

September 21, 2017, Dawson County 4-H Council Meeting

Present at this meeting were Travis Stroh, Stefanie Meek, Jackie Stinnett, Kelsey Crawford, Chris Udem, Sarah Udem, Julie Walker, Wendy Keller, Lorrie Cullinan, Tana Canen, Ross Canen, Dean Rau, Marnie Rau, Ryan Thorson

President Tana Canen called the meeting to order

Minutes from the previous meeting were provided prior to the meeting. Minutes were approved as previously read.

Treasurer's report – (please see attached) It was reported that the treasurer made a mistake and printed a check to Montana Quality meats for processing fees out of the wrong account and in turn there was a \$25.00 NSF fee on our end and \$10.00 on Montana Quality Meat' end.

Correspondence – there were two thank yous to the council - one from Kristy Cullinan for graduation gift and one from Cassidy Rau for sponsoring the Sheep belt buckle and the stall decorating contest.

Standing Committee reports were given as follows:

Livestock Committee report – Dean reported based on a printed report provided by Carlena Quinn (please see below)

Horse – No Report

Small Animal Committee report – Kari Granmoe was fair barn supervisor. She is interested in heading up the Small Animal committee and getting more kids involved

Foodstand – A compressor has been ordered and 500.00 was donated by Darrel Hystad to replace the compressor. Windows, vent cover, kitchen door and gutters all need work. Daisies & Diggers 4-H Club is working to get a People Partner grant to help pay for some of these costs. Tanya is checking with Fabians who may have a kitchen door with a screen door to donate. New pad locks are purchased to put on the 2 storage room doors as there have been unauthorized uses of the building. Clubs are invited to come up with a way they may be able to help make repairs. The amount made by the food stand was around \$3500.00. It was also suggested that either the Dip N Dots be limited in flavors or we eliminate them. We hope to add iced coffees to the menu. Connie gave back \$1000 to the food booth. We will use that as a matching fund for the grant application. Connie is stepping down as food booth manager so we will need to find someone to fill that position.

Dress Review – No report

Scholarship – No report

Day Camp – No report

Budget/trip – A meeting will be set soon for this committee to meet.

Awards/Trophy – Jackie will be sending out sponsorship letters for next year's fair in November rather than in May as was done this year. Replies will come back through the office so Jackie can have an accurate accounting of responses and funds and print and send out invoices in a timely manner.

Fundraiser – This committee needs to meet before the next meeting to discuss what this next year’s fundraisers are going to be as it has been discussed that people feel that there may be some other, more productive fundraisers than fruit sales (~\$4000) and the fair food booth (~\$3500 plus being a less expensive food option for 4-H families who need to feed their families at the fair). Tana asked for a solid plan to be presented by the committee at the November 5th meeting so a plan can be voted in.

Leader Forum is September 29th through October 1st. The 22nd is the last day to sign up. There will be a \$5 pitchfork fondue with fixings on Friday and Prime Rib on Saturday at the banquet. Alumni are invited to attend and there will be lawn games etc. Trinity Bakery will deliver baked items to the college on Saturday afternoon and bring the bill with it which the Council will pay. This is for the afternoon break which our County is to host. Also from the funds budgeted to Leader Forum a necklace from Sugar Plum jewelry will be purchased for the Silent Auction. Clubs are each to provide a door prize and Connie is donating a cake for the door prize offering. Sunday Leader College is 10-3 p.m. after closing ceremonies. Kids are asked to be part of opening and closing ceremonies.

Old Business

Lions signs – Stefanie has ordered marine grade vinyl. Signs that Bruce ordered are in the office.

Gary Huber will be happy to weigh animals again next year and Jerkes will let us use the refer if it’s available.

New Business

4-H week is the first week of October “4-H Grows True Leaders” is the motto.

Jackie said Boys and Girls Club would like to have 4-H come in and talk to their kids. Daisies and Diggers are scheduled to go.

Achievement Day is November 5th. Discussion has been held that livestock kids may want to invite their buyers to this. If you do want to bring your buyers, please make sure you bring enough food to feed that many more. Jackie will put out a news release. There are still items for clubs to sign up to help with. Connie was going to confirm availability of the Moose. Still needed is a club to do the flag ceremony.

Elections will be in November, per the new by-laws approved in May the Secretary and Treasurer positions are up for election. Connie does not want Secretary position any longer. Discussion was held as to whether the by-laws actually should have taken effect immediately. Tana will check with the state to determine whether they take effect immediately or not.

A question regarding quorum was clarified referring to Article 7 of the By-Laws – it is a majority of votes by the members present at a meeting. Jackie explained that this is due to the fact that a quorum could not realistically be met using total leader numbers because many leaders are project leaders who do not want to be part of decisions that don’t affect them so they never attend Council meetings.

Friends of 4-H. The livestock committee suggested Glendive Livestock Exchange be nominated as friends of 4-H. Chris moved and Julie seconded to have GLE receive a friend of 4-H plaque at

Achievement day. Further discussion was held and Ryan Thorson made a motion that a nice plaque be given at Achievement Day and a photo and newspaper article/community release be submitted to the paper. Julie Seconded. All approved. It was moved by Chris that the plaque cost no more than \$100.00. Ryan seconded. All approved. Julie Walker will look into this and get it ordered.

We will be needing an indoor project person next year as Annie is now gone.

There was discussion with fair board representation from Kelsey Crawford. We learned that the 4-H food booth is the only booth not to be charged a rental fee. We will need to address with the fair board what their expectations going forward may be. We want to have representation from 4-H at fair board meetings. Carlena and Annie are our representatives, but Annie is not part of Dawson 4-H anymore so we need a replacement for the indoor projects. Tana will check if Carlena is planning to go to the Monday meeting.

It was discussed that there may have been several incidents of kids treating animals poorly and what the repercussions should be. This should be addressed for discipline but taken care of at the time and not after the fact. The livestock committee had discussed that there should be a barn superintendent for each barn (horse, swine, sheep/goat, & beef) and that these persons will need to address and take these concerns to Bruce and the livestock committee as a first step. Tana will ask Bruce for any further suggestions.

The matter of the NSF check written to Montana Quality meets was addressed. The treasurer stated that she would pay for it as it was her mistake. Chris Udem moved to have the Council pay. Julie seconded. All approved. Treasurer, Marnie, was thanked for all of the work she has done for the 4-H program this year.

It was discussed that the trophies and awards committee have members who are not parents so as to try and ease a load and attempt to make things consistent. It was discussed having sponsorships go through the 4-H office and between the fair board, the extension assistant, and 4-H treasurer to try and get sponsorship letter out sooner and to try to flow things more smoothly and accurately. It was pointed out that sponsors should get more credit and advertisement for their donations. Kelsey Crawford suggested that maybe we could utilize the Jumbo Tron to help. We think this is a great idea.

Jackie reported that Record books are due on October 2nd and she will be enforcing the rules. Please help out individuals who need assistance in completing their books.

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Marnie Rau & Wendy Keller as acting secretaries

Livestock Committee Report 9-21-17

At the last meeting we have decided to appoint Barn Superintendents In each the Beef Barn, Pig Barn and Sheep/Goat Barns: a list of responsibility and duties are being created – if you have suggestions get them to Carlana to be discussed at the October Livestock Committee Meeting - on the list currently – Stall assignments, point of contact for concerns and barn issues.

Suggestions are requested for Fridays Show Order, hoping to have it done and available shortly after weigh in is completed. Sale order also was discussed. Should we have it set prior to fair, listed at the fair Thursday night meeting, and then just pull champ & reserve champ into 1 & 2 slots, other ideas were lottery bucket at scale. Also to make load out and the youth buyback smoother suggestion was made about marking animal as it leaves sale by color as to resale or butcher

We will continue to ask Huber Livestock to use their Scale for June and Fair weigh-ins as it seems to work very well this year.

We will continue to improve out processes for the livestock sale and load outs with the excel sheets, it went well but can use tweaking!

Carcass delivery with much help and foot work with Chris at the lead that was also a success,

This year it was voted and approved for the Livestock Committee to send out special thank yous were sent out to those that volunteered their equipment and time to the cause

Vote was taken and passed to Survey our buyers as to when they would like to see us move the livestock sale to so that will go out before the end of the year.

Next meeting is October 26 6:30pm – Location TBD if nice at the food booth!

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT HELPED THIS YEAR!!!