

## **Fallon County 4-H Livestock Meeting Minutes January 13, 2010**

The Fallon County Livestock meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Kirschten at 5:17 on January 13, 2010 with 14 leaders and members in attendance.

The minutes from the October 14, 2009 meeting were read. Norton Walker moved to approve the minutes as read Kaylin Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nico talked about 4-H member showing age and stated that college students were not going to be allowed to show or sell livestock at the fair.

Fair schedule was discussed—

Wednesday – Horses, goat trail, dogs, and cats

Thursday – Goats, Sheep, Rabbits, and Poultry

Friday – Swine, Dairy, and Beef

Weigh in of sheep and goats to start at 6:30AM on Thursday, sheep and goats must be in place by 8:30AM.

There will be no unloading of beef while shows are in progress from 8:30AM to 4:00PM. Beef and Swine in place by 9:00PM Thursday.

There was discussion about dropping goat trail and other projects that had no participation. It was decided to wait until fall and discuss it further then.

Cindy Irgens moved to present the fair schedule to Paul Berger and the Fair Board, Norton Walker seconded it. Motion carried.

Lunches for the livestock judges at fair was discussed. Norton Walker moved that we provide the livestock judges at fair with a meal and a drink, it was seconded by Kevin Dukart, and passed.

The Spring Livestock judging is being put on by Fertile Prairie 4-H and no date has been set.

Kalli Post moved to adjourn the meeting Quentin Wheeler seconded it, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicole M. Wheeler

President Roddy Rost called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Those present included Jayme Lowery, Gary and Cindy Irgens, Carleigh, Dustin and Justin; Nico and Gina Cantaloupo; Faye Koenig, Norton Walker, Sharon Schwartz, Mark Kirschten, Julie and Kalli Post, Jolinda and Brandi Allerdings, Leslie and Medori Gray, LaTonne Reetz, Roddy and Bo Rost, Brandon Steen, and Carol Sparks.

Pledges were led by Dustin Irgens. Minutes were approved with one correction (date of State Leaders Forum from July to Sept.). Correspondence included a thank you note from a 4-H member who won a prize at the State horse Show to which we contributed funds.

Julie Post presented the treasurer's report and Jerry Townsend's annual fiscal report.

Sharon and Nico gave the Extension Service update. They reviewed the need for all leaders to be signed up and to go through training in order to have "unsupervised access" to children. New leaders can still sign up for this year, but they must comply with the training. Pick up ear tags for beef animals by 5:00PM February 1. Members were reminded to keep track of possession dates for other animal projects as well. A question was asked by Faye as to when indoor cat and dog projects exhibits are to be in place or judged.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Livestock: Mark Kirschten reported on the new 5-day schedule for the 2010 fair, with Wednesday being added. Wednesday's judging will include horses, trail class (for horse and goat), dog and cat; Thursday will be goats, sheep, rabbits and poultry; Friday is swine, dairy and beef shows; Saturday remains round-robin showmanship. The livestock committee recommends providing judges with a meal on the days they judge.
2. Fruit Sales: Faye said fruit will sell during February (Feb. 1 to March 1) and the fruit will come in either March 17 or March 24. We are working with other drop off locations to coordinate dates. Fruit will once again come from Food Service of America and Minntex. Prices will remain the same with one price going down one dollar.
3. Food Booth: Jolinda and Toni discussed the food booth being open for a fifth day at the fair ( Wednesday). Suggestions were made as to how to make this work.
4. Julie Post reported that she has paid three of the four 4-H scholarships given in 2009. The scholarship committee needs to meet in February before the applications go to the schools.
5. No 4-H Fun Day was held this year.
6. Fair Revisions: Only small changes were made this year and they are completed.
7. County Events: A discussion was held about our hosting of the fashion revue/quilt show for the two counties. Carol Sparks said she would head this up as no club volunteered to do so. It will be held probably June 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Norton moved to provide a meal ticket for livestock judges at the fair. It was seconded and passed. The food booth committee will finalize the method for this. It should cost the council about \$75.00 to do this.
2. Cindy Irgens moved and Julie seconded that we form a committee in order to organize a silent auction for indoor exhibits at the 2010 Fallon County Fair. Motion passed. The committee will meet February 16 at 5:15 in the courthouse. Each club is to send one leader/parent and one 4-H member.
3. Jolinda reported on the District 8 Leaders Meeting which she attended November 8, 2009. Our county will host it in 2010. Jolinda was voted in as chairman of the event and she accepted. We will all need to help her with this – usually held in October.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Washington Focus Trip: Brandi Allerdings and Jordan Gray have applied to go and two more applications may be forthcoming from our county. Jolinda has applied to be a chaperone. The council will designate funds to these members at their April meeting when it is known how many are going.
2. The next council meeting will be April 21, 2010 at 7:00PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Carol A. Sparks

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Willie Benner. Pledges were led by Tiffany Benner followed by the reading of the minutes. The minutes were approved as read and President Roddy Rost arrived and conducted the remainder of the meeting. Secretary Carol Sparks also arrived to assume duties.

A card was read from Greg Brence thanking the Council for spring livestock judging and the prize he won.

Julie Post gave the treasurer's report (see attached sheet). It was moved to accept the report as printed; motion passed. Two items were noted – one being a long-term outstanding bill due the food booth and the other was a scholarship still not paid out (student has not contacted Julie with required information).

Sharon and Nico gave the Extension report. It included T-shirt size on add/drop list this year; the handing out of add/drop sheets to each club; stall reservations for fair; calendar additions of events and deadlines coming up between newsletters; horse IDs required; sheep and swine tags that are ready for pick up.

Norton gave a livestock committee report.

Fruit sales netted the council \$4,003 this year. All went well with the new distribution center at the county yards. We are welcome to go back there and people like the unloading/loading ease of the location.

Carol Sparks showed a 4-H Foundation update that Tom receives due to the fact he was the Foundation Rep. Council will elect a new Foundation rep at the October meeting.

Scholarships applications are due May 1. The application and judging criteria sheets were updated this year and appear as thus in the handbook.

Jolinda and Toni gave a report on the food booth and how they are working the fifth day (Wednesday) into the schedule. The ice cream machine will be repaired.

Cindy Irgens gave the report for the Awards Committee. (See attached sheet) A discussion was held concerning 4-H specific ribbons vs general fair ribbons with a 4-H stickers on them. It was moved and passed by vote to use the general Fallon County Fair ribbons and apply a 4-H sticker; thereby saving the Council about \$600. Norton and Wanda will present this idea to the fair board. It was then discussed to award every 4-H member who enters in the fair a T-shirt with the fair logo and date. (See attached example). They would cost about \$7.00 each and we would need 90-100. It was voted to amend the awards budget to allow for this. (from \$2,265 to \$2,370).

Fair book revisions are completed and can be viewed online if desired.

Congress applications are due June 7 at 5:00 PM

June 4 is the Fashion Revue and Quilt Show county event in Baker at the Senior Center.

It was moved and approved to have a silent auction at the fair this year for indoor projects. (See attached sheet with guidelines).

Under old business the District 8 fall leaders training was mentioned as it will be held this fall in our county. Jolinda is on top of this. Jordan Gray asked for money assistance in his and Brandi Allerdings travel to Washington DC for Focus trip. It was noted that our By-Laws say each will receive \$300 from the council. The Murphy money for trips is besides this and is administered by LaTonne Reetz and Marvel Murphy. Jenny Dukart asked for clarification on money provided for judges of county events.

New business began with a discussion of a request for the council to provide funding to the State Horse Show. Kalli Post moved and it was seconded to donate \$250.00 again this year. Motion passed. The theme for the fair this year is "Waves of Glory – A Tribute To Our Troops". That will be the 4-H theme, parade theme, etc.

At our July meeting we will discuss presenting a 4-H person with a 4-H license plate. Our next meeting will be July 21 at 7:00 PM. Meeting adjourned.