

Livestock Committee Minutes

Jan. 12- 2011

The Fallon County Livestock Committee Meeting was called to order on January 12th 2011, by President Norton Walker. The 4-H pledge was lead by Justin Irgens and the American pledge was lead by Tiffany Benner. Norton read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved as read.

Old Business:

Norton will be asking the fair board about the pig and sheep panels. The adjustment of 2% on livestock checks will be held out for livestock injury and illness. More on this issue will be discussed at a later date.

At the last meeting ultra sounding was discussed as a possible tool for kids to experience for the purpose of showing the development of animal carcass evaluation. Gary Irgens will talk to the man who does it and get back to us on it. Ultra sounding would show the kids how their animals are developing, which would be a great learning tool. This could also be used for a contest. Individual herdsman awards were discussed and the clubs like the idea. Poultry and rabbits would also be included in this herdsman.

New Business:

Sharon asked about sending the bill of sale receipts in the kids packets, she can also send them early too. Tagging of beef deadline will be February 1. The market sale dress code was discussed, and needs to be addressed to clubs as a reminder to dress professionally. Montana Beef Quality Assurance list was updated and some kids need to renew their certificate. Sharon presented the Montana 4-H horse and livestock Leader's Form and wanted to know if anyone was interested. Also the Rough Riders Contest information is available for FFA and 4-H kids that would like to compete in it. Scrapey tags need to be intact. It is state law to have them on all sheep, goats, breeding or market animals.

Justin Irgens moved to adjourn the meeting and Willie Benner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be April 13, 2011.

FALLON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL: JANUARY 19, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Roddy Rost. Pledges were led by Tiffany Benner and Kalli Post. Members present were Roddy and Bo Rost, Jenny and Taylyn Dukart, Gary, Cindy and Carleigh Irgens, Willie and Tiffany Benner, Jolinda Allerdings, Carol Sparks, Norton Walker, Kalli Post, and Jayme Lowery.

Minutes from the October meeting were read by secretary Carol Sparks and approved.

Correspondence: We received a letter from the Fallon County Relay for Life Youth Committee requesting for clubs who may be interested in fundraising service projects anytime prior to the local relay. We also received a thank-you from Taylor Rieger for the donation to the Fallon County Fair and another from Kelly Gray for selecting her for the scholarship.

Treasurer's Report: Kalli Post presented the report for Julie Post who was absent. It was noted that the \$643.91 misc income was from the Outlaws group that disbanded. There was some discussion about the Awards – Achievement expense of \$709.55 over the budgeted amount set at \$500.00. Many felt that this may have included all the expenses of achievement night including the food. A motion was made, seconded and approved that we accept this expense over the budget and we accept the treasurer's report.

Extension Report: Sharon circulated information on the Roughrider Judging Contest in Dickinson and the Cowtown Beef Breeders Show Livestock Judging in Miles City. Roddy mentioned that Bowman has a livestock judging as well. Interested members/clubs can get this information from the extension office.

Sharon passed out the list of former Alumni/Friends of 4-H award recipients. We briefly discussed some ideas and will make a decision once the special awards committee presents us with their list of names.

Questions arose about when we can expect to have a county agent. Sharon explained that the selection process can become quite lengthy with the very earliest date of April.

Sharon reported that no one applied to attend the legislative breakfast however, the weather was probably too uncooperative for travel to Helena anyway. She requested the formation of a committee to work on a display promoting 4-H at the capitol in Helena. This display would work best with a tri-fold board that would showcase 4-H in our county. Jolinda mentioned using pictures of People Partner grant projects we have completed and that this would work well with the kick-off of the history of 4-H for 2012. Sharon, Lexyn Walker and Kalli Post will work on this committee.

The following committees gave a report:

Livestock: Tiffany read the minutes from the January meeting.

Fruit Sales: Again we will be getting the fruit/beef/cheese from Mintex and Food Services. We also decided that having it at the county shop as this worked well last year. It is likely that the price of oranges will go up so we will need to decide if we want to get the more expensive Sunkist. The committee will meet on Monday and make the final decision.

Scholarship: Sharon reported that she has sent out letters to the 2009 and 2010 recipients but not all of them have completed the paperwork to redeem their scholarship money. We discussed some ideas of putting info on the scholarship application to help expedite students completing the redemption process. The scholarship committee will decide on how to address this problem.

Food Booth: Jolinda reported that we had a money tray a couple of years ago but she has not been able to locate it. Perhaps someone could make one or we will look into purchasing one later.

Fair Revisions: They will try to meet before April so that changes can be made in time for the publish date of the fairbook. Jolinda mentioned that the committee should consider changes to amounts paid for premiums as some projects (example: quilting) that require a lot of work are not paid as much as others. Also, this committee will need to address how some of the horse and dog classes are judged at the fair. Sharon asked that those interested bring their ideas to the March committee meeting. Details

of date/time/place will be announced later.

County Events: The Food Festival will be at 2:30 on February 27th at the Plevna Sr. Citizen's Center. Sharon will send information to the organizational leaders to pass on to members.

The Spring Livestock Judging will be hosted by Fertile Prairie on March 20th. The Registration will be at 12:00 with judging to begin at 1:00.

Fertile Prairie will also host the Small Projects Judging at 2:00 on April 10th at the Baker Sr. Citizen's Center.

Old Business:

After discussion of the pros/cons of having interview judging again at the fair, Cindy moved that a committee be formed to address the issue. The motion was seconded and carried. As all of the clubs had not discussed this issue yet, it is important they talk to their members first before making this decision. The committee will be meeting in February and at least one representative from each club needs to be on the committee. Tiffany, Jenny, Julie and Jay Rost were some who will be on the committee. Sharon will let the organizational leaders know when/where this committee will meet.

Gary reported to clarify the issue of shooting sports members involvement in 4-H fundraising. Because shooting sports is not funded by 4-H those members do not have to help raise money so they are not required to work in the food booth or sell fruit. Sharon pointed out that they do pay leader dues and insurance but cannot go to things like 4-H camp. There are members of shooting sports who would like to help raise money and we would welcome this. Also these members may be interested in joining a club if they knew the benefits of all 4-H activities.

New Business:

Jolinda passed out copies of the Greytak calendars which are selling for \$10 each.

Carol discussed the IFYE programs that are being offered for 1 month durations. The state office has some funding for this. Sharon will add information on the extension service website.

Jolinda mentioned the Washington DC FOCUS trip. Sharon said the dates for it have changed this year.

The next meeting will be April 20, 2011. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dukart