Dear EHC Members:

The fair is over! I love the fair, but with all the computer problems we had, it just becomes overwhelming. A special thanks to all who worked the fair this year whether it was helping clean & set up, take entries, help with judging, showing up on Sunday to pick up entries, or any of the other myriad of things that have to be done to put on a good fair. The entries were up in several departments, including entries from many of you.

Because of all of the computer problems, I am seriously thinking about going back to using the department books (three ring binders) and do everything by hand. This may take a little more time up front, but it can’t be as time-consuming as what we went through last week.

Many checks were not correct. The fair board will probably issue additional checks, but I doubt it will ever all be straightened out. Remember, the fair board, not the Extension Service is responsible for the fair.

Thanks for all you do!

Kim
EHC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, August 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Hose at 10:07 AM. There were 5 clubs and 7 Board members present.

The minutes from the July Board Meeting were approved as read.

Debbie Thompson gave the Treasurer’s Report. The June 23, 2013 checkbook balance was corrected to read $5,025.23. The July report was approved and filed for audit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Rummage Sale: Kim Hughes has received approval to hold the sale behind the EHC office. The date and time are still to be determined by Joyce Butler and Linda Johnson.

Name Tags: Orders are due in to Kim by August 23. The cost is $7.

County Fair: Kim reported that Mr. Butler is willing to build a display stand for food preservation exhibits. Sharon Chambers moved that we spend up to $50 for the materials for this display stand. Motion was seconded by Ruby Murphy and passed.

There will be a training meeting for all data entry volunteers on Monday, August 12, 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Fair Board Office. Name tags for Fair, Club Displays, and recruitment were discussed. The Fair Catalog will be available soon. Fair Workers Training will be Wednesday, August 21, from 10 am to 12 noon at the Fairgrounds. Clean Up/set up is Friday, Aug. 23 from 8 am to 12 noon. The list of judges was reviewed and updated.

Dues: Late dues were received.

Quilt Show 2014: Sharon Chambers asked that $1500 be designated for expenses for the 2014 Quilt Show. Marilyn Ellis so moved. The motion was seconded by Linda Johnson and was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Financial Reports Due: If you have no checking account, then write that on the report.

Leader Training: Sharon Hose handed out the assignments for leader training. An adjustment was made and Mollie Thomas will do the Snacks Leader Training in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

Nancy Philpot, Secretary

Kids are back in school! Watch for school buses.
POLK COUNTY EHC FINANCIAL REPORT
September 3, 2013

Balance July 30, 2013 $2,284.23

RECEIPTS
Deposit – Membership dues $115.00
Refund of 2013 Armory deposit $100.00
Deposit – Nametags $14.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS $229.00

EXPENSES
RMCC – 2014 Armory deposit ($100.00)
AEHC – Membership renewals ($209.00)
Joyce Butler – “Best of” display rack ($49.12) (Rummage sale money used)
AEHC – nametags ($11.50)

TOTAL EXPENSES ($369.62)

BALANCE September 3, 2013 checkbook $2,143.61
CD (Interest through 9-26-2012 $172.38) $2,226.30
2014 Quilt Show Funds Allocated, not used ($1,500.00)

TOTAL FUNDS Not Allocated $2,869.91

Submitted by Debbie Thompson, Treasurer
Sew With Cotton Contest

Do you like to sew? Then think about entering the Farm Bureau Sew with Cotton Contest. There are three divisions – youth, adult and special category. Fashion fabric must be 100% cotton. An all-cotton or cotton-blend thread may be used. Tapes, linings, ribbons, underlinings and interfacings may be of any fiber content. All fabric trims sewn to the garment (lace, eyelet, artificial flowers, ribbon, etc.) must be 100% cotton or a cotton blend. Other trims (pearls, nail heads, buttons, zippers, decorative thread, etc.) are acceptable since these are generally not made of cotton.

In the Adult Division, there are three classes you may enter; Cotton Dress, Cotton Sportswear, and Cotton Suit. On the county level, you may enter each class, but if you win first place in more than one class only one will be entered in the state contest.

The Special Category is where you sew a garment for another person, and they will model it instead of you as in the other divisions. No infant garments will be accepted since they are not able to walk and model them. You must make a complete outfit and no ready-made garments may be worn to complete an outfit.

For more details, come by the Extension Office and I will give you the complete publication. The Polk County contest will be held Thursday, October 24 at 6:00 at the Farm Bureau Board Room. The state contest will be held at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock on Thursday, December 5.
More Fair Volunteers Needed!

Thanks to all of you who have been so gracious to volunteer to judge other county fairs. I know the other County Agents appreciate it even more than I do!

We have been requested to assist with the Arkansas-Oklahoma District Fair in Fort Smith. Since it is such a large fair, they use County Agents to judge most of the classes, but volunteers are still needed to assist the judges, with set up, taking entries, etc. If you are interested in helping, please let me know as soon as possible. Here is the schedule:

- **Monday, September 16** - volunteers are need to accept creative arts entries in the following areas: 1 person – adult clothing; 2 people – youth clothing; 1 person – youth art; 1 person – youth photography; 3 people – adult crafts; 4 people – youth crafts; 1 person – youth needlework

- **Tuesday, September 17** - volunteers are needed to assist the judges in the following areas – 2 people – adult art; 1 person – youth art; 2 people – adult photography; 2 people – youth photography; 2 people - adult clothing; 2 people – youth clothing; 1 person – adult crafts; 1 person – youth needlework.

- **Monday, September 30** - volunteers are needed to assist in preparing items to be released on Tuesday, October 1, and for taking down the displays, etc.

- **Tuesday, October 1** - volunteers are needed to assist in releasing items.

All help is greatly appreciated!
All meetings and activities announced in this newsletter are open to all eligible persons without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (large print, audiotapes, etc.) should notify the county Extension office as soon as possible prior to the activity.