

Washakie Co. 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2024

Submitted by Cindy Lentsch

At 5:15 it was determined that tonight would be an informal meeting due to not enough members present for a quorum. Attendance: Amber Armajo, Cindy Lentsch, Emily Johnston and Madux. Michelle Hamilton later joined the meeting.

Pledges and formal secretary/treasurer reports were deferred.

No new correspondence.

Informal club reports provided by South Flat Juniors, Renegades and Roadrunners. Assignments for Achievement Night were reviewed. Ideas on how to maximize family/member involvement so they get out of 4-H what they want/need were requested and shared. Ideally, kids would join the club with other kids they know. Friendships within 4-H boost participation and engagement. A couple of kids are moving between clubs for that reason this year and it will continue to be encouraged. If new to 4-H or community and have no preference, in Worland South Flat Juniors club is still growing and has room for members. Renegades also shared some of the "offices" they have added to increase members' opportunities within their club. This included health officer, presentation officer, council delegate, etc.

Record books have all been scored. Discussion on how things were improved since last year with regard to scoring and a few glitches like how the carryover of "Kept" inventory in z-suite skewed profits. Will explore removing "value or cost" column on starting equipment to counteract this for next year. Cont. to provide education to families and members on how to complete their record books. Tips and tricks for things such as photos-take on phone then put into a 4-H folder to make it easier to retrieve when needed vs. scrolling through all of them in a rush come Sept., etc. Ideas also shared on how to recognize the hard work that some members put into record books could be rewarded such as a best project report award for main categories such as animal sciences, natural resources, etc. Will continue to discuss and come up with a plan for next year's achievement night.

Cindy plans to have Junior Master Gardeners project meetings start in Jan. after the holidays vs. Dec.

Overall, a great informal brainstorming session for those present. Plan to meet again in Dec. on the 2nd at 5.