

## **LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

In the absence of our chair, Marvel Murphy called the meeting to order. Ten members were in attendance: Kodie Olsen, Elin Kittelmann, Tucker and Tara Turbiville, Marvel Murphy, Melissa Ploeger, Roddy Rost, Logan, Sidny and Katrinka Scherman. The American and 4H pledge were led by Sidny and Logan, respectively. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

### **Extension Report**

- Codie handed out a list of all 4-H/FFA livestock project enrollments. Beef – 29; Goat – 11; Horse – 12; Poultry – 9; Sheep – 13; Rabbit – 9; Swine – 20.
- Beef Weigh-ins went well at Wang's
- Livestock Judging – have had two practices. The BBSH is Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, the Cowtown Beef Breeders contest is Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and there is a competition in Bowman Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.
- A list was handed out of all members needing to complete MQA this year, as well as those needing to watch the horse helmet video.
- Update from 2016 Swine Outreach Coordinator – Pig handling could be improved state wide, recommends that shavings or sand be used in trailers to transport swine, not straw. He also reported that the porcine diarrhea virus hasn't been found in Montana for 2 years and he sees no reason for any shows to be terminal. Breeding swine projects may be shown at the 2017 fair.

### **Kids and Horses Project Club Report**

- Tara moved, Marvel seconded the recommendation from the club to implement the Formal Assessment on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm to determine the level each member has achieved. Another assessment will be conducted by July 15<sup>th</sup> to determine the level at which the members will compete at the fair. Motion carried.
- Lauren Wang had suggested that our members participate in the local Eastern MT circuit.
- Summer Practices will be on Wednesdays.

### **Old Business**

- The council received a Pioneer Seed Grant to be used towards the purchase of panels for livestock barn. Marvel moved, Tara seconded that we set a limit of \$5000 to purchase more panels for the barn. This would be split with the Fair Board as before. The council would end up contributing \$1500 after accounting for the grant. Motion carried.
- The missing metal signs have been replaced.
- A Beef Fitting Clinic will be held February 11<sup>th</sup>.

- We were given an updated fair schedule with the sheep moved to Friday at 1 pm. Sheep weigh-in will still be Thursday evening. The bumb lamb show will be moved to noon.
- It was suggested to have a meeting on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> to measure the barn and determine the configuration of panels that will work the best.
- A suggestion was made to use the lower brown panels to construct the show ring so people can see over them.

#### **New Business**

- The “fair specific” details will be removed from the Livestock Policy and Procedures
- A revised entry for the Dairy Cattle Classes in the fairbook was handed out and one for Breeding Poultry. It was clarified that Crossbred Dairy only crossbred within the dairy breeds. We approved the new classification for Turkey / Duck / Geese / Game and other. However, Elin will research the breeding chicken categories to have a more detailed categorization.
- Spring Livestock Judging will be March 12<sup>th</sup> with registration at 1:00 pm.

Next Meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:15 pm.

Secretary,

Melissa Ploeger