

## **Larimer County 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

March 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.  
McKee Building at The Ranch



Submitted by Sharel Cameron, Council Secretary.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting began at 6:37 p.m.

### **Attendance and Introductions**

Extension Agent: Bailey Schilling.

Advisory Council Officers: Samantha Web, President; Sharel Cameron, Secretary.

Key Leaders and Assistant Key Leaders: Jeremiah McConnell, Karley Rivera, Rod Bergstrom, Jackie Easthouse, Mike Conley, Dennis Rinebarger, Jordan Zick, Paola Webb.

Others in Attendance: Beth McConnell, Cindy Buckardt, Dave Buckardt, Gideon Rivera.

### **Membership Report and Enrollment**

Sharel distributed a report (attached) with current enrollment numbers. To date, we have a total of 268 members enrolled in Shooting Sports, and 254 completed the Annual Safety Meeting on Zoom. Enrollment per discipline was also included.

Bailey spoke about a few members who enrolled in 4-H after the March 1 deadline and attended the Annual Safety Meeting on Zoom. They will not be eligible to participate in county shoots or county fair, but they can participate in practices if they complete the orientation process. Bailey would like to keep them engaged so that they will enroll next year.

Cindy mentioned that the March 15 deadline had been publicized at the beginning of the year, and the word didn't get shared enough about it being moved to March 1.

There was discussion about the March 1 enrollment deadline, and whether having enrollment close earlier could streamline the enrollment and orientation process. Bailey is planning to leave the deadline as March 1 to mirror nearby counties Weld and Boulder.

## **Orientations**

There is one orientation left for Air Rifle, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle, and .22 Pistol on Friday, March 31. There is one orientation for Archery on April 1. Shotgun will have orientations at the first two practices. Muzzleloading had 4 new members present at last week's orientation and will hold two more.

## **Shooting Sports Leader Certification Trainings**

Leaders and members attended certification trainings in Morgan and Weld counties over the past few weekends:

**Archery:** Jeremiah McConnell, Beth McConnell, Nate Schuelke (recertification), Gideon Rivera (junior leader).

**Rifle:** Jonathan Bopp, Brett Dennis, Jeremiah McConnell, Samantha Webb (recertification), Walker Cameron (junior leader).

**Pistol:** Paola Webb, Samantha Webb (recertification).

**Shotgun:** Don Simmons (recertification).

**Instructing:** Ian Webb (pistol), CJ Goss (shotgun).

Certificates were emailed to Pam Heeney and Bailey. Anyone with certificates for previous years is encouraged to send to Pam and Sam for files, since they must be uploaded to 4HOnline every year.

## **4-H Carnival Report**

The attendance and numbers for the carnival were up this year.

**Ammo Pull Booth:** 1,429 tickets, up 466 from last year.

**Skee Ball Booth:** 2,122 tickets, up 127 from last year.

**TOTAL:** 3,551 tickets

## **Practice Punch Cards**

Practice punch cards and punches have been distributed to all disciplines that have started practice. Sam brought those materials to the meeting for Shotgun.

Beth McConnell said it's going well using the cards at Archery.

Sam will have boxes for each discipline in May. Boxes will be used to gather cards from members who have 4 punches. That will show who is eligible for county shoot.

Cindy asked about the readability of names, since the members are writing their own on the cards. Leaders should try to make sure names are readable, or write first and last names on the back themselves so they can be identified properly.

## **NRA Grant**

Cindy sent an email outlining the awarded items and monies. She asked if anyone needed funds for anything additional now from the Foundation, and there were no requests.

## **Member Accommodations**

Bailey asked that anyone present who was not a key leader leave the meeting, so that members accommodations could be discussed. Questions were asked about why non-key leaders couldn't be present for the remainder of business on the agenda, and member accommodations was tabled.

## **Storage and Equipment Updates**

Rob Noyer is going to be getting the remainder of archery supplies and equipment out of Scott Gillespie's shop to be stored in the new trailer.

.22 Rifle will have new storage at Jerry Clausen's. They are planning a work day on April 16 or April 23 to get the range ready for .22 Rifle.

## **Record Book and Project Workshops**

Sam is hosting three workshops to instruct members about record books and projects. If leaders want to come and assist, that would be helpful, especially when members start bringing their projects and record books for suggestions.

## **National Team Members**

We have four members from Larimer County on state teams for Nationals in June.

**Compound Archery:** Walker Cameron and Jude Rudd

**Recurve Archery:** Tristen Noyer

**Muzzleloading:** Tait Simpson

Funding will be available for these members through the Foundation, as well as the State.

## **MailChimp**

We currently use MailChimp for email sent from info@lc4hss.org to Shooting Sports members. It allows for segmenting by discipline, mail merge, etc. The free plan has been downgraded and no longer serves our needs. There was discussion about putting in for funds for a MailChimp plan from the Foundation for \$156/year.

## **County/State Shoot Pins**

The pins were included in the grant request, but not awarded. We need \$1,800 funding to continue awarding them as in past years. Sam will look into pins and funding further.

## **Website Updates**

The Shooting Sports portion of the Extension website has outdated information. Bailey has requested to have that info removed and point to our Shooting Sports website at [lc4hss.org](http://lc4hss.org).

Bailey will add a note to the Google calendar page for Shooting Sports that the most up-to-date event schedule can be found on the Shooting Sports website.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.