycare Donations" at FFN, and will be helping out at the NILE Ag Ed Program
- **Communication:** They are planning on communicating 4-H information throughout the year.
- **4-H Foundation Emerald Event:** They are making baskets to sell

**Exchange:** New group is full, looking into pairing with NY, CA, TX or MN. Fundraising: Providing the dinner for the Nile Rodeo workers and selling programs and will be helping at Rescued and Reclaimed, selling food at FFN

**New Business:**

**Calendar-**

- First Archery Meeting is on Dec 2, 2023, then every Sunday through March. Tuesdays also.
- Small Animal Jackpot for Showmanship will be in May- Large Animal will be held in June

**Agent Report:**

- **Record Books-** discussed requirements
- **Workshops-** Record Books, Organization Leader, New Families
- **4-H Building** HVAC : heat works, A/C repairs is not planned yet
- **Potential New Members:** They are calling office, so please get updated club information in
- **Gratitude Wall** Received good reviews
- **4-H Foundation Emerald Event:** Concert in Bozeman on 10/27/23, Roni Baker and Cale Hochalter are in need of auction items.
- **State Horse Show:** In Joliet 9/22-9/24/23, 11 Yellowstone County Kids are going
- **4H National Conference:** Roni is Co-chair

Heather Arkell moved to adjourn the meeting, Karen Robertson seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

**Next Meeting:** October 5, 2023 6:30 pm 4-H Building, no Dept. N

Submitted by

*Angie Murdick*

Secretary