

MAB Minutes, August 23, 2021

Roll Call was called. Minutes were read. Each member was given a copy of the minutes to read. No corrections were made.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer proposed to move \$230.51 from 307 misc. to 412 Awards & Banquets. Barbara Wood made a motion to accept the motion and Stacy Sellars seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. In addition, Jackie McLaughlin stated that the TEEA clubs would pay for the Bronze and Silver Star Plaques and FCH pins if we invoice them. We can use that money to also go into the 412 Awards & Banquets line item.

Committee Reports

BCYF Report- Michael Canales reported that the judges list is out and that schedules will be similar to the previous year. Cheri O'Braden is working on the timeline and will have it posted on the website soon. Entries will open on October 18th and close in early December. The BCYF is still in need of superintendents in some categories such as clothing and photography.

County Council: Meredith Mikeska reported that they had amended Article 4/8 of the bylaws to require an officer candidate must have attended two meetings of the current year in order to be eligible to run for President, 1st Vice President, or 2nd Vice President. County Council will have the following programs & community service projects: September-Officer Installation & Blue Jean Drive, November- Game Warden & Animal Shelter Drive, January- Fire Department & Stuffed Animal Drive, March- State Ambassadors & Women's Shelter Drive, May- Elections & Canned Food Drive.

FCH Coalition: Jackie McLaughlin reported attendance for the summer workshops.

Cupcake Decorating – 15, Clothing – 14, Duds 2 Dazzle- 12, Middle Eastern Cuisine- 18, Healthy Spa- 9, Cake Decorating- _____. There were 126 overall contacts this summer and there was no cost to MAB for these workshops as students paid fees directly to the person leading each workshop. Jackie also introduced the Healthy Lifestyles Ambassadors: Sarah Wood, Jones Brown, Jane Gaunt. The senior food challenge team will be going to the national contest at the State Fair of Texas in October. Sarah Wood, Cat Salazar-Canales, Matthew Hampton, and Casin Sellars the team members of the senior food challenge team with Barbara Wood as the Food Challenge Project Leader.

Bell County Livestock Coalition: Whitney Grantham reported that Heart of Texas entries are due on September 1, 2021. Major livestock show tag orders are due this Friday, August 27, 2021. Validations will be the following dates: Sheep/Goats- October 19 & 26; Heifers- October 25; Swine- November 22 & 29. The coalition is holding a swine clinic with 36 registered and a sheep/goat clinic with 14 registered. Central Texas State Fair will be held on September 4-5 and we will have our volunteers work the show. Holiday Classic will be held on November 5 & 6.

New Business:

Hunter's Spectacular- Drawing for 20 Guns and other large ticket items and tickets will be \$20 each instead of the \$5 tickets from the previous years. Winners will be drawn on Facebook Live on Saturday, October 23rd. Once a ticket is drawn, it will not be put back into the drawing. Stretch tick sales every weekend in October at Knocked & Loaded. Bell County 4-H Ambassadors are expected to sell at least 5 tickets. Ambassador tickets will be in the club's packet and club's get credit for Ambassador ticket sales. Deadline for \$125 Donation – September 30, 2021

Deadline for \$100 Basket – September 30, 2021

Link to the Hunter's Spectacular online auction website: <https://www.proxibid.com/Wal-Lee-AuctionCompany/Bell-County-4-H-Hunter-s-Spectacular/event-catalog/204721>

Ticket turn-in will be by Club appointment only on: Tuesday, October 20th through Friday, October 22nd 8:00am – 11:00am or 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Instead of the previous incentive where clubs automatically received the 10% of ticket sales, each club will need to meet the following criteria in order to earn the 10% kickback. Each club should sell 100% of ticket sales based on enrollment from last year, based on each member selling 3 tickets. Each club should recruit at least one \$200 event sponsor. Barbara Wood has sponsorship forms that you can pass out to your membership. Each club should donate a silent auction basket with a value of \$100 or a \$125 silent auction donation.

4-H Banquet Suggestions: The theme will be Hollywood 4-H Stars.

Holiday Classic Sponsorship: Each county in District 8 provides sponsorship for this 2-day Beef, Lamb, Goat & Swine Clinic and Prospect Show. Our county normally sponsors the event with \$1,500. This event is free for the 4-H members that attend. District 8 Ag ID & Quiz Bowl will be the Friday before the event.

Central Texas State Fair: We will need ring help with the cattle rings. We will be eliminating the TJLA requirements and thus it will not be a TJLA sanctioned show. Britt Owen will serve as the General Superintendent. Jimmy Cox and Mrs. Owens will serve as ring announcers.

Budget Approval: Per current financial guidelines, we will use what we have and then adjust the budget in January after we know the amount earned through our fall fundraising events. Joan Canales and Jammie Payne proposed to allow the Bell County Ambassadors to have a fund raiser for ambassador expenses and to help with the current budget line items. It was decided to table the discussion and to have a committee look into this idea. We also had discussion on how to pay for competitive team events. Should we overcharge since we do not know the total amount of students who will compete? Will we reimburse students in competitive events in the spring? How will we handle reimbursement? Who should take the payments? In the past, the county paid for team events, but last year the students paid and then were reimbursed in the spring after the budget was finalized. This topic was also tabled for discussion at another time.

Program: Best Financial Management Practices: Jackie McLaughlin and Whitney Grantham presented on how best to manage the 4-H club funds. There is a helpful guide if you have further questions. The program covered all of the financial information that club managers need to effectively run their club finances.

Chisholm Trail Christmas Ball: Tickets will be available starting October 4. This is a fund raising event for the Bell County Youth Fair Scholarships. Each club will need to provide 2 desserts that will feed 10-12 people. More information will be available as we get closer to the event.

September Newsletter items should be sent in prior to August 27th, 2021.

Next MAB Meeting: October 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jammie Payne