**Modoc 4-H Leader’s Council**

***July 9, 2013***

Present were: Marita Anderson, Lana Atkins, Bonnie Bunyard, Shawna Waterman, Donna Roberts, Heather Wright and Susie Stokke.

Donna called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Shawna read the minutes from the April 9, 2013 meeting. Marita moved to approve the minutes as read. Lana second. Motion carried.

Susie gave the Treasurer’s report for June 2013. The starting balance was $30,971.13; income was $7,556.57; expenses were $3,661.73; for a closing balance of $34,685.97. This includes the $25,000 in the Milano Scholarship Fund from the California 4-H Foundation. Shawna moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report/Bonnie second/carried.

Shawna read the thank-you note from Kara Porterfield for her Milano Scholarship.

Susie reviewed changes made to the draft Modoc 4-H Handbook since the Council’s last meeting. Shawna moved to approve the handbook with the following changes: (1) retain Appendix D for Club-Level 4-H Record Book Judging, (2) Move Appendix F to Appendix E, (3) incorporate the judging criteria from the year before for last for County-Level Judging. Marita second/carried.

There was discussion about Emerald Star projects. The deadline for project proposals for 2013-2014 is October 1st. It was decided to excuse youth after they present their project proposals to allow for discussion by the 4-H Council. Projects will be presented by youth at the October Council meeting and approved/disapproved by the Council at the January meeting.

There was discussion about the 4-H All Star Program. A detailed discussion was post-poned until the October meeting to allow members to review the materials from Modoc and other counties (Lassen/Sonoma) with All Star programs. We will also need a new advisor for this program as our current advisor has moved from the area.

Susie reported that the Junior Show Board is looking for an adult advisor for the 2013-2014 year. Applications are due August 31, 2013 and all applicants will be interviewed by a panel comprised of Rotary, 4-H Leaders, and Junior Show Board members.

Bonnie reported that the JLS concession/BBQ fundraiser was very successful. Some possible changes to consider for next year include adjusting the times for shift changes and handling the money during shift changes in a simpler way. Bills for table rental and catering are still outstanding.

Susie reported that recipients for the Milano Scholarship for Modoc County included: Blake Williams, Courtney Knoch, Rebecca Barnett and Alex McQuarrie (Honorable Mention). Two additional scholarships were awarded (one each) for Lassen and Siskiyou counties.

Home Economics Day was discussed. The venue at the Desert Rose Events Center worked well. A large number (92) of gold medals was awarded. There are concerns about exhibitors entering a number of exhibits in the same competition. After discussion, it was decided to have a subcommittee comprised of Marita, Shawna, Bonnie, Susie and Emily Jennings, Vera Sphar or Molly Viehdorfer meet (possibly on November 20th) to discuss possible changes to next year’s event. These would then be shared with the HED Planning Committee for their decision.

On a motion by Shawna/second by Bonnie, it was decided to have a 4-H competition as part of next year’s Chocolate Wars event in Surprise Valley. Susie will notify Gae Quigley.

On a motion by Marita/second by Heather, it was decided to purchase a “50” year 4-H leader pin for Yvonne Armstrong. She has been a leader for 48 years in Modoc County. Susie will speak to Robin Gibbs to determine the best venue for presenting the pin/Donna and Marita would like to attend the presentation.

Susie reported California 4-H will celebrate its 100th birthday on July 25th. California is having a celebration at the State Leadership conference on November 8-10 in Sacramento. Anyone interested in attending may register online.

Modoc District Fair will be August 22-25; Intermountain Fair will be August 29-September 2; and the Tulelake Butte Valley Fair will be September 5-8. Heather reported that tagging for sheep/goats & swine was completed over the 4th of July weekend.

The next 4-H Council will be held October 8, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.