

Lewis & Clark County 4-H Awards Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 24th, 2020
Extension Office 7 pm

Meeting Facilitator: Jason Armstrong

Attendees: Sam Allen, Tiffany Clipper, Dora Lindner, Laurie Sullivan, Bill Sullivan, Michelle Eckhart, Claire Downing, Kara Tangedal

I. Welcome & Meeting Format: Jason called meeting to order at 7:06pm

II. Old Business

a) Current Awards Review

1. Julie Paulson Memorial Achievement Award and Overall Achievement Award: Jason opened discussion to combine Julie Paulson award and Overall Achievement award, as well as, change the date to the 2nd Sunday of October. Sam, Tiffany and Dora agreed date change would be good for consistency. Sam moved to combine awards and change due date to 2nd Sunday of October. No further discussion, motion seconded by Tiffany and approved by committee.

2. How do we select “Hard Luck” Schatz project sponsorship? Discussion opened on how to select the 3rd of the three awards available via the Ron Schatz project awards. What constitutes a hardship? Sam brought forth the “worst case scenario” of project animal dying or severely injured and is unable to show. Jason asked if the award should be based on lose of life or a dollar amount. Dora mentioned the loss of an expensive camera that could be comparable to the loss of a steer. Should there be a total of 4 awards; 2 project awards and 2 hardship awards – one indoor and one outdoor.

Bill moved to table the discussion be tabled until next meeting. Perhaps a visit with the Schatz family to determine any pre-existing criteria or thoughts on determining hardship. Could Kara follow-up with the Schatz family? Sam seconded and committee agreed to table until next meeting.

3. Project Recognition: Tiffany opened discussion stating this should not be a participation award and parents should not be able to nominate his/her own child. Project should be initiated by project superintendent/leader and

should be for kids that have gone above and beyond the basic project requirements. Should front side line item #1 read “The project recognition is earned when you attend “x” learning experiences above and beyond the basic project requirements.” Sam and others agreed members should not be nominated by parents.

Further discussion regarding Electives, item #1 on reverse – Sam noted that record books should be kept, but wondered if project books needs to be maintained. Item # 2-5 shall remain as is. Sam moved to change #6 to attend 3 County sponsored events. Items #7 & 8 shall be accompanied by a written paragraph tell about the experience and what was learned. Dora and Sullivans agreed that having written description of activity is a good idea – could be typed or hand-written but should be limited to a paragraph. Jason moved to table the discussion, especially regarding elective line item #1 until next meeting due to time. Members agreed.

Kara did ask what will be the award – certificate, pin, plaque? Jason, Dora and Bill noted this could be presented to Youth Council, allow for a vote and then send to clubs for approval.

4. Club Planning Guides award selection procedure: discuss at next meeting
5. 4-H Club Officer Awards and 4-H Scholarship Application: discuss at next meeting.

b) Timeline and Tasks for the Year

1. Denice reports on award/donor list she compiled – Denice to compile information obtained into a spreadsheet to share at the next meeting.
2. Dora discusses indoor hi-point: reviewed briefly. Current awards are back pack, duffel bag (with 4H logo by Creative Stitches, preferred by youth) and jackets. Difficult to obtain sponsors for Indoor. Will discuss further at next meeting
3. Donor Stewardship: Will discuss at next meeting once information from Denice is obtained with current sponsors identified.
4. Forming Selection Committees: It was decided to keep larger scholarships and awards selection within the Awards Committee, with assistance from ad hoc committee members. Project specific awards will remain with the Project superintendents/leaders.

5. Communicating Awards to 4-H Community: Discuss at next meeting.

III. New Business: Claire Downing made presentation in support of a new award, “Presidential Service Award” for non-profits. Based upon volunteer hours that impact the community. Award is for ages 6 years to adult.

Required to be a certified organization by way of examination to determine eligibility – suggested that Kara complete this item. Must be reviewed/renewed each year.

Hours Required to Earn Awards in Each Age Group

Age Group	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime Achievement Award*
Kids (5-10 years old)	26-49 hours	50-74 hours	75+ hours	4,000+ hours
Teens (11-15)	50-74 hours	75-99 hours	100+ hours	4,000+ hours
Young Adults (16-25)	100-174 hours	175-249 hours	250+ hours	4,000+ hours
Adults (26+)	100-249 hours	250-499 hours	500+ hours	4,000+ hours

Hours could be 4-H specific or community, if 4-H only it is possible to obtain all hours needed to meet hours required.

The award includes a letter from the President, a customized certificate and the choice of a pin, medallion or coin. Certificate only costs organization \$5, Certification with pin is \$6.50 and the certificate with medallion or coin is \$10.50.

Jason asked when will this be awarded? Claire noted this in on a 12-month period, Sam moved to have 12-month period mirror 4-H year and to award at awards night in October, Laurie seconded. Committee approved. Will go to council for funding.

IV. Next Meeting Date/Time & Facilitator: March 16th at 6:30pm, Extension Office.
Facilitated by Jason Armstrong

V. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm