

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Leader's Council

Date: November 13, 2014
 Start Time: 5:35 PM
 End Time: 7:05 PM

Present: Dave Hamilton (Big Sky), Karen Bratlien (Big Sky), Teresa Kelley Brewer (BHA), Wade Bratlien (Big Sky), Dennis Deaton (LCL), Sydney Deaton (LCL), Don Converse (Northern Rep), Dora Lindner (Kountry Bumpkins), Kim Ashmore (Haywire Kids), Michelle Ostberg (Mt Mav), Wes Brewer (BHA), Joel Farrell (Out N Abouts), Kimberly Lowry (SGC), Taton Brewer (BHA), Jade Kelley (BHA), Crystal Kelley (BHA), Brendon Brewer (BHA), Catherine McNeil (Sweet Clovers), Julie Gilchrist (Kountry Bumpkins), Luke Duran (Kountry Bumpkins), Cage Johnson (Haywire Kids), Amanda Saracc (Haywire Kids) and Janet Cerovski (Extension)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Recommendation
Call to Order / Pledges	Dave Hamilton called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM and the pledges were stated.	
Minute Approval	The meeting minutes from the October 8, 2014, were presented.	Sydney Deaton made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Michelle Ostberg seconded and the motion carried.
Treasurer's Report	Michelle Ostberg gave the Treasurer report. Total income was \$0.46 and total expenses were \$2,374.70.	Teresa Brewer made a motion to accept the report as changed. It was seconded and carried.
LCC 4-H Council Bank Account	Council Bank Account – it was noted that a motion to remove the past President and add the sitting President was need in order to update the signature cards at Valley Bank, holder of the Lewis & Clark County 4-H Leader's Council bank account.	Teresa Brewer made a motion to remove past President, Sandy Merchen, and add sitting President, David Hamilton, as a signer to the Valley Bank account. Don Converse seconded the motion and it carried.
Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor • Indoor • Ambassadors • Foundation • Extension Office Report • District 6 • Clubs • By-Laws • Other 	<p><u>Outdoor Committee</u> – Dennis Deaton reported at the October meeting it was voted that Dennis continue as the Outdoor Superintendent and asked for Council's approval. The two animal tagging option was not approved. It was noted that other members were present at the discussion, not just the outdoor project superintendents. The hair breed sheep were approved and will show at a slightly lighter minimum weight than the other breeds and they need to compete against regular sheep for grand and reserve. Discussion of move-in of animals a day earlier this year. Further discussion is needed regarding options with indoor and projects superintendents and if approved would come before Council in December for approval. Moving the animals in a day early would give the members and animals more time to settle in and perhaps better showing opportunities for the kids and the animals. The fairgrounds would appreciate an earlier move-in due to the concert venue and other activities on Wednesday.</p> <p>Market swine weight minimum will be 210 lbs. this year and next year it the</p>	

minimum will be 220 lbs. to be in-line with the pork industry standards. The maximum weight will be moved to 300 lbs. Those swine overweight will continue to complete for grand and reserve; however members will not be paid for weight overage after the 300 lbs maximum.

We are in need desperate need of Jr. Superintendents. We have extended the deadline until the positions are filled. Please speak to your club members to apply for the open positions. The application forms are available on the website.

The next Outdoor Committee meeting will be December 8 at 5:30 PM at the BHB. On the agenda will be looking at those animals award white ribbons in conjunction with selling opportunities at the sale. It was noted in some counties those animals awarded a white ribbon are not eligible for sell. This will be a point of discussion as last year we did have some animals awarded white ribbons that were sold. Please come as we would like to hear your input.

Indoor – Dora Lindner reported the committee met in October and worked on the high point system for indoor. Their next meeting will be held November 17 in the Extension Conference Room. Agenda items include discussion the fair book and fair theme. Club booths versus projects will be decided at that meeting. Last year the club booth versus projects was a tie vote and we stayed with projects due to time constraints. This year we will be voting earlier. New indoor superintendent are: Robotics – Alex Ostberg, Photography - Luke Duran, and Leather Craft – Cathy Edwards. If you are interested in being an Indoor Jr. Superintendant, please speak with the Indoor Project Superintendent.

Ambassador – Cage Johnson reported Award’s Night went well and ran smoothly.

Foundation – Kim Lowery reported the Foundation met last week and welcomed new members: Lisa DeWitt, Dora Lindner, and Alex Ostberg. Officers are: Cody Mitchell, President; Alex Ostberg, Treasurer; and Peggy Bartmess, Secretary. The Investment Policy was discussed and will be reviewed and hopefully approved next meeting. Several fundraisers for next spring were discussed. The Foundation is looking at a bigger fundraising event and identifying a larger monetary goal that may include several components including a dinner, etc. This type of event is a big undertaking and would require quite a bit of help. You attendance is encouraged at the next meeting, December 1 at 5: 30 PM.

Extension Report – Janet Cerovski reported the December newsletter will be posted before Thanksgiving holiday. Please be sure to look for it. Extension Agent interviews will be held next week. The final candidate is anticipated to start in January or perhaps sooner. Janet reminded leaders to be please turn-in

club enrollment forms to the office.

District 6 Update – Dora Lindner reported on the Fall Training Event. District 6 continues work on the Rec Lab that will be held in Livingston this year. Event Presenters/Speakers are still needed for the opening and closing sessions as well as small activities for time fillers between the workshops. Please forward your activity ideas and / or Presenters/Speakers to Catherine McNeil. Presentations are 1 to 2 hour time slots and topics can be financial information, marketing ideas, etc. Most workshops will be held on Saturday of the conference and close on Sunday.

Club Reports

Big Sky 4-Her's – Wade Bratlien reported the club is planning their annual Christmas party.

Out N Abouts – Joel Farrell reported December 6 the club will be doing gift wrapping at Murdoch's and a fundraiser for the club that day.

By-Law Committee – Teresa Brewer reported the committee has meet twice and is making great headway. The intent of the document is not being changed however, the areas being addressed are redundancy issues and verbiage continuity throughout the document. A discussion between the committee and the Foundation to discuss open communication channels between the two entities will need to be addressed. The committee anticipates the draft document to be complete and ready for posting in the January newsletter for voting at the February Council meeting. Dave Hamilton thanked the committee (Jim Ashmore, Teresa Brewer, Amanda Saracc and Karen Bratlien) for their work on the project. Kim Lowry invited Teresa Brewer to attend the next Foundation meeting on December 1 to address the by-law concerns.

Quality Assurance – Catherine McNeil reported the first of two QA sessions will be held December 15 at 5:30 PM for those members new or who need to renew their QA for outdoor animal projects. Janet will forward a list of those members who are due for QA to club leaders. Anyone thinking they may take a market animal including poultry and rabbit will need to attend if they have not done so before or those that need to be renewed. There will only be two opportunities for QA this year, this one in December and one in the spring yet to be determined. If you have not attended or your QA is out of date, members will not be able to bring a market animal to fair. In the past we have allow out of county QA, but that will be at the expense and coordination of that member.

<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards Night and Halloween Party • Other 	<p><u>Awards Night and Halloween Party</u> – Catherine McNeil felt it was not the responsibility of the teen leaders to clean the building after the event and asked that everyone help with the clean up. Those present at the Council meeting extended a thank you to the Canyon Creek Club for coordinating a nice party and the Teen Leaders for a great job.</p> <p><u>Other – Building Improvement</u> – Joel Farrell reported his is working on proposal for council including the 4-H logo on the floor. At the December meeting he is hoping to present the proposal.</p>	
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards Application • Building Use (How its determined) • 4-H Member Request for Exception at Fair • Vote on 2015 4-H Fair Theme 	<p><u>Pin Award Applications</u> – Teresa Brewer brought forward the concern of members not receiving their Pin Award due to the applications not being completed correctly. Two issues with the current application are: 1.) The requirement which is a completed book and project book – The issue is MSU does not require project books along with some of the other counties as well. This requirement needs to be moved to the non-required section of the pin application below. 2.) A committee needs to review and update the application including clearly defining the process and rules in which the kids have to complete the application.</p> <p>Teresa reported last year there were 1,871 projects in this county. At the fair, we had 254 members entered and 223 members showed at fair. Of those 1,620 projects were entered for fair and 1,620 projects showed at fair. Of those, we had 471 indoor projects and 885 outdoor projects judged. From the total amount of project, only 177 pins were applied for in which 159 pins were awarded.</p> <p>Teresa is asking going forward that the application and process be fixed for the members. The members are not competing for the awards as they are a reward for completing the project. If pins are not to be given to applicant, then the leader should be notified prior to the award event as to why and the opportunity to correct the issue.</p> <p>Catherine McNeil thought the whole award process needs to be reviewed including the overall indoor/outdoor and achievement awards. It was suggested that a committee is formed to address the issue and project a recommendation to Council. Volunteers for the committee are: Teresa Brewer, Catherine McNeil, Sydney Deaton, Dora Lindner, Kim Ashmore and Kimberly Lowry.</p> <p>Julie Gilchrist felt if the child did a good job on the project(s), the award should be a surprise to the child as the leader should recommend the member for the award. Janet reported that members in the past that received awards did not want them and it was a significant cost to the program. Another issue is some leaders</p>	

	<p>don't know what awards the members are applying for.</p> <p>Kim Lowry questioned the process and did not understand this county's process being new. Her children did not want to compete against one and another for the pin so there did not put in an application for competing projects that they qualified for. Kim recommended an award guideline standard put together for leaders to follow. Sharing information is key to the success of the members and the program.</p> <p>Sydney Deaton agrees with the pin awards, but does not agreed with \$150 scholarships that are being awarded. Dennis Deaton comment the system is flawed in regard to the \$150 scholarships that go to one family due to strict guidelines.</p> <p><u>Building Use</u> – Taton Brewer spoke to the discussion of last meeting and the building use for other organizations outside of 4-H including sports programs, teams, etc. It was his thought that equal treatment among building use requests be given to those individuals and organizations outside 4-H as it would be good for our organization. Taton made a motion that all building use requests be treated equally. It was seconded by Teresa Brewer. Discussion followed. Taton then amended the motion to all building use requests be considered equally, with 4-H events taking priority over the outside organization request and does not mean that previous entity with [usage] past problem cannot use the building. The motion was seconded.</p> <p>Discussion: Catherine McNeil revisited the discussion at the last council meeting and brought forth an example from experience with the Community Center. If we want to become a rental facility, we need to look at fees for use, cleaning and renter expectations. If rented to an outside entity, it would be difficult to schedule other events.</p> <p>Dennis Deaton appreciated Taton bringing up the issue and expressed his concern that we are a 4-H center here and need to be very careful with scheduling outside organization events due to the many months in advance they need to book their event as well as 4-H activities / events that need the building and won't be available for our purpose(s).</p> <p>Michelle Ostberg reflected on the by-laws and a committee discussion to address building usage in the bylaws.</p> <p>Wes Brewer thought the issue stems from youth being denied access from the building, but adult events are allowed. He further expressed since 4-H is a youth</p>	
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	<p>organization, we do not want to discrimination against youth.</p> <p>Janet Cerovski provided history and building usage agreement of the fairgrounds in which since the fairground owns the ground and we own the building, that other areas on the Fairgrounds should be booked to outside organizations prior to booking the BHB. If a fee is charged for rental of the BHB, the Fairgrounds have a say in the rental of the building that is why we suggest a donation. The other issue is renting the building in which clear guidelines need to be addressed and/or updating the existing Building Use Agreement.</p> <p>Sydney Deaton asked what is the purpose of the building? The original intent of the building was to be use by 4-H to have a place to do events and activities. The original intent has been lost over the years.</p> <p>Catherine McNeil acknowledged that Council had several requests and we looked at them individually. Further discussion on use of the building from last meeting ensued in which Teresa reported she had to go back to the business that requested use of the building through her and tell the businesses the Council was saying no to the usage. If we are going to allow other to use the building, then it needs to be done equally.</p> <p>Dennis Deaton asked if a Code of Conduct was addressed in the by-laws. As a parent, he thought it was not the place to air the business [of 4-H Council] on a social networking site such as Facebook. He would ask that we are awful careful in how we do business as an organization and how the dirty laundry is aired. We have to be careful on how items such as this are handled.</p> <p>Michelle Ostberg asked for clarification on the motion if the outside 4-H event will be bumped if a 4-H event comes up. It will need to be looked at in the use policy and the contract.</p> <p>The vote was called for in which 7 were in favor of the motion and 7 opposed. It was noted that if a club abstains or there is a tie, it goes to the President to either break the tie or to table the motion. Dave Hamilton felt this is an important issue that needs further discussion and thought. Catherine McNeil made a motion to table until the December meeting.</p> <p><u>4-H Member Exemption Request</u> – Brendon Brewer provided a presentation in which he detailed his previous and current participation in the 4-H program and fair activities as well as his other interest and horse activities outside of the program. As such, he will be competing on a national level at the top of his age group during the summer of 2015 which is the same week as fair for the Omoksee</p>	
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Dennis Deaton made a motion to allow Brendon to bring a steer to fair with the understanding that he [Brendon] will not be there until the sale, the animal will not be eligible for grand or reserve, must be cared for by another 4-H member—not the parents, and he [Brendon] must be present at the sale or his animal will not be sold at the sale, and will not be eligible for high point. It was seconded by Joel Farrell. Discussion followed as motion could be used as a template for future exemption requests. Catherine McNeil believes that we need to think about these as some of life's hard decisions/choices. **The call for vote was cast in which 12 were in favor and 2 were nay. The motion carried.** Dave Hamilton believes that guidelines need to be put in place for future use.

Newsletter and Communication to Members - Sydney Deaton voiced a concern about the newsletter and information not getting out to members. She understands the expense side of sending the newsletter via US Mail, but continues to hear from numerous people that they are not getting the information especially the award information is not getting out. Council needs to look at this communication issue as the leaders are not getting the communications out to their members. Catherine McNeil thought if we go back to printing the newsletter, it would have to come to council to be sent out. Janet confirmed it was about \$500 per month in expense through the extension office which put out the newsletter.

Marketing and Project Book Workshops - Joel Farrell brought forth the suggestion to hold a marketing workshop as well as a project book workshop in which he volunteered to coordinate and lead. In the past, Joel has been in LCC and a lot of clubs have notice decline of quality in record books and marketing. He has worked with several 4-H members for marketing. Would like to help indoor with marketing of their projects. It was asked that he work with sale for the marketing presentation.

Council Representative Issue - Dave Hamilton announced that last meeting Wade Bratlien was voted as a council representative in which he is underage per our current by-laws. Catherine McNeil made a motion to suspension of the rules due to age so that Wade can remain as Council Representative. Dennis Deaton seconded the motion. Discussion: the age limit is 13 and Wade is currently 12. Senior members in attendance were asked if they would like to be the representative and they respectfully declined. Motion carried.

Indoor and Outdoor Superintendents – It was noted the Indoor and Outdoor Superintendents needed to be approved by Council. Catherine McNeil made a motion that Dennis Deaton remains the Outdoor Superintendent. Taton Brewer

	<p>seconded the motion and it carried. Dennis announced this will be his last year and asked if anyone was interest in the position for next year, that he would encourage them to do so. Teresa Brewer made a motion that Dora Lindner remains the Indoor Superintendent. Cage Johnson seconded the motion and it carried.</p> <p><u>Fair Theme</u> – First place went to Amara Kueber for her entry of “From Wagon Wheels to Ferris Wheels” and second place went to Caswell Bloomquist for his entry of “Take the Field for 4-H”. Congratulations!</p>	
<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Committee meeting November 17 • Foundation Meeting December 1 • Other 		
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting December 10, 2014. Meeting adjourned.</p>	<p>Taton Brewer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Michelle Ostberg and carried.</p>