

**4-H State Advisory Board Minutes Summary
October 16 & 19, 2014
Wenatchee, WA**

Treasurer's Report

Chuck Todd reviewed the treasurer's report. Every county has paid their annual dues. Just under \$28,000 has been deposited to our account for forum registration fees. More payments will be received from WSU. There are two new accounts that have been transferred to us from the State 4-H Foundation. Hippology has a balance of \$1,431.63. Horse Bowl has a balance of \$771.31. State Ambassadors are renting the challenge course at Fort Long for \$225. The State Advisory Board balance is \$53,104.96. Total non-reimbursed expenses totaled \$664.94 for 2013 and 2014.

Pat reviewed who gets to vote in the committee meetings and at the Council meeting on Sunday. Only voting delegates (volunteer 4-H leaders) can make motions and vote at the Council meeting and District meeting on Sunday.

During the Leader of the Year ceremony, a Powerpoint will be running with the names of the leaders and their county. If the leader is not here, only their name and county will be announced. Otherwise, everything provided about the leader will be read.

Golden Ticket Raffle

A table for the golden ticket raffle will be set up by the registration table. Floy Ziegler printed 88 tickets. The tickets will sell for \$20. The stated value of the item selected will be credited toward the total for the county.

2016 Forum

It is scheduled to take place in the SE District. The Yakima Convention Center has put together a proposal soliciting the forum for 2016, 2020, and 2024. The SE District Board members were asked to do a preliminary review this weekend and a more in-depth review for the January meeting. Chuck told us it may be possible to do on-line registrations and payments by 2016. This new registration system looks very promising and wouldn't cost us very much. The company providing this system is going to be providing on-line registration to almost all the states.

Election of Officers

The following individuals were elected:

- President -- Robin Minaker
- Vice- President -- Don Ballard

4-H Foundation Representative -- Robin Minaker was asked to continue as the State 4-H Advisory Board's representative on the 4-H Foundation Board.

State Director Report

The state teen conference last June was tremendous. This conference keeps getting better and better. For at least 50% of attending teens, this is their first 4-H conference. On Sunday Pat BoyEs gets to speak to every teen that attends. The conference has a very positive impact on the teens. A lot of the teens are not accustomed to positive interactions with adults. Just over 400 kids and chaperones attended the 2014 State Teen Conference.

There is going to be a new 4-H enrollment system. This is being done because the current system is going away. We just started using the current enrollment system three years ago. The new system is currently used by 19 states with 24 new states being added this year. It is called 4-HONLine. It is web based and the counties can allow families to do on-line enrollment. In the years to come tracking of mandatory training can be done by this system. It won't be any help with the 2015 Forum registration, but this system will allow on-line registration for forum and other mandatory county payments. Enrollment for this year will be done using paper forms.

4-H has received a GEN number from the IRS. 4-H has also been recognized as a state charitable organization. The State 4-H Advisory Board has already been recognized by Washington State as a charitable organization. Every year Pat BoyEs is required to submit to the IRS by March 15 a complete listing of all 4-H clubs/units and their EINs. County offices need to correct the name of club leaders, add new clubs, delete old clubs, EIN number, etc., by January 15. Annual Financial Statements need to be in county offices by the end of December. These forms need to be received and audited by the county offices. If there is no financial statement on file with the county, the club can be an active 4-H club; but they will not be considered a charitable organization. The 990 filings done by clubs for the IRS still need to be done by the IRS due date.

The Know Your Government legislative dinner will take place on February 16 in Olympia. This will be a very difficult legislative session because of the 15% budget cut that is being requested to the State Department of Agriculture budget.

There has been a change to the food preservation policy that will become effective in 2015. Adults enrolled in the 4-H food preservation project must attend this training and be certified in food preservation. This year's state food entries included a number of entries that had to be disqualified even though the entry received a blue ribbon at the county level. More entries were disqualified than were displayed. One of the jam entries had a paraffin seal which is unacceptable. In 2014 primary members will not be allowed to enroll in food preservation projects.