

**Bell County 4-H
Membership Advisory Board
October 17, 2019
Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Barbara Wood at 6pm. There were 7 clubs in attendance. The August 22, 2019 minutes were reviewed, no corrections were made. A motion was made by Patty and a 2nd by Curtis to approve the minutes as is, motion passed. The treasurer's report was read, approved and filed for audit.

Committee Reports

BCYF: Fair books are available, email Scarlot or Cheryl for the amount of books your club needs per family. There is also an fair book online version on the BCYF website. All club managers will have their code for ShoWorks to approve online entries. On November 6th, 2019 there is a Major Show entry night and the County Extension Office will be open to help exhibitors enter their entries on ShoWorks. A notary will also be available for livestock.

Council: Bryce reported about the Council's Club Officer Training at the September 2019 Council meeting and the next meeting on November 20, 2019 is about Mock Judging Contests. Luke reported on the Council Community Service projects. The collection of blankets for the homeless at the September meeting went well and for the November meeting the collection will be for the Holiday Door Decorations for a Nursing Home.

FCS Coalition: The County Food Challenge and Food Show had 46 youth participants. A huge increase from previous years. The next meeting will be November 19th at the First United Methodist Church. At the January meeting, summer workshops will be planned.

Bell Livestock Coalition: See 4-H Newsletter for upcoming validation dates and information about Major Shows. Information and dates are also available on the 4-H Livestock website. Forms can be printed out from the website and be delivered to the CEO with a signature. NO forms will be accepted if they are emailed with a signature. The Annual District 8 Holiday Classic will be on November 2-3, 2019.

New Business

Chisholm Trail Christmas Ball: Sherry Tyrock reported that the event would take place on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Bell County EXPO. Ticket sales start on October 21st. Updates and information about the Ball can be found on the Ball's Facebook page. NEW for this year, a dessert bar. There will be NO containers provided this year. Each club will provide at least 3 desserts that serves 8 people each. All desserts will need to be

in a disposable container. On the day of the Ball, desserts will be delivered to the EXPO between 9am – 10am. An official letter will be sent out on November 1st with all details. As of last spring, \$61,000 scholarships have been handed out since the start of the Ball fundraiser. The 4-H Ambassadors duties for the Ball were also reviewed. Sherry is to be contacted if there are any questions, 254-718-1928.

Hunter Spectacular Recap Reports: T-shirts> the bright colors sold well, lots of old shirts were sold along with the new shirts. Carnival/Cake Walk/Sweet Treats> stacking of the cakes need to be improved – this year cakes were falling into each other, suggestions made of changing a few activities. Decorations> have been the same for several years, suggestion on changing them for next year. Donor Cost> a donor was found for the pipe and drapes and the round tablecloths. Sponsorship's> Nocked & Loaded had the best quality and the lowest price, request for more helpers for next year, suggestion to start earlier in notifying members. Commercial Booths> the intermingling of the commercial booths with the 4-H booths worked well, other vendors took note of the promoting live feed from WC Tractor before event started, suggestions for a 4-H information booth for next years event. Silent Auction> 41 items this year, new setup was easier to watch over, every club donated this year – the early turn in worked well, next year need an assistant to help. Prep for next year> start early on looking at expenses vs. income from past years, look at the EXPO billing, have 4-H Ambassadors, Council Officers and Local Club Officers be required to help look for sponsorships, book the EXPO for next years event. Sponsorship Recognition Gifts> for sponsorships \$600 and up – need to have thank you gifts after the event and have the 4-H Ambassadors deliver the gifts.

4-H Exchange: partnership with Delaware

Next MAB meeting: January 15, 2020 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Minutes submitted by Dawn Brown