

## **Outdoor Committee Meeting May 11, 2015**

Present:

**Big Sky 4-H:** Dennis Deaton, Chair; Karen Bratlien, Dog; Dave Hamilton, Swine; Jay Deaton, Sydney Deaton and Wade Bratlien;

**Sleeping Giants:** Shane Tamcke, Beef; Marilyn deMontigny, Dairy; Becky deMontigny;

**LCL:** Vanessa Olson, Horse; Mariah Olson, Clancy Olson; and Jeff Patton, Sheep;

**Sweet Clovers:** Valerie McNeil, Jr. Superintendent; and Catherine McNeil;

**Extension Office:** Mary Meyer, Agent;

**Haywire Kids:** Kim Ashmore, Leader; Cage Johnson

**Canyon Creek Stock:** Kate Grady-Selby, Herdsmanship; and Lisa Grady, Herdsmanship;

**Barn Security:** Duane Williams

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

The April 13, 2015, meeting minutes were review and correction was note to change "Jiff" to "Jeff" Patton. Dave Hamilton made motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Jeff Patton seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Superintendent Reports:**

- Beef – Shane Tamcke reported the first weigh-in went well and have scheduled hoof trimming for May 24 all day beginning at 8 AM. Unfortunately May 24 was the only day Shane could schedule the trimming due to constraints of farrier. Farrier will not trim pregnant cows. Shane will distribute schedule and sign ups. Will not due pregnant cows. \$35 per animal for a total of 20 animals. Will have another open scale night on May 21 (5 PM to 7 PM) and have workshop on steer showmanship. More open scale nights coming in June. Pens will be available.
- Dairy – Marilyn deMontigny reported next meeting on May 31 for washing and cleaning of dairy cows at Marilyn's house. Cheese making workshop turned out really well.
- Dog – Karen Bratlien reported the project is finishing up our third session and will begin preparations for fair with our fourth and final session beginning in June.
- Goat – Dave Hamilton reported on behalf of Karyn Hamilton the project tagged 6 market goats yesterday.
- Herdsmanship – Katie Selby and Lisa Grady reported they have finished the herdsmanhip board. The goal is prizes twice a day for members with cleanest pen. It will be the member's responsibility to check the board throughout the day. The board used to be in the multipurpose room on a stand and we will need to decide where it should go. Adult round robin sign ups beginning with more information to follow as we get closer to fair.
- Horse –Vanessa Olson reported on the workshops for showmanship and riding with good clinicians. Practice show moving along. Will be meeting about high point award after this meeting.
- Poultry – Elizabeth gave a report on the last meeting that reviewed the various breeds that members will be showing as well as orientation of new members attend and bring them up to speed for fair. Val will be having a workshop for building painting pen bunks next Sunday. Found poultry processor in Wilsal and more information will be coming. Have had problems with poultry process in the past. The processor in Wilsal is USDA certified.
- Quality Assurance – Mary Meyer reported on the QA workshop and thanked everyone for their help and attendance. Augusta will be holding a QA on May 14 and another in Billings coming up. For those members who still need their QA, there are surrounding counties are offering QA but members will need to follow up on information themselves.
- Extension Office – Mary Meyer reported horse has a judge and she is still working on rabbit, dog and poultry judges. Livestock judging practice will be scheduled somewhere around jackpot show. Mary will contact participants. Please tell members about 4-H Night on Saturday at the rodeo where they will

announce highpoint winners on Saturday. First commercial spot will begin filming today and at Senior Night for group shot. Tomorrow is Advance Marketing Class at 6 pm at the BHB. Mary noted we need to pay attention to how many panels are workable after fair. Mary passed out steer showmanship clinic opportunity free of charge on June 6 & 7. MSU is offering carcass trainings coming up soon.

- Round Robin – Dennis noted there was nothing to report at this time. Be sure to get your round robin judge for your project. Saturday morning at 8 AM. Superintendents will need to have to get a signed contract and \$25 paid from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Sale – Dennis reported for Dave who plans to have a sale meeting next week and will confirm.
- Sheep – Jeff Patton reported there were 30 lambs tagged and will have a showmanship clinic on June 27 from 2 to 4 PM at the fairgrounds.
- Swine – Dave Hamilton reported 92 market hogs were tagged. Showmanship workshop this Thursday from 6 pm until done. Open scale night on the May 21 in conjunction with beef and sheep. Will be doing more scale nights in June with dates and time to follow. Please encourage kids to come to jackpot for weigh-in opportunity.
- Barn Security – Duane reported it going good.

## **New Business**

Security Options – Dennis Deaton provided an overview of barn security history including clubs voicing support and non-support of participation in barn security. During shifts, we need someone with livestock experience and to perform some light barn chores to prepare the barn for opening the following morning. Last meeting Kim Lowry presented some options for security shifts to the Outdoor Committee in which she was asked to gather more information. Shane Tamcke presented Kim's findings at her request since she was unable to attend the meeting. During the report, Shane noted barn security and the request for someone or company to provide services other than the clubs was identified as top survey response to Foundation's survey regarding use of funds from fundraising activities. Kim is waiting for a response and interest from the Ft. Harrison representative. Information from the Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Department was they contract deputies and reserve deputies for security work outside of regular duties. Costs would be \$20 an hour per person with a minimum of 7 hours and two officers on duty. LCCS quoted barn security pair for fair Tuesday through Saturday night, with coverage from 10 PM to 5 AM (7 hours a night) for an event total of \$1400 or \$280 per day. Some deputies do have livestock experience and will patrol barn, pig barn, and 4-H camp grounds at our request. LCCS would work with those clubs who want to participate in barn security, but asked that children not be present in barn during their patrol. Officers are in uniform during their patrol shifts. It was noted clubs still need to provide daily cleaning, barn watering, and straightening up prior to opening of barn to public. Shane noted the LCCS would need to know if services would be requested by June 3 meeting with Kim and scheduled no later than June 10. It was noted that Foundation will discuss paying for services this year and perhaps look at how to fund this opportunity for next year; however, covering the cost of barn security will not be an ongoing expense for Foundation. It was also noted that perhaps Dennis and Mary reach out to the Fair Steering Committee and discuss financial assistance with barn security due to open projects also needing night security.

Dennis reported security shifts will be changed from 11 PM to 5 AM with first shift at 11 PM to 2 AM and 2 AM to 5 AM Tuesday through Saturday to accommodate the change of fair dates. There will be 10 total spots available in which 18 clubs could fill. Big Sky has requested first shift on Saturday night and as part of the request will begin barn tearing down at the beginning of their shift. Sweet Clovers has requested again this year as in past years to provide security during the same time as Big Sky to assist with barn tear down. Dennis noted that last year we had two open shifts that clubs did not fill in which other leaders had to provide coverage. Prior concerns brought forth from clubs were: younger members in the clubs made it difficult to participate as well as club size; the pig barn remains locked during barn close hours; and fairness to those members who have breeding and nonmarket projects. It was recommended to look at rewarding those clubs who want to do barn security and would be willing to do two shifts instead of their one. **Kim Ashmore made a motion pursue having another company or law enforcement provide barn security for fair. The motion was second by Lisa Grady. Clarification of the motion is to have those clubs that want to participate in the barn security, could do so.**

Discussion followed regarding focus of security shifts should be filled by those with livestock instead of club and rewarding those clubs who take additional shifts.

Concern was raised regarding allowing the club representatives to vote on this motion instead of the superintendents as security should fall to the superintendents and leaders and it was felt the power was being taken away from superintendents. **Dennis Deaton called for the vote from the club representatives in which 4 were for the motion and 4 were against; superintendent vote in which 5 were for and 2 were against. Motion carried.**

Tie out for Fair – Shane Tamcke would like to look at panel and parking needs to incorporate tie out areas at fair. Kids need to be aware of the offerings and the decision. Dennis encouraged Shane with progress for the project and appreciates his efforts.

Nerf Gun War – will be held at the Patton trailer this year during fair. Dennis will be taking donations for Nerf supplies.

### **Old Business**

Hiring/Contact with Judges – Mary Meyer presented Brent’s recommendation for the judge selection procedure and reviewed the policy. Dennis provided the back history for this policy and provides anonymity for superintendents. We are not looking to select one judge for all projects. We would look at one that could do a majority of species. Concern of wording for “at least one judge”, should be “at least two judges”. It was noted the Yellowstone Extension Offices asked for a list of 3 or more judges from their superintendents. We were reminded that we need to work within our budget constraints. Jeff Patton made a motion to approve the amended Lewis and Clark County Judge Selection Procedure. Vanessa Olson seconded and the motion carried unanimous.

Operational Guideline Manual – The committee is in the final stages and anticipates the roll out June 2015.

Painting Panels – Jeff Patton announced panels will be painted on June 14 and 24<sup>th</sup>. Need adults to help with panels and painting project.

### **Announcements**

- Pig weight minimum is 210 lbs. this year and next year will be a minimum of 220 lbs.
- Taco Johns this Thursday night for the Jackpot Show. Please visit the location on Montana Avenue.

Jeff Patton made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Jay Deaton and carried.