

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Leader's Council

Date: February 11, 2015
 Start Time: 5:30 PM
 End Time: 6:45 PM

Present: Office: Janet Cerovski and Mary Meyer
Big Sky: Dave Hamilton, **Karen Bratlien**, **Wade Bratlien**, Sydney Deaton, Dennis Deaton, Jay Deaton
BHA: **Jade Kelley**, **Taton Brewer**, Brendon Brewer, Teresa Kelley Brewer;
Haywire Kids: **Cage Johnson**;
Sleeping Giant: **Cheryl Richman**, **Dallas ?**, Dalton Matthews, Kim Lowry, R Gwenook;
Last Chance: **Susan Mitchell**, **Jeannie Davis**, Cody Mitchell;
Sweet Clovers: **Valerie McNeil**, **Catherine McNeil**, Ken McNeil;
Scratchgravel: **Kristina Carlson**;
Kountry Bumpkins: **Dora Lindner**;
Augusta / Worth Yer While: **Don Converse**;
Mt City Mav: **Dillon Ostberg**, **Michelle Ostberg**;
Out & Abouts: **Joel Farrell**;
Kountry Bumpkins: Dora Lindner;
 * **Bold: Member identified to vote on roll sheet.**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Recommendation
Call to Order / Pledges	Dave Hamilton called the meeting to order.	
Minute Approval	The January 14 2015 meeting minutes were presented.	Joel Farrell made motion to approve January 14, 2015, meeting minutes as presented. Sydney Deaton seconded and it unanimously carried.
Treasurer's Report	Michelle Ostberg provided the Treasurer's Report. Total income was \$5,947.36 and expenses were \$2,040.07. The year-to-date total income was \$14,019.20 and expenses were \$13,928.13.	
Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor • Indoor • Ambassadors • Foundation • Extension Office Report • District 6 • Clubs • By-Laws • Awards • Building Committee • Other 	<u>Extension Office</u> – Mary Meyer gave an ice breaker in which members spoke of their top 5 favorite reasons to be a part of 4-H. Responses were: fair, money (from the animal sale), opportunities for kids, the kids themselves, and education (opportunities). Mary gave a brief overview of her past experiences as a 4-H member, 4-H Foundation employee and Extension Agent as well as her cattle experience. She expressed her understanding that it takes a community to raise a child especially in 4-H. She spoke of goals with education and communication for the program. Her vision for 2015 is for members to “rewind the clock” on something they said or did and the opportunity to do something differently as a second chance for a start fresh approach. She will bring her experiences from her past 4-h to assist with our future and will work for the kids to make 4-H better. She noted in Montana, 4-H is shaped by their community instead of being a rule driven organization like her experience in California. She noted that mistakes are a big part of 4-H and people learn at a deep level from mistakes. Failures teach a	

lot about communication, event planning and organization. In working together with the Extension Office, the most recent standing vote prior to her arrival will remain in place and we will move forward with that through vote through the summer. She also noted that decisions made in the past are what they are and we will move forward as members and as an organization. The rules/policies are not set in stone, but we need to respect why they were put in place and move forward. Mary needs to learn the order of operation and understand our organization and communication processes. She would like to focus on the overall purpose and design of our organization as it is about citizen, leadership and life skills. Mary looks forward to seeing how the summer goes and discuss changes for the program in the Fall.

Outdoor Committee – Dennis Deaton reported on the new fair schedule and premium book are posted on the website. Dennis provided a quick overview of the major changes in the schedule including:

- Dog Project has event date changes including moving Agility to Wednesday at 9 AM. For those project members who also have a Swine Project, Karen Bratlien will supply Dave Hamilton with a list of dog project members for prior swine weigh in at 7 AM Wednesday morning. This should allow enough time for weigh in and to get their dog ready for agility.
- Animal Move-in on Tuesday between 2 PM and 6 PM. All livestock will be moved into fair during this time. Exceptions are: Poultry is eligible to move in prior to 2 PM or up until 8 PM and Rabbit that can come to fair on Tuesday, but must be in place by noon Wednesday.
- All animals MUST BE weighed at their scheduled times. Tuesday Weigh-ins are: Beef from 6 PM to 7 PM, Sheep from 7 PM to 8 PM, and Goat from 8 PM until finish. The General 4-H Livestock Meeting will follow directly after Goat weigh-in in the Multipurpose Arena. All 4-H members with livestock MUST attend. Wednesday Weigh-ins are: Swine from 7 AM to 9 AM. Those dog project handlers showing agility with swine projects will be given weigh-in priority on Wednesday morning. All pig kids will be in the barn at 7 AM for weigh-in.
- Goat will show Wednesday at 2 PM and Poultry will show at 6 PM.
- Sheep will show Thursday at 1 PM and Adult Round Robin Fundraiser at 6 PM.
- Dairy will show Friday at 9 AM and Market Beef will show at 1 PM.
- The animal barn will close at 11 PM each night and open again at 5 AM.
- Security shifts will be 11 PM to 2 AM and 2 AM to 5 AM this year.
- Adult Round Robin will be held at 6 PM on Thursday. Adult Round Robin will be grouped by 19 to 35 year olds (junior) and 36 to older (senior) and must be a parent or guardian of member. Each club will

nominate 2 members who can opt out for \$20. Clubs will nominate adults until someone from the shows. The winners of the high point junior and senior win 25% each of funds to go back to their clubs and the remaining 50% of the funds will go to the outdoor fair improvements. No club funds can be used and Jr. Superintendents will be judges. This event is still in the planning stages and concerns can be noted.

Next meeting will be held in the Extension Office and we will welcome Mary Meyer and Kim Dagner to the organization.

Indoor Meeting – Dora Lindner reported on the committee focused on the Premium Book during their meeting. The Robotic Superintendent position remains open and suggestions were given to Dora from those present at Council. Dave Swanson has agreed to be the Woodworking Superintendent. It is thought the Indoor High Point Award does have to be on the same level. There will be 10 Junior and 10 Senior level high point awards and it was suggested awards be bags instead of chairs. Joel Farrell and Tully Patton will head up the award committee for Indoor. Sydney Deaton will attend the next indoor meeting for a report and any assistance Indoor would like. Grand Foods will be held on February 21 and registrations are due February 13. Next Indoor meeting will be February 23 and on the agenda is discussion of the Fair scoring sheets and high point.

Ambassadors – Cage Johnson reported Val McNeil, Bethany Lindner and he gave a presentation of 4-H and fair. They have started planning summer camp and Rec Lab. Rec lab registration is online; however the worksheet needs to be printed off, complete and turned into the Extension Office for input by Janet.

Foundation – Kim Lowry reported on the meeting with discussion of continuity and communication between Council and Foundation. The fundraising event will be kicked off shortly. Kim has reached out to clubs to ask for their input on what members would like to see the raised funds put toward. She asked that suggestions be returned prior to March 3 for discussion at the next Foundation meeting. The fundraiser is named “Dream Big”. Cody Mitchell spoke of the 11 raffle items such as guns, bow, and other outdoor items. Tickets are \$20 per ticket or 6 for \$100. This will be one of our biggest fundraisers. The drawing will be held after the Sale Auction at Fair. The intention of the fundraiser is to raise between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Kim would like to see an increase in Scholarship applications for the seniors this year and reminded everyone the deadline is fast approaching. A concern of the timing of the scholarships being giving out before or after the sale was raised. There are times during sale when they could be announced and better recognition of the donors like the family of the Ron Schatz Award. The announcement of recipients was changed due to the kids needing to

notify their colleges of their financial information prior to July. It was suggested one way to honor the recipients was to let them know at senior night so they can meet their deadlines for college. Suggestions for recognition during fair showing of projects and sale. Dennis Deaton will assist with the timing of the announcements for Outdoor. It was also noted during the indoor sale, award recipients could be recognized for awards such as the Ron Schatz Award.

Extension Office – Mary Meyers reported the continued work to hire judges and will be scheduling another Quality Assurance (QA) workshop in the coming months. Don Converse noted that a QA for the northern county clubs will be held in August through the Teton County Extension Office. Please be sure to get QA completion certificates get to Janet for our records. Teresa Kelley Brewer noted she has a contact for a QA provider if we have 6 or more kids.

District 6 – Please encourage members to attend the Rec Lab as District 6 is hosting it this year.

Club Reports

BHA – BHA will be providing concession services for the upcoming Fowl Weather Shoot at the Z Bar Z this coming weekend as a club fundraiser. Your support is appreciated.

Shooting Sports County Invitational – Susan Mitchell reported this was the best attended shoot yet with rifle and archery and they had to turn people away. We could have shot 300 lines of archery and did shoot 294 lines. They cleared about \$2,000 on the shoot. Susan thanked the 30 volunteers per hour working the shoot from 8 am to 6 pm as well as the Montana City Mavericks for providing concessions. Everyone did a great job.

By-Laws Committee – Dave Hamilton reported the final draft of the By-laws is out on the web for review. He encouraged members to review as action will be taken on the By-laws during the March meeting. He also reported on the progress of the guideline book project that came out of the By-law revisions. The book will contain how the organization does things as a county and will have our current policies for reference. Cody Mitchell inquired about the section regarding the Foundation representative and it's coordination with the Montana Foundation. Catherine spoke to the inquiry as those words were placed in the current By-laws prior to having our foundation in place. Dave reported we have had some requests for review of the redline changes and due to the 5 plus versions of the document we will work to get those out shortly. Mary Meyer thought it did not hurt to reference the Montana Foundation in the bylaws for the Foundation

	<p>Representative, but will review the wording. Another area of concern was the dismissal of officers in which they would not be notified. That wording has been changed to reflect the following of MSU’s Policies and Procedures on the matter.</p> <p><u>Awards Committee</u> – Catherine McNeil reported on the project awards and submitted the changes to Janet. It was asked if the changes needed to brought to Council and concern was expressed who will be responsible for the costs and labor to maintain the proposed awards. Recommendation for the project awards are project recognition with certificates and not plaques due to cost and lack of use of the plaques. Of the members asked about their plaques, many of the members still have plaques in their bags. Some feedback was that project awards have been taken away from the leaders and they need to be apart of the process. Since project books are not required by the State, how do we enforce project book completion by members for project award. It was recommended that project books become optional for award submission. The committee needs direction from the Extension Office regarding money awards and look at incorporation of all projects. Joel Farrell asked if the plaques would not longer be used and it was confirmed that was the recommendation of the committee. There was discussion for those who are using their plaques to continue. Brendon Brewer liked the plaques and puts his tags on every year. Cage Johnson recommended a survey regarding plaque usage or the combination of the certificate and plaque should go back to the clubs for their input. An option for either one would be a good idea.</p> <p><u>Building Committee</u> – Ken McNeil reported the committee has meet several times and are working though a list of priorities. Need to meet with Keith at the fairgrounds for some direction on the projects on amount of involvement. The committee would like to tie together their project list with Dream Big Foundation fundraiser with short and long range building plans. The committee would like to give shooting sports more room in the building through rearranging the space for better utilization. An item to ponder is doing something with the trophy case and relocating the trophies to a shelf for display.</p>	<p>Cage Johnson recommended a survey regarding plaque usage or the combination of the certificate and plaque should go back to the clubs for their input.</p>
<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-Laws action at March Meeting • Other 	<p><u>By-Laws</u> – Dave Hamilton reported we will be taking action at March meeting on the By-laws, so please bring your votes to the Council meeting.</p>	
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March Outdoor Meeting /Open House • 4-H Night at the Brewers Baseball Game • Montana 4-H Service Week 	<p><u>March Outdoor</u> – Mary Meyer reported the next Outdoor meeting will be held at the Extension Office at 5:30 PM and will end at 6 PM for the Extension Office Open House from 6 PM to 8 PM for a chance to meet Mary and Kim Dagner. County Commissioners and other guests are welcome to attend. It will be held in the Upper Conference room.</p> <p><u>4-H Night at the Brewers Baseball</u> – Dave Hamilton reported interest from the</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other 	<p>Helena Brewers for 4-H game night. This might be an opportunity to market the organization and sale of animals. Mary thought the date would be August 21 after fair thinking it would be best for members and clubs due to the preparations for fair. The Brewers are looking for corporate sponsorship to help with cost.</p> <p><u>Montana 4-H Service Week</u> – Val McNeil reported on the State Ambassador’s promotion of a Week of Service from April 12th thru 19th. The goal is to have one project in each county this year. Service can range from picking up garbage to sewing quilts and does not have to be 4-H related, but member related. Service can be anything for people to participate. The State Ambassadors are trying to create an annual event. Foundation is getting requests from people to make presentations on the Foundation and Cody Mitchell would like to encourage Teen Leaders to participate. Teresa Kelly Brewer reported the Pheasant Forever are providing a workshop for Cloverbuds will be doing a seed ball project to help control the bee population. Pheasants Forever would gladly help with this as a service project.</p> <p><u>Senior Night</u> – Sydney Deaton inquired about Senior Night that will be held in May after the Council meeting. Dave asked if someone would like to help put it on. Sydney would help this year and would like to see a Junior parent help with the night instead of a senior parent for continuity of the recognition.</p> <p><u>4-H Camp</u> – Val McNeil reported the theme this year will be Hunger Games and camp will be June 23 thru 27 this year at Loon Lake again. Ages are 9 to 13 for camper.</p>	
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Indoor Meeting – February 23, 2015 at 5:30 PM / Extension Office Outdoor Meeting – March 9, 2015 at 5:30 PM / Extension Office Foundation Meeting – March 3, 2015 at 5:30 PM / Extension Office</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Don Converse moved to adjourn the meeting and Jay Deaton seconded.</p>	