

PWC 4-H Council Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2012

Those in attendance were:

Linda King Extension Agent, 4-H
Trigger Time – Ron Smith
PWC Community Club – Elizabeth Hannan, Heather Hannan, Helen Walla, Jodi Parenti,
Kaitlyn Parenti, Susan Marsh
Cake-A Teers – Lisa Nouri, Cheri Leporatti, Jean Mockler, Scrib Mockler
Nokesville 4-H– Sandy Arnold, Sydney Nguyen
Pins & Patterns – Vania Root, Catherine Root
SALT – Marcia Thies
Compass – Michelle Boice, Rebecca Boice
Leslie –Ann Stevens – Treasurer
MaryBeth Lerch – 4-H Youth Educator
Cindy Puryear – 4-H Program Manager

Treasurer's report was adjusted to correct an error in calculation and then approved.
Minutes were approved as read Motion made by Heather, seconded by Lisa.

Leslie-Ann talked about the transitioning of her retiring and Sydney Nguyen taking her place. They have met and continue to transfer things over. Sydney is currently acting as Finance Committee Chair until the end of May when she will become the Treasurer.

Leslie-Ann brought up the question whether a finance committee was needed at all for helping with the decision making of fundraising and other matter.
Linda disagreed and felt that with the fundraiser profits down the finance Committee is vital to have to assist with more fundraising efforts.
Leslie-Ann reported the clubs have received their profit checks totaling \$2000.00 and the county at this time has around \$1000.00 in profits. There is still nuts in the office for sale with the price being reduced to \$6.00 per bag.

Committee Reports

Membership committee – no chair person for this committee

Program Committee – Linda is chair for this committee and will give a detailed report under new business

Publicity/Public relations – Terry McCarty

Recognition & Awards – Leslie-Ann is chair. She will continue this role and reviewing portfolios. She will send out an email reminding everyone of the due dates when it is closer to time.

Club Reports

Prince William County Community 4-H Club- Elizabeth Hannan, president gave a report. The club is currently participating in team building activities. They are going to do the Embryology Project; they just completed Small Animal Project. Many participated in Project Day and will be doing presentations at Presentation Day. They have arranged for all the clubs that wish to participate to be in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Jodi may lead some summer projects this year as well.

Compass- Rebecca Boise gave the report. They have completed the Impromptu Speaking portion of the group's activities. They have several members participating in Presentation Day. They will resume their Master Junior Gardener (MJG) program at the Occoquan Nations Wildlife Refuge with Ranger McClevey in Woodbridge in March 22nd. They had a successful fundraiser at CiCi's Pizza in February raising 162.00. Some of the club members will be volunteering to help with the Eagle's Festival again this year at Mason Neck State Park.

Lifeology – They started last spring with Power of Wind and Wired for Wind projects. The club members did a fundraising project- the youth developed the product, made the product, and marketed the product – dog biscuits. It was a successful fundraiser for them. They plan to offer a one day science camp for the youth in their community with the youth teaching the younger ones the Power of Wind. They currently have six members and would be open to more members at this time.

Teen Club – continue to meet virtually and get together once a month for a community service project. They have assisted office staff with different events, helped out at SERVE and at an Assisted Living. They have a facebook page they use for most of their club communication.

Trigger Time – Just completed a competition with one youth not only beating her personal record but the state record in shooting. Eighteen youth participated with seven receiving medals for the competitions. They have branched out and are participating in more county events such as Project Day, Share-the-Fun, and Presentation Day. Club is gearing up for instructor training in the next few weeks. Ron has met twice with people on the waiting list with talks of creating another shooting sports club.

RABBIT- They meet the first Monday of every month. They currently have seven members and would like to increase their membership. They plan to take their bunnies and participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with PWC Community Club.

Cake-A-Teers- They have been meeting for about one year now. Three of their members went to the Teen Weekend and had a blast. They have helped at the House of Mercy for Community Service. Some are presenting at Presentation Day. They are open to more members.

Green Club- This is their fourth year as a club. They meet at Jennie Dean Elementary school after school every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. They focus on reduce,

recycle, and reuse. They have composting as well as several school gardens at the school they maintain. The harvest from their gardens is taken to SERVE. They also have rain barrels on the school grounds as well. They have been involved in several county activities as well throughout the year.

Nokesville 4-H Club – the Nokesville club is maxed at over 50 members that range from ages 5-19. They have a cloverbud program each month during the monthly meeting. There are several projects offered in the club. They had bowling, sewing, horse, camping, forestry, and embryology. The club participates in a community service project each month. The horse project is underway with competitions and preparing for the state competition being held at the end of March. There are eight youth preparing to go to State Equismartz this year.

SALT – They currently have eleven projects offered in their club. Salt meets on a monthly basis for the regular meeting and weekly for projects. Currently they have thirty-nine members. They have been working on their presentations for Presentation Day.

Pins&Patterns – it is mainly focused on sewing. They meet every Saturday in January through March. They take a break after Fashion Review. They have been involved in county events as well as community service projects. They hope to attend Junior Camp this year. They also plan to participate in District contest.

Old Business

Linda reported that State Capital Day was a success. The bus was filled and even had some that carpooled as well. Then the group went to the art museum which was nice and at no cost.

Project Day went well having 106 youth and adult participants. There were lots of classes and the youth and adults volunteering seemed to enjoy the day.

Share –the- Fun was great. Everyone seemed to like having it at Jennie Dean ES. The stage was nice along with the seating. We hope to have it there again next year.

TALT – was in March having adults and youth attend that will be volunteering and acting as counselors. They are gearing up for Junior Camp.

All-Star – there is no information at this time.

New business

Programs –

Camps – Registration for both Junior Camp and Fair Camp will be May 4th in person at the 4-H office. Forms will be available mid-April on line. Sandy suggested the 4-H members be able to register a day prior to that given Fair Camp usually fills up quickly. Linda did not think that would be fair to the community as we advertise that it is offered to any one in the community. Michelle suggested the registration be moved to a

Saturday to give even more access. Linda really did not want to add another Saturday to the staff's schedule. MaryBeth suggested sending out a survey to get a fill on how many 4-H members would be interested in attending Fair Camp this year. Linda then talked about maybe opening up registration up to the 4-H members for two hours the day before.

Embryology- has grown even more this year with increase in school involvement. There are some that have eggs already incubating with some starting this week going up through the first of May.

Linda reported offering the Tree Seedling Project again this year. She has ordered about 1000 seedlings. They will be here around Arbor Day.

Events coming up are State Congress, County Fair, Presentation Day, District Contest, and State Contest at Congress.

Currently the office has Flower Power fundraiser going on which is an on line fundraiser in which there is little staff involvement.

Chick-fil-a Spirit night is Friday – encourage all to come and out help raise money for the county program.

Linda talked about needing volunteers for the committees and officers. Jean Mockler volunteered to head up the Membership Committee.

Vania Root made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Catherine seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting may 8th McCourt Building Occoquan Room 7:00-8:30pm.