

Shawnee County
Extension Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, August 14th, 2018
5:30 pm supper/ 6:00 pm meeting

Order of Business

1. Call to order at 6:10 PM by Chairperson Chad Bullock

2. Roll call by secretary Amy Miller-

Chad Bullock, Karen Perkuhn, Amy Miller, Michael Meyers, Cindy Bervert, Luanne Webb, Bill Layes, Tracey Taylor, Bruce Brown.

Director-Cindy Evans, Ariel Whitely-Noll, Lisa Martin, Candis Meerpohl, Susan Fangman

3. Agenda items – additions/deletions/approval

Chad Bullock suggested that we move items:

b. Reconsider the disqualification of Rocketry exhibit from the Shawnee County Fair.

c. Add “Removal of Jason Schulz from the position of Shawnee County Fair Superintendent and future Superintendent roles” to after Public Comment.

Karen made a motion to approve the changes to the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Bill. Motion passes.

4. Public Comment –

Jason Schulz- He felt he had followed rules quoted in page 37 of the fair book of making his judging decision. He felt the 2 sentences provided by the 4-H subject was not adequate to describe his method of testing the rocket stability. He said the packet was incorrect. Jason felt the testing was inconclusive as whether it was an appropriate method to test stability. The subject was not present at judging due to being out of town.

Matt Mannell- He understands that his son was not present at the time of judging. He has an issue that the Judge (Jason Schulz's son) and the fair superintendent (Jason Shulz) were related. He feels his son deserves the original blue ribbon that was awarded by the judge before the Fair Superintendent disqualified the entry.

Alfred Mannell- While he admitted that he made a typo error regarding the placement of center of gravity, he had seen other similar errors of other entries that were permitted to continue on to the State Fair. Alfred stated how he tested the rocket, which is what was asked of him in the guidelines.

Kent Biggs- After stating he had been in the Indian Creek club for a long time, he said that the reason they have the longest participation in rocketry is due to Matt Mannell's volunteering. He is unhappy that the Superintendent disqualified the blue ribbon. He felt while the documentation was brief, he felt Alfred met all the standards. He also said it was at the Superintendent's suggestion that they not fly the rockets prior to fair due to the dry conditions. Kent is unhappy as well of the relationship between the Superintendent and Judge of rocketry.

Alan Stahl-Felt the disqualification was harsh. While it is not mandated what method is required to test the stability of the rocket, he did his research and felt the typo was a technicality. He believes Alfred deserves the blue ribbon.

Reconsider disqualification of Rocketry exhibit from the Shawnee County Fair

Karen made a motion to consider the reversal of the disqualification of Alfred Mannell's Shawnee County Fair Rocketry entry. Bruce seconded it. Motion passes.

Karen asked what a stability test was? Jason Schulz said it necessary to make sure a rocket will fly as it is supposed to. Making sure the center of gravity is determined.

Bruce asked if the string test was mandated or recommended? Jason Schulz said he is not aware of any other methods that are recommended.

****The Fair book does not mandate that the stability test be done as a string test.**

Mike asked why the rockets were not flown prior to fair?

Jason Schulz said due to burn ban. Alan Stahl said there was not a burn ban at the time. However, due to dry conditions because the testing is done in a hay field they felt it would be safest not to test the rockets.

b. Karen moved to change her motion from “consider the overturn of disqualification of the blue ribbon for rocketry for Alfred Mannell” to “Overrule the disqualification and award the blue ribbon.” Bruce seconded. Motion passes.

c. Excuse Jason Schulz from the position of Shawnee County Fair 4-H Superintendent

Karen moved that we bring discussion on the matter of removal of Jason Schulz as Shawnee County 4-H Superintendent. Mike seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Candis felt that this is necessary as 4-H agent when well respected 4-H families have come to her 3 years in a row voicing concerns about Jason's role and nothing has been done. She felt the primary reasons were lack of communication, Judges not ready to go, & the problems cited by the 4-H families. Bill Layes asked to hear from Jason Schulz.

Jason Schulz said he felt blindsided by this motion. He thought this was just about removing him from Rocketry. He felt he had not received that complaints of the families and Candis had not communicated that there were issues. He currently is superintendent of Dog, Photography, Rocketry. He thought the complaints only were regarding the rocketry. He felt it is his job to make sure the rules are followed.

Candis rebutted by saying there were multiple conversations and had emails to back up her communications.

Tracey moved to amend motion to read, "Remove Jason Schulz as Shawnee County Fair Superintendent for future fairs." Seconded by Mike Meyers. Motion passes.

5. Communications – None

6. Consent Agenda Items**

a. Reading and approval of July minutes

-Amy mentioned that last month's treasury report amounts were accidentally not included in the report. Cindy said she would correct it.

b. Treasurer's report

Net balance from Last Report - \$533,045.20

Total Expenditures this Month- \$59,715.65

Net balance this Month- \$636,991.49

Amy made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Karen seconded the motion. Motion passes.

7. Reports

a. PDCs- Community Development PDC met and discussed the support of youth entrepreneurship, PRIDE communities, Auburn losing its grocery store & ways that Shawnee Startups might be able to help.

b. Agent Report– Susan Fangman, Family & Consumer Sciences Agent

Susan had 81 teams participate in *Walk Kansas* for a total of 474 participants. Advisors Excel paid for their team members to participate. She is going to reach out to area businesses to see if they will do the same. 87% of people involved felt they have created a healthier lifestyle including exercising while watching TV, portion control while eating, 81% felt they have started eating more fruits & vegetables which have been shown to decrease chronic illness. Other projects Susan has been working on are Asset Building Coalition & free tax assistance. She says she has the absolute best volunteers.

c. Director Report – Cindy Evans

a. Update on budget- approved at full request of \$596,748

Chad thanked Cindy for her hard work and due diligence in creating the budget.

Elections are set for October 23rd. Candidate biographies will be due to Cindy or Joanne by September 21st.

Save the Date: Annual Meeting: November 27th, 6 pm Glacier's Edge Winery

8. Unfinished Business

a. Select candidate(s) to honor with the Extension Appreciation Award

Karen moved that we select Tucker Allen & Steve & Mary Gleason for the Extension Appreciation Award. Cindy Bervert seconded. Motion passes.

9. New Business

a. Add to the August minutes votes taken by the board via email since our last meeting:

*The executive board voted in favor of an exception to established fair entry policy to allow a first year 4-H member to submit an entry AFTER the deadline had passed for late entries. The board approved the recommendation of the Livestock Committee to:

Allow the youth to show only in showmanship in bucket calf and market goat. Not in the breed classes so the judge and superintendent do not have to police how they place that youth (not fair to judge.) The animal(s) can't be in the livestock sale. (8 yes votes, one absent)

* The executive board approved spending up to \$3,500 for outside lighting that will be purchased and installed by the county, then billed back to Extension. (8 yes votes, one absent)

*The board approved advertising for the office professional position vacated by Michelle Wilson. (8 yes votes, one absent)

ITEMS B and C were addressed earlier in the meeting.

d. Consider waiver of 90-day probationary period for Fran McAdoo to allow annual leave accruing as of September 1, 2018 to be immediately available for use. (Fran has been serving as the 4-H professional in a temporary position since February 19, 2018.)

Amy moved that we waive the 90-day probationary period for Fran McAdoo to allow annual leave to be immediately available for use. Bruce seconded. Motion passes.

e. Motion to allow director/staff to negotiate the replacement of one county vehicle. (This amount was planned as part of the 2018 budget.)

Mike made a motion to allow the director/staff to negotiate the replacement of one county vehicle. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion passes.

f. Approval for use of Non-appropriated funds to pay for agent association dues. Current policy reads:

Agents may seek reimbursement of agent association dues paid to a primary association (agent association or Epsilon Sigma Phi) of up to 90% of the cost, not to exceed \$100

Lisa requested everyone take the health survey on the back of a card to better server Shawnee County's health needs.

11. Adjournment

Cindy made a motion for adjournment. Tracy seconded. Motion Passes.

Amy Miller, Secretary

Chad Bullock, Board Chairperson