

# **SANDERS COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK LEADERS**

**Monday, January 25, 2010 6:30 pm**

**Present:** Jim Newman-Chairman, Sandy Newman, Dick Williams, Michele McGuigan, Terry Prongua, Corey Guenzler, Teresa Nelson, Matt Havens, Beth Riffle, Meghan Phillippi, John Halpop

*Minutes of previous meeting (Nov. 23, 2009) –approved as presented*

## **Old Business:**

- Awards (herdsmanship) discussion: tabled until Bob Paro & Thad Winebrenner can be present.
- 2010 Fair Book Revisions: Swine recommendation inserting “novice class” in showmanship. Dog class recommendations below.

## **Species reports**

- Horse: The Plains group is organizing a meeting schedule with speakers. Hot Springs riders will meet on Little Bitterroot club meeting nights. Horsemanship I-III project books have been revised.
- Sheep: Sandy reported they will host a project day in February during lambing.
- Goat: Open class revisions will be submitted to the Fair Board in February
- Beef: 13 steers were tagged (Pronguas, Meadows and Jensens). Thank you all for making this work so smoothly.
- Swine: slightly over 50 market projects at this time. In previous years we have had a problem with large (+100 lb) weaner pigs and subsequent large (+ 300 lb) market hogs at fair time. For these reasons, the livestock committee strongly recommends members locate baby pigs born within a week of March 1<sup>st</sup> weaned around 40 lbs.
- Llama: Kathy Warrington 2010 judge. No llama members are enrolled at this time.
- Poultry/Rabbit: Shannon Schaaf will be unavailable as barn superintendant. The committee is contacting other leaders to fulfill this responsibility.
- Dog: Beth Riffle described changes to the class. As with the swine project, adding a “novice” class will better “fit” some junior exhibitors.

**New Business:** Discussed a 2010 raffle as was successfully done in 2009, ie cut/wrap swine, plus 2-3 donated items.

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 22, 2010 FSA 6:30 pm**

**Sanders County 4-H Livestock Leaders**  
**Monday, March 22, 2010**  
**6:30 pm, FS Bldg, Plains USA**

**Present:** Jim Newman-chairman, Sandy Newman-sheep barn, Tammy Beerntsen – rabbit/poultry barn, Kathy McEldery-Treasurer, Matt Havens-swine barn, Michele McGuigan-horse barn, Stacy Torgerson, Destry Torgerson, Meghan Phillippi-Co. Agent, John Halpop-Co. Agent

*Minutes of previous meeting : approved as presented*

**Old Business:**

**Camping Code of Conduct:** Draft template largely based upon the "4-H Code of Ethics" was handed out. This is being done to clarify acceptable behaviors.

**2010 Fund Raising Raffle:** A weaner pig has been lined up for purchase in May. We still need a willing member/family to raise it. Feed (approximately \$100 value will be supplied). We also need additional items (example: quilt/welding/) to include in the raffle.

**Species Reports:**

Llama: There is one animal enrolled at this time.

Poultry/Rabbit: Tammy will look for affordable replacement cages to upgrade the poultry cages.

Beef: Tom Ayres, Stevensville (former Oregon State judging team coach) is lined up to judge here, 2010.

Horse: county meetings are taking place. Mandatory "horse level" assessments are scheduled for June 22-23, 2010.

State horse committee - Michele reported that 4-H Congress will allow multi-county horse judging teams to encourage participation.

January, 2011 State-wide Livestock & Horse Leaders forum will be hosted in Helena.

Sheep: Project day was held February 14<sup>th</sup> @ Newman's. Sandy indicated two senior project members will be polishing their leadership skill by assisting in the barn during fair.

Swine: Matt reported that the Swine Project day will be held Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> in the Extension office, Thompson Falls. With 50 market projects, available pen space won't be accurately known until the number of Open Class Hogs is determined.

Dog: A county wide project meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ the Extension office.

**Sheep & swine tagging date:** Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> Trout Creek Fire Hall. Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, Hot Springs Scales

**Quality Assurance:** Currently to qualify for the beef/sheep/swine carcass merit programs, market project members attend a session every two years. The basic materials are fairly repetitive. It is suggested that members attend once as a junior & once as a senior and that Livestock leaders give certification sessions at the local or club level.

**Next meeting: Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm, FSA Bldg, Plains**



**Sanders County 4-H Livestock Committee**  
Tuesday, May 25, 2010  
6:30pm, FSA Building, Plains

**Attendance:** Jim Newman, Chairman; Carrie Guenzler; Matt Havens, swine; Malcolm McDonald; Kathy McEldery, treasurer; Michele McGuigan, horse; Sandy Newman, sheep; Terry Prongua, beef; Beth Riffle, dog; Dick Williams, llama; Meghan Phillippi, Extension Agent

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved after corrections were made.

**Old Business:**

Interview judges were discussed. Perspective judges will be contacted in the upcoming weeks.

A volunteer is needed for the camping supervisor position. Kevin Watson was suggested (confirmed 5/27/2010).

**Species Reports:**

**Sheep:** There are nine members in the market lamb project. Shearing is scheduled for Saturday July 24 at the Fairgrounds.

**Goat:** There are eight members in the project. The obstacle course and score sheet have been aligned for the fair. Jessica Cox is working on a goat kit.

**Llama:** There will be a handling clinic this year for future llama members. New obstacle materials were made and the old ones will be altered to better fit the goats.

**Poultry/Rabbit:** The new cages have been ordered and should arrive sometime during the summer.

**Beef:** Dan Lucas, MSU Granite County Extension Agent will conduct a showmanship and selection clinic on Monday June 14 for the beef members.

**Horse:** Clinics and riding are scheduled for throughout the summer. Assessments will take place on June 14 & 15. Those who do not pass assessments may be reassessed in August (date TBA).

**Swine:** There were ten people in attendance at the swine clinic. Currently 49 members are enrolled in the project. People with dogs (showing Wednesday morning) may unload their animals before check in. The vet will inspect them in the pens. The pens should not need remodeled this year to accommodate the entries.

**Dog:** Obedience, Rally and Agility classes are scheduled. Assessment days are not yet scheduled. A North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC) judge from Bozeman will likely judge the show at the fair. She is also interested in putting on a seminar for the dog members.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday June 16 at 6:30 pm at the fairgrounds.

## Sanders County 4-H Livestock Leaders

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

6:30 pm, Fairgrounds, Plains

**Present:** Jim Newman-Chairman, Sandy Newman-Sheep, Matt Havens-Swine, Terry Prongua-Beef, Kathy Legard, Tammy Beerntsen-Rabbit/Poultry, Michele McGuigan-Horse, Dick Williams-Llama, Carrie Guenzler, Malcolm McDonald, Susan Woods, Rae-Lynn/Jessica Cox, Lori Rehbein, Meghan Phillippi & John Halpop-Co Agents.

*Minutes of previous meeting: approved as presented*

### Old Business:

**Show Committees:** 2009 list was reviewed, committee assignments made with slight revisions

**PA system replacement:** John H. described units & reviewed. Auctioneer Kevin Hill has provided valuable input on types of equipment. Ravalli Co. rents their system from Morgenroth Music, Msla. The rental fee is \$50/day (we pick up & drop off), our cost would be \$300-\$350. Morgenroth sells a very similar unit for <\$2,000, not including wireless microphone, which generally adds \$300. The committee felt we would be ahead in the long term by purchasing versus having an annual rental fee. John will check further with Best Buy & Radio Shack John & Jim will make the final determination regarding purchase (T. Beerntsen motion).

### Species Reports:

**Sheep:** shearing with Will Tusick is scheduled for Saturday, July 24 @ 8 am, sheep barn. Fee is \$5/head.

**Goat:** Jessica Cox is preparing an educational kit, patterned after the Ohio State sheep/swine/horse kits.

**Swine:** Matt reported a couple market hogs have lost their ear tags. These will be replaced upon arrival at the Fairgrounds.

**Llama:** Dick reported that we have a single entry at this time.

**Poultry/Rabbit:** Tammy reported that the new sets of cages (2) should be here in two weeks.

**Beef:** we have been trying to schedule a hoof trimming with Ron Kummerfeldt, Arlee. Bills of sale will be sent to members

**Horse:** Michele reported they have been riding every Tuesday. One challenge this year has been getting 4-H members through the Assessment requirement. Current state policy requires 4-H members pass an assessment for their skill level in order to participate at County horse shows. Following discussion it was decided to make August 3<sup>rd</sup> the deadline for 2010. Members will be notified.

2010 Judge Laura Bakker will be in Plains for a practice day in August. Members will be contacted directly.

**Dog:** Beth Riffle has contacted members and they are doing agility assessments.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, August 17, 2010 6:30 pm Fairgrounds**

## **Sanders County 4-H Livestock Leaders**

### **Tuesday, September 21, 2010, 6:30 pm FSA Bldg, Plains**

**Present:** Jim Newman-Chairman, Matt Havens, Sandy Newman, Michele McGuigan, Malcolm McDonald, Carrie Guenzler, Terry Prongua, Roni Mitch, Traci Salmi, Tammy Beerntsen, Deana Torgerson, Stacy & Destry Torgerson, Robert Paro, John Halpop. **Guests:** Dusty Torgerson, Kathy Torgerson, Ruth Ann Carlson, Dana Diehl, Richard Jackson, Carmen Jackson

*Minutes of Previous Meeting: approved as presented*

#### **Fair Critique and Species Reports:**

**Livestock Check-In:** Went very well, there was no big rush. For 2011 recommend including a information sheets of members in each species. Also develop a member checklist in including “what’s a complete record”, as there were a number of records not up-to-date.

**Parking/Camping:** Kevin Watson had camping very well organized, barn patrol shifts were covered. Some folks misread the patrol schedule correctly.

**Horse:** Michele reported the show went very well. Judge Laura Bakker, Missoula does a good job for the members.

**Beef:** Terry was pleased with judge Tom Ayers. There was foot traffic from the poultry barn during the show.

**Sheep/Goat:** Sandy reported Jim Moore is well qualified and did a nice job working with the youth. The goat had an obstacle course thanks to Dick Williams. We may want to add “meat goats” in the future.

**Swine:** Matt reported the older members did a great job and in many instances took responsibility for the barn. Bob mentioned the youth were so good at stewardship they recognized their efforts with ribbons. Potential 2011 improvement project is to cover the dirt by adding concrete to the pen floors.

**Raffle:** members sold lots of tickets during the weekend. Having the raffle pig go through the arena at the end of the auction stimulated sales.

**Dog:** The show itself went well. Discussion if the schedule (Wednesday morning) needs to be revisited for 2011.

**Cat:** Once again Cindy Benson did a very good job of evaluating youth exhibiting in the cat project

**Poultry/Rabbit:** Tammy mentioned we need to clarify that open class is under ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Assoc.) rules, but not 4-H. She said the rabbit judge did a good & very thorough job.

**Market Sale:** characterized as a good sale, especially considering the overall economy. Auctioneer Kevin Hill again facilitated a good sale. It was mentioned that we need to ensure buyers clearly understand how the support price system works.

**Carcass Evaluation:** Thanks to Carrie Guenzler, Darrack McDonald and Wyatt Winebrenner for their assistance collecting data, and Mike Frey, Clark Fork Custom Meats for hosting

**Animal identification-**A strong discussion took place on tagging/tattooing.

**Fair Board Update:** Are looking at improving handicap parking access. This might involve changing angle to parallel parking on the road adjacent to the barns, for safety reasons. Request to improve lighting in the goat area of the sheep barn. Due to a sanitation problem in the showers, looking at locking the showers Sunday afternoon.

**Nominating Committee:** Carrie Guenzler, Deana Torgerson, Bob Paro, Stacy Torgerson, Malcom McDonald.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 26. 6:30 pm FSA building, Plains



**SANDERS COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK LEADERS**  
**Monday, December 6, 2010**  
**FSA Bldg, Plains**  
**6:30 pm**

**Present:** Malcolm McDonald-chairman, Carrie Guenzler-vice chairman, Terry Prongua-Beef supt., Matt Havens-swine supt., Rachel Hulce-rabbit/poultry supt., Jessica Cox, Raelyn Cox, Jenny Garrison, Virginia Chenoweth, Casey Chenoweth, Crystal Chenoweth, Roni Mitch, Darreck McDonald, Patrick Legard, Kathy Legard, Meghan Phillippi-Co-Agent, John Halpop-Co. Agent

Minutes of previous meeting (Oct. 26, 2010) approved as presented (Motion R. Mitch, second C. Guenzler)

**Old Business:**

**Animal ID:** John H. gave an overview of state extension office survey. Majority of counties use panel tag/tattoo id systems. Hill Co. uses the MT Beef Quality Assurance RFID tags, in conjunction with the MSU Ag Experiment station. Jenny G. said Cascade Co. essentially uses a photo ID and the honor system. Dr. Jane Boles (MSU Meat Scientist) indicated the microchip technology used in pet/horse industry is not approved for use in meat animals, due to the potential for migration. Motion (C. Guenzler) to adopt the use of 4-H clover digit tattoo in addition to the current system of panel tag/tattoo. *Motion passed*

**Livestock Policy Review** (for 2011). Discussion begun at October meeting: Please see attachment.

**Meeting Schedule:** Meghan shared results of the doodle calendar survey. Following some discussion, it was decided to schedule meetings the fourth Monday of the month.

**Livestock & Horse Leaders Forum.** January 28-30, Helena. Meghan P. gave an overview regarding the value of the forum. Following discussion it was decided to dedicate \$360 leader support funds towards registration.

**New Business:**

**Award Planning:** Copies of awards were handed out. Will check with Margaret Storoy regarding areas of need and revisit in January.

Previously developed Project Leader/Superintendent Job Description was handed out & will be reviewed in January.

**Proposed 2010 Fair Judges**

Beef/Swine/Sheep/Goat/Llama; 1) Travis Standley, 2) Marc King, 3) Darren Crawford  
Poultry, Gordon Cummins –Polson  
Rabbit; Margaret Scovel, Kalispell  
Horse: will check with Nancy Beech  
Dog: will check with Beth Riffle

**Next Meeting:** Monday, January 24, 2010 6:30 pm, FSA Bldg, Plains

