

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Leader's Council

Date: January 14, 2015
 Start Time: 5:32 PM
 End Time: 7:20 PM

Present: Office: Janet Cerovski;
Big Sky: Dave Hamilton, **Karen Bratlien, Wade Bratlien**, Sydney Deaton, Dennis Deaton, Jay Deaton
BHA: Crystal Nachtsheim, **Nathan Nachtsheim, Russell Kelley, Coleton Kelley**, Taton Brewer, Teresa Kelley Brewer;
Haywire Kids: **Kim Ashmore, Jim Ashmore**, Cobra Ashmore, Haiden Ashmore;
Sleeping Giant: **Cheryl Richman, Patty Matthews**, Kathy Swanson, Janell Swanson, Dave Swanson, Marilyn deMontigny, Shane Tamake, David Lowry, Isabelle Lowry, Kim Lowry;
Last Chance: **Vanessa Olson, Jeannie Davis**;
Sweet Clovers: **Valerie McNeil, Catherine McNeil**;
Scratchgravel: **Kristina Carlson**;
Kountry Bumpkins: **Dora Lindner**;
Wild Roses: **CJ Lassila**;
Northern Rep: **Don Converse**;
Mt City May: Dillon Ostberg, **Michelle Ostberg, Alex Ostberg**;
Farm Kids: **Kyle Hamm, Sue Noem, Raelynn Christians**, Gabby Beveridge;
Out & Abouts: **Joel Farrell**;
Baxendale: Dundee Gribbons
Treaters and Feeders: **Daisy Feight**;
Canyon Creek: **Lisa Grady, Katie Grady Selby**;
 * **Bold: Member identified to vote on roll sheet.**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Recommendation
Call to Order / Pledges	Dave Hamilton called the meeting to order and asked for any additional agenda items.	
Minute Approval	The minutes were presented.	Don Converse made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dillon Ostberg seconded the motion and it carried.
Treasurer's Report	Michelle Ostberg presented the Treasurer's Report. Total income was \$967.45 and total expenses were \$8,943.30.	
Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor • Indoor • Ambassadors • Foundation • Extension Office Report • District 6 • Clubs 	Teresa Kelley Brewer reviewed the old by-laws and the voting criteria for the meeting. <u>Outdoor Committee</u> – Dennis Deaton welcomed the new Beef Superintendent, Shane Tamake. Dennis provided clarification regarding items of confusion at fair. When at fair an issue comes forward or you are given direction by someone other than a superintendent, please see your project superintendent for clarification or resolution. If your superintendent is not available or you are satisfied with the outcome of the discussion or you feel the matter is not resolved, then the matter	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other 	<p>should be brought to the Overall Outdoor Chair, then the President, and finally to the Extension Agent/Office for clarification/resolution. It is not another person's job to enforce a rule or bring it to the attention of the person. If there is an emergency situation with a 4-H member, spectator or animal, then the emergency needs to be addressed right then and the person(s) should follow-up with the project superintendent.</p> <p><u>Indoor Committee</u> – Dora Linder reported there has not been a meeting. The next meeting is January 26 in which the fair layout of the building and high point award will be discussed. Dave Hamilton asked Janet to follow up regarding building space for fair and indoor set up. Currently the Woodworking Superintendent position remains open. If you have any interest, please see Dora or the Extension Office. You must be 19 years of age to be a superintendent per state rules. A recommendation for Woodworking was Dave Swanson.</p> <p><u>Ambassadors</u> – Val McNeil reported the Ambassadors will be attending the upcoming legislative breakfast next week.</p> <p><u>Foundation</u> – Kim Lowery gave an update. February 3 will be the next meeting. The Investment Policy has been approved. Planning for the upcoming fundraiser is underway and discussion of auction/raffle items. The drawing will be held at 4-H Livestock Sale. It was noted that quality hunting items that will be included in the auction, please encourage our community's support. It was also reported the Foundation is working on the structure of their organization as well.</p> <p><u>Extension Office Report</u> – Janet Cerovski reported the new Extension Agent, Mary Meyer, starts on Friday with Orientation at MSU. Mary will be in the office shortly after that. Her email is Mmeyer@lccountymt.gov. We will look at hosting a welcome party after she settles in.</p> <p><u>District 6</u> – Catherine McNeil reported on the Rec Lab which we are assisting with planning of opening and closing program. Rec Lab will be held March 28 & 29 in Livingston. They are asking every County to give \$250 to help offset the kids to attend. Catherine will ask Foundation if they will donate the \$250. If the \$250 is not needed, the money will be repaid to the Foundation. State Council will hold their meeting on Monday night in conjunction with the Legislative Breakfast. If you have any items for the State Council to be aware of, please see Val or Catherine McNeil.</p> <p><u>Club Reports</u></p> <p><u>Canyon Creek</u> will be hosting their 11th Annual Sweetheart Spaghetti Feed at the</p>	
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	<p>Canyon Creek School on February 7th.</p> <p><u>By-Laws</u> – Theresa Kelley Brewer reported work continues on compiling information for the manual.</p> <p><u>Awards</u> – Catherine McNeil reported there is nothing report at this time.</p> <p><u>Building Committee</u> – Dave Hamilton reported the committee is moving forward and planning to meet the first part of February. The committee is active and reviewing prior policies and procedures and/or recommendations for use of building.</p>	
<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Ribbon Policy • Fair Start Time 	<p><u>White Ribbon Policy</u> – Dave Hamilton provided a review of the proposed White Ribbon Policy brought forth at the December meeting as a recommendation of the Outdoor Committee. Dennis Deaton provided a review of the history and the origination. Discussion followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy Swanson asked the motion be tabled until the next meeting due to lack of communication so that more club discussion and research could be done as well as have the 4-H Extension Agent available to discuss with clubs. White Ribbon Policies in other counties are sometimes not used. It was felt the policy is about finish and not confirmation and type as the published Carcass Evaluations and ribbon given do not seem to be in conjunction with one another. Cathy Swanson made a motion to table the policy to the next meeting. The motion was not seconded and died on the floor. • It was noted the contracted printer needs the premium information by January 31st. Dennis read the proposed policy: The judge is to be informed that animals receiving white ribbons are not allowed to go to 4-H sale and this should be stated in the contract. It was amended that white ribbons will be issued for “No Sale” animals as determined by Judge. Jim Ashmore clarified the motion is putting the white ribbon on the judge and taking the sale decision out of our hands. • Theresa Brewer spoke to the fact that this White Ribbon Policy may affect the Indoor projects as well as we are trying to be fair across the board for both sides (outdoor and indoor) to make it equitable between the projects and members. It was noted the motion is specific to market animal sale. • It was stated we use the ribbon system to judge the projects. How does this build character and self confidences of the members? We could possibly impact the kids in a negative way due to the policy. • Jay Deaton reported the award committee did not make highpoint award across the board for equity among projects. 	<p>Catherine McNeil made a motion to approve the recommendation of the White Ribbon Policy for fair. Jim Ashmore seconded. The vote was a tie: 12 in favor, 12 opposed, and 2 abstained. As a tie vote, the vote fell to the President and failed. The President asked that the policy goes back to committee for further discussion.</p>

- Sydney Deaton stated the policy is saying that you cannot sale the animal at the 4-H sale, but can be sold as a private treaty. In one county's case that she contacted the judge gave a white ribbon that was allowed to sale, in which the buyer returned to the Extension Office stating that animal was not a good animal to sale as that county that allowed white ribbons to sale. Point brought forth was what are we teaching the kids when it's [the animal] not feed or fitted properly? We are operating under the Dept. of Agriculture as 4-H. Perhaps we teach them how to become better.
- Russ Kelly brought points of quality control are very important and we are here today because of poor quality meat. It seems the County is going more toward show quality pigs and moving away from market hogs and there are concerns about the meat quality of those hogs in which the standard is moving toward. The policy should go to a panel for further discussion.
- Catherine McNeil brought forth the points of the quality of the project if given a white ribbon and best efforts of the member. She posed the question of is this an animal you want on your table which is not determined on a show or market quality hog.
- Cathy Swanson commented on the white ribbon as illness needs to be sent home before the sale if they are truly ill.
- Katie Grady Selby stated we are the panel to vote as we are coming to the Council.
- Dennis Deaton made it clear as an outdoor committee we are good with your decision and want to discuss the true intent of the policy. He cautioned everyone in reading the Carcass Evaluation as to how the list is sorted and a person needed to have an educated understanding of the categories, what they mean, and how the categories equate to the whole hog.
- Jay Deaton acknowledged a show hog was listed a top of the Carcass Evaluation.
- Susan brought forth a lesser "ribboned" market hog received a high point plaque in the past for market.
- Raelynn Christianson reported her club gave this matter much discussion last night and dealt with a similar issue as the Beef Superintendent in which the member need to be educated about the condition of their animal and proper fitting of it. It was suggested perhaps there is a different way to handle a "White Ribbon" animal.
- Crystal Nachtsheim brought forward that her animal should be her choice on whether or not to sale as white ribbon.
- Don Converse brought forward those hogs that are being feed table scraps will not thrive as one feed properly. He thought those types of

	<p>hogs is what is coming to fair and not doing well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine McNeil confirmed that at this point an animal that receives a white ribbon HAS to go through the sale. • Theresa Kelley Brewer is not against a white ribbon policy, but spoke to concern of judge's opinion of the animal. We need to consider the policy's impact on the whole program. Items that have not been addressed are the changes in minimum and maximum weights for hogs, order of sale, and other fair changes that have impact on our program. • Wade Bratlien pointed out it is the judge's decision. • Shane Tamake stated at the last meeting we were asked to take this to our clubs and we have done so as we are here tonight. He called for the vote. <p><u>Fair Start Time</u> – Dennis Deaton gave an overview of the intention to start the fair a day early. Due to judging contract constraints we are not able to adjust the major showing events this year. The animals would move-in a day earlier to allow everyone to settle in and weight-ins that evening with the exception of pigs that would weigh the next morning. Catherine spoke to the Indoor Committee and confirmed that judging will be complete by 2 PM. Animal move-in will not affect the indoor judging. Campers will be able to move in a day early which will be easier on Fairgrounds due to the anticipated crowd for the concert. Katie Grady Selby brought forward the Adult Round Robin fundraising event. Barn security will need be pushed ahead another day and will have to ask bigger clubs not to share time slots as they have done in the past. On the last night there are quite a few of superintendents tearing down the barn so security should not be an issue. The issue of the steers getting overly tired and cranky toward the end of the fair and perhaps need to work with members on handling. Dennis will update the schedule and premium book changes and will get those changes distributed.</p>	<p>Don Converse made a motion to start the outdoor portion of the fair including 4-H and Open events beginning on Tuesday. Catherine McNeil seconded. The vote was: 20 in favor, 4 opposed, and 0 abstained.</p>
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By-Laws 	<p><u>By-Laws</u> – Dave Hamilton spoke to the proposed changes to the By-Laws. The purpose of the proposed changes is to streamline and provide clarity of the By-Laws instead of including those items that should be addressed in an Operations Manual. He asked for recommendations, comments or changes to the proposed document. Nothing was brought forward at this time. The committee will meet again and a final draft will be sent within one week for review. The proposed changes will be voted on at the February meeting. Dave encouraged everyone to review the proposed changes as there are some language changes.</p>	
<p>Announcements</p>	<p><u>Cloverbuds</u> – Catherine McNeil announced Cloverbuds will be meeting next Wednesday and working with Dogs to show the members obedience, showmanship and agility. They will also be doing picture frames and other crafts. Catherine McNeil asked that RSVP's for attendance be given so that the proper amount of project materials can be determined. Dave Hamilton state he has heard</p>	

	<p>that 4:30 PM is a tough time to meet for parents.</p> <p><u>Fair Steering Committee</u> – Dennis Deaton announced the parade time did not change but the committee would like to see more encouragement and participation in the Kiddie Parade with animals if possible.</p> <p><u>Pheasant Forever</u> – Teresa Kelley Brewer brought forward a project idea for Cloverbuds in which Pheasants Forever will assist a project for seeds to assist with the bee issues and bee hutches. They will come to your club and appreciate getting these seeds out in the community to help control the bee population.</p> <p><u>Grand Foods and Stir-Ups</u> – The event will take place on February 21 at the Helena Middle School. We are asking for a good turnout and thanked Catherine McNeil for the new venue.</p> <p><u>Outdoor Committee Meeting</u> – February 9 at 5:30 PM BHB</p> <p><u>Indoor Committee Meeting</u> - January 26 at 5:30 PM</p> <p><u>Foundation Meeting</u> – February 3 at 5:30 PM Extension Office.</p>	
Next Meeting	Taton Brewer made a motioned to adjourn the meeting.	