



**Agenda – PWC 4H Advisory Council Meeting
11-8-11**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge**
- 3. Introductions/Clubs in Attendance Recognized**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
- 5. Treasurer’s Statement /Report & Fund Raiser**
- 6. Committee Reports**
 - a. Membership**
 - b. Program**
 - c. Publicity/Public Relations**
 - d. Recognition and Awards** Portfolios, Medals, Outstanding Member & President’s Volunteer Service
 - e. Finance**
- 7. Old business:**
 - a. Staff summary report on events which have occurred.**
State Horse Show, Leader Kick-Off, National 4-H Week, BOCS, Enrollment, All Star Meeting and Workshop, Applications, Review
 - b. 4-H Council Website** Sandy Turner wants to schedule time with teen leader to help on Council website -on a Saturday. TBA
 - c. Other**
- 8. New business:**
 - a. Club Reports**
 - b. Council Website** Sandy Turner wants to schedule time with teen leader to help on Council website - on a Saturday. TBA
 - c. Council offices**
 - d. Calendar (what’s ahead)** Portfolio Training, Officer Training, Recognition Night, Project Day
 - e. School Programming**
 - f. Robotics**
 - g. What role can the 4-H Council play in the life of PWC 4-H**
Taken from PWC 4-H Advisory Council By-Laws

The PWC 4-H Advisory Council may be called upon to perform a variety of tasks including but not limited to the following:

- Assist in securing resources for the PWC 4-H program to include monetary, land, volunteers, and new members for the council.
- Serve as organizational chairs for county, district, and state 4-H Activities.
- Plan and conduct fund raisers.
- Secure meeting facilities, products for 4-H educational activities and awards, store windows for 4-H exhibits and transportation for 4-H participants to and from activities outside the county, as needed.
- Arrange for special features in newspapers and radio/television programs during National 4-H Week, and assist the 4-H agent(s) in developing a good relationship with all mass media representatives.
- Attend 4-H activities to remain informed on current trends, changes, and achievements in 4-H.
- Act as a liaison between the 4-H agent(s) and general public relative to the 4-H program's appropriateness and accountability and communicate to 4-H funding sources (state legislators, boards of supervisors, and private contributors) how funds are used and how the 4-H program has contributed to solving problems of youth.
- Participate in recognition programs for youth and volunteers.
- Provide speakers on topics of interest for club and other 4-H activities.

9. Announcements

Next Meeting – January 10, 2012 7PM

President – Sandy Turner

Vice-President – Brad Fyock (Acting)

Treasurer – Leslie-Ann Stevens (Acting)

Secretary – vacant

Committees:

Executive committee –Sandy Turner (Chair)

Finance committee – Leslie-Ann Stevens (Chair)

Publicity committee – Chair - Terry McCarty

Program committee – Co-Chair – Linda King

Recognition, Awards and Portfolio Committee - Chair – Leslie-Ann S.

Membership committee – Chair – Brad Fyock (Acting)

4-H Council Meeting Minutes November 8, 2011

The 4-H Council meeting was called to order and opened with Marie leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Libby the 4-H pledge.

Those in attendance were:

Marie Lerch Nokesville 4-H & Trigger Time, MaryBeth Lerch 4-H Youth Educator, Libby Arnold Nokesville 4-H & Trigger Time, Catherine Root Pins & Patterns 4-H Club, Vania Root Leader Pins & Patterns, Michelle Boice Compass 4-H, Rebecca Boice Compass 4-H, Terry McCarty Council Member & Adult Volunteer, Donna Weisheit Council Member & Adult Volunteer, Lynn Fees Adult Volunteer Trigger Time, Cindy Puryear 4-H Program Manager, Sandy Arnold Leader Nokesville 4-H Club, Linda King 4-H Extension Agent, Marcia Thies Leader S.A.L.T. 4-H Club, Leslie-Ann Stevens Council Member & Treasurer, Becky Scanlon Council Member & Adult Volunteer.

Minutes were approved by those present.

Treasurer report was approved as read by Leslie-Ann.

Discussion was made about the fundraiser and some possible fundraisers. Libby reported how she approached BB&T to purchase poinsettias to decorate the bank lobby.

Committee Reports

Linda discussed the hope of having more volunteers and club members attend the council meeting. She mentioned this was a short turn around time for this meeting but would encourage more clubs to attend in the future.

Linda sent out Fair Camp surveys and has been getting feedback from the participants. Most comments are very positive. Some would like to see 4-H offer more day camps in the summer.

Program Report

At this time the committee consists of the current 4-H staff. Brad and Kajta Fyock lead the coordination of Recognition Day and Donna Weisheit along with Ellen Howden lead the coordination of Fashion Review. This is a huge help for the 4-H staff. Linda would like to see more volunteers step up and assist with other county events. Recognition Day is scheduled for December 9th at the Lions Club in Manassas.

Publicity/Public Relations

Terry talked about sitting down with some Boy Scout leaders to talk about getting today's youth involved and getting the youth excited about something. He asked the question, "How can we highlight the fact that we have something that is making a difference in the community". Sandy suggested Terry request the reporters send in a club report to him so he can use it to write up articles for the paper showing what positive things our youth are doing in the community. For

example: Nokesville 4-H Club made soup to take to SERVE. The horse project group made sock puppets for the Rainbow riders and volunteered at the Fun Show Rainbow Riding had this past month. Compass 4-H Club volunteered at the Fall Wildlife Festival and are building butterfly gardens at the Occoquan Refuge to help increase the butterfly population.

Recognition

Leslie-Ann reviewed over 50 Portfolios this year. We received over 50 outstanding member applications and 29 President's Volunteer Service awards this year.

Finance

The finance committee is in need of a finance chair.

Old Business

There were 10 riders from PWC that participated in the State Horse Show. Their theme was "Roll out the Red Carpet". They received several awards/ribbons for their achievements with Libby getting overall Grand Champion in dressage. The youth did an excellent job representing our county.

Leader Kick-off was a success with many new leaders attending as well as many seasoned leaders. We have an awesome group of leaders. They worked on team building and learning by doing. There was a display of energy and the potential excitement for 4-H in our community.

National 4-H Week entailed of an event each day starting off with decorating Chick-fil-a for the fundraiser, then the fundraiser at Chick-fil-a, Board of Supervisors Declaration of 4-H week, National Youth Science Day with a bus trip to the youth conference center to conduct the science experiment.

MaryBeth is working on Access enrollment. We will continue to collect forms from the clubs.

All-Star meeting went well having several attend to find out about the application process. Mary Lou Malo and Shelly Baronowski assisted with the applications. 6 youth attended the workshop.

Club Reports

Compass 4-H Club has two goals this year. The first is to work on a horticulture project in the fall and spring, earning Master Junior Gardener certification. The club will be split into 2 groups: 10 and under and 11 and older to make sure the information learned is age appropriate. This will be done on site at the Occoquan National Wildlife refuge with Ranger McClevey. Their second goal will be to work on impromptu speaking during the winter months. They meet every other Thursday afternoon at the Refuge. Their goal at the Refuge while earning MJG is to build and maintain a butterfly garden that will last for years to come. They are working from the ground up by building garden boxes and learning about the soil and plants that will work best in the conditions at the refuge. They have had

2 business meetings so far and the following people were voted into office at the first business meeting: Heather Duncan President, Nicolas Poole Vice President, Lillian Poole Treasurer, Kipp Dunn Secretary. They had a volunteer service project on October 1st helping during the Fall Festival at the Occoquan National Wildlife Refuge. Club members had fun running the different activity stations for the kids attending. The activities gave youth and adults at the festival a better understanding of the refuge. They are currently in the midst of the pecan/poinsettia fundraiser.

Pins & Patterns had their first meeting of the new year. They bought fabric for their sewing project. They currently have seven members with new leaders. They will elect officers at the next meeting. They are gearing up for Fashion Review Training and Fashion Review.

S.A.L.T. currently is offering 11 projects for their club members. They have 36 members enrolled this year. They elected officers at their last meeting. They offered sewing class for their youth last year and are now offering one for the adults this year.

Trigger Time have maxed their membership again this year. They had several participate in the District and State shooting matches this year bringing home the best overall award for district for the second year in a row. They participated in two fundraisers this past weekend. They had a business meeting as well as a committee meeting at their last meeting.

Nokesville 4-H Club had elections at their last meeting. They currently have 54 members enrolled. They are currently offering ten different projects for the 4-H members as well as a cloverbud program. They have been involved in two community service projects this month. The first one the membership made soup for SERVE. The other was making sock puppets for the riders at the Rainbow riding program. They have several community service projects planned for the upcoming year.

Footprints 4-H Club's report was read by MaryBeth. Footprints is a new "community service" afterschool club at Mayfield Intermediate, Manassas City Public Schools. They meet twice a month afterschool with a monthly service project out in the community. They have 22 members, some with 4-H experience (feeding from Baldwin 4-H and Jennie Dean 4H Green Club). Their first service project will be volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club Turkey Trot 5K on Saturday. In the club meetings, they have been learning about 4-H, brainstorming ideas, enjoying getting to know each other, and making their own t-shirts this week. They are eager group of 22 youth so keep watching for great things from this group!

Other clubs new this year are the Lifeology 4-H Club and Gravely 4-H club both in the Haymarket/Gainesville area.

Linda mentioned the Council's secretary position is still open and we are in need of a volunteer that would take the responsibility of secretary.

Linda will be sending out an updated calendar adding Fashion Review date, April 14th, and the new district contest date. She mentioned Portfolio Training is scheduled for November 17th and Officer Training will be November 30th. Project Day will be held in January at Saunders Middle School and Share the Fun will be at Jennie Dean Elementary school this year it is scheduled for February 9th for rehearsal and 10th for the performances.

We continue working with in school enrichment programs this year. Elementary school continues for the third year. High school was just launched and the middle school will be launched in January. Sharon is currently collecting posters for the Character Counts poster contest. Safe Alone, Safe at Home is being taught in the 4th grade classrooms.

The State 4-H Office has received a grant to provide robotics for Manassas and Herndon area. Blake Ross is taking the lead in communicating with the state office for this possible program. The grant is for the amount of \$7500.00 for programming and equipment. This is still in the planning stage.

Linda encouraged everyone to read the Council by-laws committee descriptions and try to find volunteers to help out on the committees. This would help the 4-H staff out tremendously.

Terry mentioned his accounting firm has an older copier they would like to donate to a 4-H club if anyone is interested.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2012