

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Leader's Council

Date: June 10, 2015
 Start Time: 5:32 PM
 End Time: 6:57 PM

Present: MSU Extension Office: Mary Myers, Janet Cerovski
Augusta Livestock: Don Converse
Baxendale Beavers:
Big Sky: **Wade Bratlien, Dave Hamilton, Karen Bratlien, Dennis Deaton**
BHA: **Teresa Kelly Brewer, Taton Brewer**
BOA:
Bits & Bridles
Canyon Creek Stock:
Farm Kids:
Gold Nuggets:
Haywire Kids: **Kim Ashmore, Joseph Edwards, Kathy Edwards, Kaitlyn Edwards, Cobra Ashmore**
Kountry Bumpkins: **Julie Gilchrist, Dora Lindner**
LCL: **Jeannie Davis, Kelly Motichka, Martha Gardner**
MT City Mavs: **Michelle Ostberg**
Mt. Tractor Kids:
Rocky Mt. Livestock:
Scratchgravel Wranglers: **Kristina Carlson**
Silver Creek Stock:
Silver Spurs:
Sleeping Giants: **Cheryl Richman, Janell Swanson**
Sweet Clovers:
Treaters & Feeders:
Wild Roses: **CJ Lassila**
WYW: **Owen Moffett, Desiree Moffett**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Recommendation
Call to Order / Pledges	David Hamilton called the meeting to order and pledges were given.	
Minute Approval	The meeting from April 9, 2015 meeting were read and approved.	CJ Lassila made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Wade Bratlien seconded. The motion carried.
Treasurer's Report	Michelle Ostberg gave the Treasurer's Report thru May 31, 2015. She noted there were more expenses after June 1. Income for the month of May was \$8,428.02 and expenses were \$249.46.	
Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor • Indoor • Ambassadors 	<u>Outdoor Committee</u> – Dennis Deaton gave an update on fair and reminded members to turn in fair entries by June 15. Please be sure to check the schedule for fair changes as posted along with minimum weights on hogs. If you having issues with your animals contact your superintendent.	

- **Foundation**
- **Extension Office Report**
- **District 6**
- **Clubs**
- **Other**

Indoor Committee – Dora Lindner reported the indoor high point is completed and a silent auction will happen again this year. Club posters will be exhibited again this year and ask all clubs to submit for display in the Exhibit Hall.

Ambassador – Dora Lindner reported they have not met at this time. Enrollments forms due today in which four members have applied and may go to Congress.

Foundation – Kim Lowery reported no real news at this time.

Extension – Mary Myers reported waterfowl will not be allowed at fair this year. Mary will be scheduling with members on what they have learned with their waterfowl (poultry) project this year and there will not be any judging on waterfowl. Please let Mary know if you have club members who have waterfowl. Mary attended a carcass evaluation workshop today that was very informative. Janet Cerovski reported to check the website under the fair tab for project information and fair updates. Early carnival tickets will be sold until June 19. Please have your newsletter article in by June 26 this month as she will be out of the office later in the month.

District 6 – Nothing to report at this time.

Clubs

BHA – Taton reported the club helped with the Birdseye clean up. The club will be doing a float for a local parade and will also participate in the Stampede parade. If there is anyone else who would like to participate on the float, please let Teresa know.

Augusta – the Augusta club will have entry in the August parade.

Jackpot – A reminder for the upcoming Jackpot in which weigh-ins begins at 7 AM to 8 AM for hogs, 8 AM to 9 AM for lambs and show start time at 9 a.m. for hogs and followed by sheep with a break between sheep and beef. With ½ break between species. The livestock judging will be held that day and will work around the kids showing schedule.

Awards – Indoor have all been sponsored at this time.

Building – The committee has not met, but there has been a lot of work completed in the BHB. There has been a suggestion to paint the new wall a different color than white so the banner can be seen. The teen leaders mentioned they would like to spearhead the painting project. We will be looking into the rodents and traps for the building as well.

<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Night • Other 	<p><u>Senior Night</u> – Dave Hamilton thanked Michelle Ostberg, Sydney Deaton and others that helped with Senior Night. It was a great turn out!</p> <p><u>Volunteer Awards</u> – Janet Cerovski reported the awards for the volunteers and handed them out recipients.</p>	
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avian Influenza Flu/Poultry at the fair • Barn Security • 4-H Camp • Operations Manual • Nomination Committee • Communication • Other 	<p><u>Avian Flu</u> – Dennis Deaton reported that State of Montana recommended waterfowl not to attend the fair, and we thought it was an order not to have waterfowl at the fair. It really was not our decision to make, but the fair board’s and ultimately the Commissioners. Although waterfowl are the carriers, there is a concern of it carrying to Poultry and want the kids to be aware of the chance that poultry can catch it. As of May, there have been 39 million birds destroyed due to this disease. Please make sure you let your club members know. Mary will be contacting those handler’s for a visit.</p> <p><u>Barn Security</u> – Dennis Deaton and Kimberly Lowery provided an update on the recommendation of barn security by a paid service or deputy officer that was presented at the Outdoor Committee. We checked on the security services from the sheriff’s office or another private Security company. The sheriff’s department quote was \$1,200. Due to the addition of an extra day of fair, we have the need to increase the shifts. Last year, we had some clubs that did not show for their shift or clubs did not sign up for a shift in which leaders had to fill those slots. The private security company, Starplex, quote was \$406.80. If we hired the Sheriff’s department, we would not be able to have anyone in the barn during that time. We still need clubs to sign up for clean up shifts, watering of the barn, etc. Dennis expressed concern of how to staff the shifts if we don’t have security vendor. Outdoor has the money this year to cover the expense, but noted it does not want to set a precedence for covering in the future. Kimberly reported she spoke to John Bloomquist, past Foundation President and attorney, expressed his concern regarding involving the kids for security as it would be a liability if we were requiring the kids to participate and that could affect not only Council but Foundation if a child was injured during that portion of the event. Since the issue has been raised and if something were to happen, then it could be worse for 4-H. From a legal opinion, John noted it would be wise for 4-H to get outside security to limit the exposure. The contract would go through the Fairgrounds and not 4-H but we would reimburse the fairgrounds. Clarification on the kids doing the clean up shifts would need to be better clarified to address those issues. The main concern was during the security shift and Mary clarified that kids could be in there during that slotted time. We have a responsibility to clean the barn and the children are not in there without supervision. Kids cannot do chores when the public is in attendance. It was thought the liability also extended to the animals and possibly being injured. It was noted the security vendor carries their own liability and are already contracted through the fairgrounds for fair for the duration of the event. Another point was the well being of the animals and having someone knowledgeable about the animals. The responsibility of what happens if</p>	<p>Teresa Kelly Brewer made a motion to hire out barn security Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights from 11 PM to 5 AM. It was seconded by Don Converse.</p> <p>Teresa Kelly Brewer amended motion to pay for barn security Tuesday through Friday nights from 11 PM to 5 AM. Don Converse seconded the amendment. Motion unanimously carried.</p>

the animal is sick or injured, it is the owner's responsibility if something happens to it. Dave clarified the need to decide if security will be contracted; adjusting shifts for barn clean up; and if clubs still want to be a part of the security, they can participate. Clean up will start at 11 PM until the chores are complete.

Discussion of multiple clubs in the barn to clean. The concern of the clubs be responsible for cleaning really needs to be scheduled to keep members accountable through a sign up. Dave asked if any clubs would be willing to do security on Tuesday night. Kim provided Foundation input for a formal request that Foundation is willing to help. If the option is there for the clubs to be there with the security, it makes sense to hire security for Tuesday.

Panel Painting - Dave Hamilton gave an update on the painting of panels. The committee is having issues getting people to help with moving panels in and out to paint. It was the idea that Sunday with set up to paint the panels in place after they are set up. Dennis voiced his concern about the idea of painting in place and rented bleaches with dust and water. The concern of time was voiced about hand painting them versus air gun painting by donation.

Additional Day of Pig Barn - Dave also brought forward there will be an extra day of pig barn duty that will need to be assigned. The bigger clubs may need to sign up for an extra shift. As the Swine Superintendent, he reserves the right to fill the shifts with the bigger clubs as needed if they have not been filled.

A sign up sheet for barn clean-up by clubs will be available for fair days and will be available prior to fair.

4-H Camp – Mary Myers reported that although registration is due, there are still spots open. Mary had a concern voiced to her regarding camp on a variety of items. Mary thought the best way to gain interest in the camp was to survey the members about their interest. It was thought an online and club survey would be a good way to approach this. Mary is not saying we are changing the camp but would like to get everyone's interest in the camp. The camp is in need of male counselors. Please let Dora know if you are interested. Dave voiced we are just looking at this to get information from the members about their interest level. Mary would ask that survey information would be needed by August.

Operations Manual – Dave reported the manual has pretty much been completed and ready for posting for members. One item included policies that tied into the manual that are standing policies and may need to be looked at. Those policies were once voted and approved at one time. The main intent of the manual is how our program runs and guidelines to the various projects. It is considered a living document and can be changed at any time as long as it's not part of a policy. It is NOT a policy manual. It is a guideline manual and is for reference. The specific policies are in one chapter. Michelle Ostberg would propose changes that are not

	<p>big could be done once a year. The policy or changes to a policy have a process to go through. Mary prefers new members are not automatically handed the document due to the size. For those that want information, this would be a place for members to find it. We haven't had a reference place for the information and this is a resource for members. Dave recommended the course of action was to post the document in draft form and open for suggestions. Will look at suggestions in September and discussion if needed.</p> <p><u>Nomination Committee</u> – Dave announced it is that time for nominations. This year we have openings in Vice President, Secretary and other annual appointments for District 6, Foundation, Northern Rep, and member position. Dave asked for volunteers for the Nomination Committee. Kim noted she is listed as her term expires in 2016 and Dave will visit with Cody Mitchell on the issue for clarification. Michelle Ostberg will lead the committee. If you want to be apart of that committee, please contact Michelle.</p> <p><u>4-H License Plate Incentive</u> – Dave Hamilton announce a check arrived for the Montana 4-H Council for \$75 for 4-H license plates for due incentive. Depending on the dues that have been paid, a certain number of scholarships will be given. Dave asked for ideas of the two scholarships. Teresa reported in the past we have taken nominations from the floor and awarded the 4-H plates. One concern was some of the members already have 4-H plates. If the car is old enough you can have the permanent plate and keep. Please think about it and this will be taken care of next meeting. July council this will be voted and a ballot will be placed out there. Don Converse will be on the nomination ballot.</p> <p><u>Communication</u> – Dave Hamilton addressed concerns of communication that have been raised and we need to communicate better among ourselves. It needs to be recognized that sometimes timely decisions need to be made. The import thing is that everyone is respected at the end of the day and the kids need to be in the forefront of our decision. We all need to be adults in communications. Teresa Kelly Brewers' concern is there are things that are happening that the Council Officers know nothing of the decisions that are being made. As volunteer officers we can be held accountable and sued. There have been lots of times officers have wanted to walk away due to the lack of the communication. Everyone should be treated the same and kids remain at the forefront.</p>	<p>Teresa Kelly Brewer nominated Don Converse and Wade Bratlien nominated Karen Bratlien. Jeanne Davis seconded it. Karen Bratlien declined the nomination.</p>
<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Meeting - Monday, June 29, 2015 at 5:30 PM /Extension Office • Foundation Meeting – Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 5:30 PM /Extension Office • Outdoor Meeting – Monday, July 6, 2015 at 5:30 PM /Extension Office • Next Council Meeting – Monday, July 13, 2015 at 5:30 PM / Extension Office 	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Michelle Ostberg made a motion to adjourn. 6:57 PM</p>	

