

**Outdoor Committee Meeting
February 9, 2015**

Members Attendance:

Big Sky 4-H: Dennis Deaton, Chair; Karen Bratlien, Dog; Dave Hamilton, Swine; Karyn Hamilton, Goat; and Sydney Deaton;

Sleeping Giants: Shane Tamcke, Beef;

LCL: Vanessa Olson, Horse; Martha Gardner, Sales; Dave Gardner, Sales; and Val Williams, Poultry;

Sweet Clovers: Valerie McNeil, Jr. Superintendent; Denise Harris, Leader; Tanner Harris, Leader; and Catherine McNeil;

Extension Office: Mary Meyer, Agent; and Janet Cerovski, Assistant;

Haywire Kids: Kim Ashmore, Leader;

MT City Mavericks: Michelle Ostberg, Leader;

Canyon Creek Stock: Kate Grady-Selby, Herdsmanship; and Lisa Grady, Herdsmanship;
Chris Gransbery, Jr. Superintendent

The Outdoor Committee meeting was called to order by Dennis Deaton, Chair, at 5:30 PM in the BHB.

The January 12, 2015, meeting minutes were reviewed. Dave Hamilton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Shane Tamcke seconded. Unanimously approved.

Superintendent Reports:

- **Beef:** Shane Tamcke reported he is working to schedule hoof trimming in the coming months for project beef. He will communicate more information on date and time once it is determined.
- **Goat:** Karyn Hamilton reported the project is moving along.
- **Dog:** Karen Bratlien announced the Dog Project would like to invite non-dog project 4-Her's who are interested in Dog Showmanship for Round Robin to attend the April 25 dog training workshop for Showmanship. Please watch newsletter for details.
- **Horse:** Vanessa Olson reported the project held a riding workshop at the end of January and will hold another soon. Project members also attend a helmet safety video workshop.
- **Swine:** Dave Hamilton reported on the upcoming Swine workshops regarding feed and caring for your pig and possibility pig selection. Swine forms are due in the office on April 17 and tagging will be April 26. This year's tagging will be the same as last year in which pigs will be tagged in their trailers upon arrival at the fairgrounds. Pigs will not be run across the scale for an initial weight, but are encouraged to attend open scale nights as we get closer to fair to ensure the pigs are gaining properly. The Rate of Gain Award will not be given again this year due to the PED virus and we continue to take precaution against its spread. Breeding projects will be tagged at home and a picture of the tag should be included with your form.
- **Poultry:** Val Williams reported a workshop was held yesterday in which half of project members attended. Shooting sports began their practice earlier than anticipated and no birds were hurt.
- **Herdsmanship:** Lisa Grady gave an update of the Herdsmanship plans for the year. If you know where the Herdsmanship board has gone, please contact either Lisa or Katie. It was noted the board may need to be replaced this year if it cannot be located.
- **Sheep:** Dennis Deaton gave an update since Jeff Patton was absent. Sheep possession date is May 1 and tagging will be held on May 3. It was noted that goats do not have to be tagged as the

same time as sheep and Karyn will work with Dennis if that date does not work for the Goat Project.

- **Dairy:** Marilyn deMontigny absent
- **Livestock Judging:** Dennis noted this position is currently not filled and asked that Mary Meyer, our new Extension Agent, consider stepping in with her past experience with Livestock Judging.
- **Quality Assurance:** Mary Meyer reported she has met with Brent Sarchet regarding Quality Assurance and will be working on a future workshop date.
- **Rabbit:** Dundee Gribbons was absent.
- **Round Robin:** Jim Leslie was absent.
- **Sale:** Dave Gardner reported work was underway with the committee.
- **Extension Report:** Mary Meyer was welcomed by the committee. She provided a brief history on herself and career.
- **Northern Representative:** Don Converse was absent.
- **Barn Security:** Duane Williams was absent.

New Business

Council Update – Dave Hamilton gave an update on Council. As the organization moves forward, he cautioned that we do not want to become a rule and policy driven organization. The organization was founded for the children and we cannot lose sight of that. We need to be sure to include their (the children's) wants into the program and organization. He also noted the White Ribbon Policy did not pass. The vote was tied and given the controversy around the vote, Dave, as President, voted the policy down.

Fair Schedule – Dennis Deaton reported the 2015 Fair Schedule and Premium Book was posted to the website and is available for viewing. The 2015 Fair Schedule has several changes that include:

- 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.
- 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.

Old Business

Hiring/contacts with Judges – Mary Meyer reported Brent Sarchet is preparing a guideline on judge hiring and contact. All hiring and contact will be done by the Extension Office. For those projects that

have not supplied the Office with judge contract information, please do so. Next year we will looking at stating the process earlier.

Adult Round Robin – Lisa Grady and Katie Grady-Selby provided an update on the Adult Round Robin Fundraiser event that will be held Thursday evening at 6 PM of fair week. This should be a fun event and a great fundraiser. They are still working through the details and will be providing more information as we get closer to fair.

Paint of Panels – Cage Johnson has volunteered to do this as part of his Teen Leadership Project.

Minimum Pig Weight for 2015 – Dave Hamilton reminded everyone of the minimum pig weight for 2015 will be 210 lbs. and maximum weight will be 300 lbs. In 2016, those weights will be 220 lbs and 310 lbs respectively.

Other Business

Costco & Old Produce – Mary Meyer reported Costco contacted the Extension Office regarding members contacting them for old produce for feed. Costco's preference was to work through one person instead of several for distributions of old produce. They currently give the old produce to the bears at FWP. Discussion followed regarding proper nutrition for our animals along with feed and supplements. It was the consensus of the committee that we as an organization were not comfortable with the potential liability issue as well as wanted to promote proper nutrition of our animals.

State Ambassador – Week of Service – Val McNeil reported the State Ambassadors are sponsoring a "Week of Service" April 12 thru 19 in which individuals will provide service in their communities. The goal is to have one service project per county for this year. The ambassador's would like to see this become an annual event. More information will follow.

Dave Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karyn Hamilton seconded.