

Sanders County 4-H Livestock Committee

Monday, January 12, 2009

6:30 pm

FSA Bldg, Plains

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Present: Jim Newman-Chairman, Sandy Newman, Traci Salmi, Matt Havens, Michele McGuigan, Kathy McEldery, Dick Williams, Cory Guenzler, Malcolm McDonald, Charles French, Terry Prongua, Meghan Phillippi, John Halpop

Minutes of previous meeting; approved as presented

Market Animal Processing; Mike Frey, Clark Fork Custom Meats explained the kill fee is passed along to the cut/wrap location. All animals are inspected. Clark Fork is willing and planning on supporting the market sale in 2009, Re-selling market animals hasn't been a problem.

Fair Grounds Support/Projects.

▶ Show Arena Panel Painting (Powder Coat) Project; Cost is approximately \$2,500.

▷ New poultry cages (2-3 year plan depending upon cost)

▶ Digital Livestock Scale (possibly upgrade current scale) Cory G. will check into price, approximately \$1,500.

▷ Paint inside of sheep/swine barn

We will table until budget figures are known for each item, and put together 2009 improvement expenses.

2009 Fairbook Revisions: Respective livestock species were handed out for review to superintendants.

Poultry/Dairy; discussion to reorganize the 4-H & Open class lots for compatibility, as exhibitors with these species often show in both divisions.

Quality Assurance Session(s) A state-wide working group is organizing to update the QA materials. One need is to offer materials more specific the years in a project (1-9). This project won't be completed for 2009 4-H year. Our first Quality Assurance offering will be on Demonstration days in Hot Springs & Thompson Falls

Species Reports:

Beef: Ten market steers have been tagged. Beef Seminar, scheduled for Rachel Endecott, MSU Fort Keough didn't have any attendees, perhaps due to school conflicts.

Horse: Michele reported a colt-to-maturity meeting was held December 30th. Two monthly meeting are planned for Thompson Falls. Members are encouraged to visit <http://www.lazyacquarterhorses.com/> and click on the 4-H link to view an update of scheduled 4-H programs.

Sheep: The "Sheep Learning kit" has been obtained, we will schedule a project learning day this spring. Member visits for sheep/swine members will be scheduled for early June. This is intended solely for member support regarding nutrition, housing, etc.

Swine: Matt said we are looking for a hog donation & two prizes to support the 2009 Livestock Raffle. A clinic will be held in March. Given the fact we have 50 market projects, Matt suggested we add a Novice showmanship lot, in addition to Junior & Senior. Novice defined as 1st year in the project.

Poultry: Paula Dimond has scheduled a Fred Probstel clinic for Plains January 17th. Suggestion to move the Poultry show to 4 pm Friday in the livestock wash rack area. To avoid the congestion that occurs in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn.

Next Meeting; Tuesday, February 17, 2009. 6:30 pm FSA Building, Plains

Sanders County 4-H Livestock Committee

Monday March 30, 2009

6:30 pm

FSA Bldg, Plains

Present: Jim Newman, Sandy Newman, Michele McGuigan, Traci Salmi, Terry Prongua, Kathy McEldery, Dick Williams, John Halpop.

Minutes of previous meeting: Amend market goat to read "meat goat"

Agenda review

Old Business:

Fair Improvements Project Cost Updates (if any)

- Show Arena Panel (Powder Coat) Project; Total cost of \$2,500 (Sanders Co. Fair). Following discussion it was *approved* (McGuigan motion) to allocate \$1,000 towards this project.
- Interior Sheep/Swine Barn Painting (power wash \$65-70), paint sprayer rental (\$55/each), paint (\$300 estimate). Total project estimate ~\$500. *Project approved*.
- Digital Scales (approximate cost ~\$1,800); discussed needs (platform improvement/location versus the current set-up. The current scales are certifiable, granted gates could be looked at. It was decided to *table the project* at this time.
- Animal Science learning kits. Horse club has a kit purchased. Discussed purchasing kits for sheep and swine education, especially considering the number of swine project members. They are developed and sold by Ohio State University and contain interactive sections on conformation, basic health, breeds, and meat "cuts". (Note-Price is \$429/kit)

Sheep/Swine Tagging : Friday, May 29th 6-7 pm Trout Creek Fire Hall ; Saturday, May 30th 9-10 am, Hot Springs Scales.

Livestock Raffle: Weaner pig, quilt and quilt rack (Noxon Explorers) are donated. Clark Fork Custom Processing cost. Kill fee = \$60, cut/wrap is 50 cents per pound. Total processing for a market hog is \$175-200.

Barn Patrol Sign-Up; Parents/leaders may begin calling in Wednesday, July 1st .

Species Reports:

Beef; one steer project will be replaced (May 1st deadline) for safety reasons.

Horse; Colt-to-Maturity clinic started March 7th for 3 members. Charlie Hanson, Arlee has assisted. Thompson Falls, Plains and Hot Springs have hosted project meetings. Discussed "Strangles" as part of the vaccination schedule. This is a modified live vaccine, requiring veterinary administration.

Sheep; numbers have been steady, discussed shearing July date, which will be firmed up.

Swine; 2nd Clinic Thursday, April 23rd 6 pm State Office Bldg, Thompson Falls

Rabbit/Poultry; Bill Saint indicated he won't available in 2009. The committee discussed possible Co-Superintendents.

Next Meeting; Tuesday, May 5th 6:30 pm FSA (will schedule barn improvement project)

Sanders County 4-H Livestock Committee

Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 6:30 pm

FSA Bldg, Plains

Present: Jim Newman, Sandy Newman, Rae-Lynn Cox, Theresa Nelson, Michele McGuigan, Katy French, Charles French, Matt Haven, Terry Prongua, Traci Salmi, Tammy Beerntsen, Carrie Guenzler, Kathy McEldery, John Halpop

Minutes of previous meeting: Approved as presented.

Business:

Sheep/Swine Barn Project Schedule; Barn preparation- power wash first week or so of June (Pat Legard), Gambles-Plains paint purchase, Painting – Sprayer rental (Dick Williams) will arrange. Date: Saturday, June 27th @ 8 am.

Animal Science “Learning” Kits (purchase \$429.99 ea. sheep & swine): Following brief discussion Sandy motion (2nd Matt) to purchase kits. Kathy M. indicated there is some money in the sheep fund from an earlier donation made towards the project.

Interview Judging: names were discussed. They will be contacted in the near future.

4-H Foundation Swine Fundraiser (Market Sale): Saint Enterprises has offered to raise a market hog as a fund raising effort for the 4-H Foundation. This is a generous offer, the animal will be sold at the end of the regular sale.

Species Reports:

Beef: Terry reported the projects are coming along well.

Horse: Activity will gear up in June. At this time there will be two trailer loads of horses (& members) travelling to Bozeman for the MSU Horsemanship school.

Sheep: At this time we tentatively plan on shearing scheduled for Saturday, August 1st.

Goat: Sandy has ordered leader guide materials from Ohio State Univ.

Llama: Dick reported the Pack Trials are scheduled for the first weekend in August.

Swine: We currently have 49 market project members. Thirteen 1st & 2nd year members attended Swine clinic on April 23rd

Rabbit; Tina & Christine Wood, Heron will be assisting in the rabbit barn.

Poultry: Katy French will be coordinating activities in the poultry barn.

Next Meeting; Tuesday, June 16, 2009. 6:30 pm Fairgrounds.

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Sanders County 4-H Livestock Leaders (Draft**)

Tuesday July 1, 2008, 6:30 pm Fairgrounds

Present: Jim Newman-Chairman, Sandy Newman, Tammy Beerntsen, Traci Salmi, Sally Havens, Kathy McEldery, Michele McGuigan, Bill & Heather Saint, Terry Prongua, John Halpop

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as presented.

Reports

Horse: Michele reported they are beginning “horse assessments” Wednesday, June 17th. One change to the open class horse show will be “Open Ranch Horse” competition.

Beef: Terry reported beef projects are coming along. John will contact Hoof trimmer Ron Kummerfeldt for available dates.

Sheep: Saturday, July 25th (8 am) for sheep shearing.

Swine: Market projects all tagged

Poultry/Rabbit

Housing Forms: are required to be submitted prior to possession “All livestock projects must submit a housing form describing where their project animal(s) are being kept. Deadlines; November 1st (market beef & cattle), April 1st, (sheep/swine/goats), June 1st (horses/llamas). Forms are available from the extension office or online at

<http://www.homepage.montana.edu/~sanders/>

New Business:

Camping & Barn Patrol Sign-up:

- For all parents of livestock members. Discussed the “need” for respective barn superintendants to barn patrol as they volunteer many hours throughout the 4-H year, as well as during “Fair Weekend” meeting responsibilities. Sign-up is scheduled for July 1st – August 14th, please call 827-6934.
- **4-H Camping area Quiet Hours are from 10 pm - 6 am. **All youth camping must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

Sheep/Swine Selection Deadline Saturday, July 25th (Shearing date)

Livestock Interview Judges: in the process of being confirmed.

Special Show Assignments (ringmaster/announcer/clerking) were made. This will be included in the August pre-fair *Dispatch*.

Sheep/Swine Painting; Saturday, June 27th 8 am

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 30th 6:30 pm Fairgrounds.

Sanders County 4-H Livestock Committee

Thursday, August 6, 2009, 6:30pm

Fairgrounds, Plains

Present: Jim Newman, Sandy Newman, Tammy Beerntsen, Traci Salmi, Matt Havens, Michele McGuigan, Bill & Heather Saint, Terry Prongua, Teresa Nelson, Carrie Guenzler, Malcolm McDonald, Tina Wood, Meghan Phillippi

Minutes of previous meeting: Approved as presented.

Business:

Show Assignments: Please refer to 4-H Dispatch insert.

Interview Judging: All judges are secured.

Animal Science “Learning” Kits: Jessica & Rae-Lynn Cox and Sandy Newman will put together a Goat Learning Kit to accompany the other species kits that were purchased.

Water: Blackfoot will donate 25 cases of bottled water for 4-H members at the fair. Bill and Heather Saint volunteered to pick the water up in Missoula.

Fair Readiness Day: Everyone is encouraged to do their part as we prepare barns, show areas, dining hall and exhibit barn for the coming week. Chips will again be donated by Thompson River Lumber for bedding. Sanders County Refuse will haul chips in waste containers, and provide the containers for used livestock bedding. Please bring weed trimmers, scoop shovels, wheelbarrows and electric screwdrivers with Philips head.

Wednesday, September 2nd Livestock Check In: 1pm-6pm. Dr Jack Konitz, Big Arm, will again check the animals for health. Upon check-in at the fair remember to have your livestock health cards (available on the Sanders County 4-H website) and record book materials up to date. We will gain be unloading between the horse and swine barns. Livestock should be brought in by the 4-H horse arena headed towards the horse bar, exiting between the swine & horse barn for one-way drive through.

Parking/Camping/Barn Duty: Most shifts are covered, however remember parents/guardians of members exhibiting livestock in the barns are expected to help. Thank you.

Market Buyer Gifts: Some caps and shirts remain. These will be augmented by additional gifts.

Species Reports & Workshops:

Horse: Riding continues and most members have completed assessments.

Beef: The hoof trimming was canceled due to lack of interest.

Sheep/Goat/Llama: Sheep and goat meeting have been held. Another Sheep/Goat meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 12 at 10am at the fairgrounds.

Swine: Parents, grandparents and friends are reminded that for their own safety, please stay out of the swine barn during the show and pictures.

Poultry/Rabbit:

Next Meeting: Saturday, August 29th (Readiness Day), 9:30am

Sanders County 4-H Livestock Committee
Monday, September 29, 2008
Plains, MT
6:30 pm

Present: Jim & Sandy Newman, Matt & Sally Havens, Virginia/Crystal Chenoweth, Tammy Beerntsen, Carrie Guenzler, Sharon & Joe Brown (phone), Michele McGuigan, Terry Prongua, Kathy McEldery, John Halpop

Minutes of previous meeting (August 14th) were approved as presented.

Old Business:

Fair Wrap-Up (critique)

Wednesday Check-In; everyone pitched in and helped. Need extra health cards as members need them upon arrival. There is apparently some confusion reading the barn patrol schedule, we'll look at page layout & having copies available for Camping Coordinator, Joe Brown to clarify with arriving campers.

Health Check-in; Thanks to Dr. Konitz for his continued assistance. 2009 will add Ferret rabies/distemper vaccination and are considering making strangles a requirement for horse projects. Strangles vaccine must be vet administered, so cost could be an issue. Having a spring vaccination location could reduce costs. Having an identified "Vet on Call" during the fair for 4-H/Open class livestock was discussed. We have coordinated with the Fair to share on call expenses (\$50 ea/day). This will be addressed for 2009.

Barn/Show Reports

Sheep; Sandy reported the show went well. As with swine, people traffic through the barn during the show is a problem.

Swine; showmanship & market show went very well. Safety: Matt reported that he & safety crew had difficulty keeping public and parents out of the barn during the shows and that safety. Concern is somebody may be injured when animals are being moved in/out of the barn. The same concern exists during the sheep show. Recommend separating members waiting to be interviewed from the judges. Consider raising the 210# market project minimum to 220 or 230. We will gather information over the next few months. Market Swine will be weighed once, after arrival at the fairgrounds.

Horse; Michele reported the show went well, she had a good crew assisting.

Beef; the show went very well, wash rack drains became plugged at one point, but functioned well otherwise. John Bras has a market steer available for 2009.

Rabbit/Poultry; address crowd control during the Friday rabbit show, traffic made hearing the judge's comments difficult. One concern is maintaining adequate feed records for poultry raised under "free range" conditions. At Wednesday check-in some feed sheets were left blank. Jim will request the open class rabbit/poultry entries be included with the materials he receives as Open Class Livestock Superintendent.

Round Robin; splitting the junior & senior shows seems to be working well. Respective showmanship winners need to notify their barn superintendent in a timely manner if they will (*not*) be participating.

Show (Public) Safety; has become a problem again during the swine & sheep shows. Barn Superintendents relayed a couple situations where young and/or older people could have been injured as animals are being moved in/out of the arena during shows. "Safety crew" leaders have voiced similar frustration. We'll pursue this further & continue to look for solutions.

Camping/Parking; Joe reported camping went well overall. All parents are reminded that youth shouldn't be left unattended. Some campers missed regular patrol schedule, but made up for it later. The format may need to be revised for ease of reading. Joe requested that when people sign-up, they indicate tent/RV and if RV, length. Gate at horse barn was left unlocked, needs to be locked to prevent in/out traffic. Padlock key left with camping coordinator.

Market Sale; 2009 will make copies of "quick reference" sheets in triplicate. The issue of members and buyers being contacted for Thank You ad space was discussed.

Livestock Committee Raffle (swine/welding display/quilt): \$1,724.51 was raised in support of livestock sale and committee improvement activities on the fairgrounds. 2009 cut/wrap fees if a market hog is the top prize.

Carcass Evaluation; Thanks to Gary Hewitt, Carrie Guenzler, Darreck McDonald, Matt Havens & Mike Frey of Clark Fork Custom Meats for assisting throughout the day.

New Business:

2009 Fairground Improvement Suggestions/Ideas; 1) concrete ramp for dumpster near beef barn, 2) paint the inside of the sheep & swine barns. 3) It is possible we will be developing additional pens if interest continues to grow in the swine project.

Mid-Year Livestock checks: Superintendents discussed making "home visits" to answer questions and help market project members. Sheep/Swine would be late June/early July, Beef-mid May

Next Meeting; November 3, 2008 6:30 pm FSA Bldg, Plains

SANDERS COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK LEADERS

Monday, November 23, 2009

6:30 pm

Present: Jim Newman, Sandy Newman, Dick Williams, Bob Paro, Kathy McEldery, Shannon Schaaf, Thad Winebrenner, Teresa Nelson, Terry Prongua, Matt Havens, Corey Guenzler, Stacy Torgerson, Meghan Phillippi, John Halpop

Minutes of previous meeting (Sept. 28, 2009) approved as presented

Old Business:

2010 Fair Show schedule

- Sept. 28 Suggestion Dog show 6:30 pm Wednesday: As Wednesday evening is hectic, the suggestion was made to move the Dog Show to Wednesday morning beginning at 9 am. One advantage being the arena will still be clean and “distraction free”.

Market/Breeding Entries Following discussion regarding livestock, specifically a single animal being entered as both market or breeding (no dual entries). Motion (B. Paro) “Market projects cannot be exhibited as breeding projects”-motion passed

Species reports *(and proposed 2010 live judges)*

Horse: Laura Bakker has been contacted as the 2010 Fair judge. Michele will begin regular meeting in January.

Sheep: Jim Moore has been contacted as the 2010 Fair judge.

Goat: James Moore has been contacted as the 2010 Fair Judge.

Beef: Travis Standley, Carbon Co. Extension (confirming schedule)

Swine: Travis Standley. Depending upon the number of swine entries, Matt forewarned the committee that we may need extra pen space.

Llama; no report

Poultry/Rabbit: Margaret Knopfle rabbit judge as 2009. Shannon described plans to build/replace poultry cages.

Dog: Discussed the “experience requirement” for agility participation. Beth explained that members will have opportunity through clinics or local leaders to work with their dogs on equipment. The overriding purpose being safety of the dog and exhibitor.

New Business:

Beef tagging: Saturday, January 2nd 10 am Prongua’s scales, Hot Springs: 2 pm Meadows Ranch, Trout Creek.

2010 Quality Assurance Training; will be scheduled for Demonstration Days, Sunday, March 7 (Hot Springs) & Saturday, March 13 (Thompson Falls).

Treasury: Discussion to remit the Livestock Committee ½ half of sale donation to the Organizational Council. (Prongua motion) passed. Remnder to send Thank You to D&D Liquor for general donation.

Next Meeting: January 25, 2010 6:30 pm FSA Bldg, Plains.: agenda: herdsmanship awards, 2010 4-H Fair book review/revisions(?).