

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

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Respectfully Submitted by Tiffany Benner

The second meeting of the Fallon County Livestock Committee was called to order by Roddy Rost on April 13, 2011. The American pledge was led by Beau Rost and the 4-H pledge was led by Tiffany Benner. Tiffany read the minutes from the last meeting. Willie Benner moved to approve the minutes as read and Julie Post seconded the motion. Sharon read the minutes of the February Joint FFA/4-H Meeting. Fairbook corrections were made regarding the clarification of medical procedures on fair animals.

Old Business:

Norton was going to ask Barb about getting more 4 foot and 8 foot panels for fair.

MQA- Sharon has the list of members that need their Montana Beef Quality Assurance renewed.

Gary Irgens will check in to ultra-sounding by the next meeting.

New Business:

The Montana 4-H Congress will be held July 12-15, 2011

Fair judges for small animals were discussed.

Sharon passed out a flyer on a small animals judging class in Roundup April 29 if anyone is interested in going.

Sharon has the add drop list at the extension office for club leaders to pick up.

There was no more old business. The next meeting is July 6, 2011. We changed the time do to absenteeism. Roddy Rost adjourned the meeting.

FALLON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL: APRIL 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Roddy Rost. Pledges were led by Rachael Lowery and Robert Tatum. Members present were Roddy Rost, Jenny, Tannon and Taylyn Dukart, Jayme and Rachael Lowery, Jay and Linda Rost, Robert Tatum, Sharon Schwartz, Julie Post, Willie Benner, Gary Irgens, Wanda Pinnow and Carol Sparks. (Cindy, Justin, Dustin and Carleigh Irgens joined the meeting later.)

Minutes from the January 19, 2011 meeting were read. Carol made a motion that we accept the minutes as read. It was seconded and passed.

Correspondence: Tori Nelson sent a thank-you for her fair exhibitor t-shirt. The Montana 4-H Foundation sent a letter of thanks for the member contributions of \$430. We also received a letter from Justin Irgens requesting financial assistance to attend the Massey's Show Lamb Camp in Cody, Wyoming. (Justin was unable to attend the beginning of the council meeting due to his participation in the school band concert.)

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Julie Post, distributed her report and stated that we have a balance of \$5268.07 in the checking account. We have received \$60 for the 4-H vehicle license plates. The sale of each plate contributes \$10 to the local 4-H council and \$10 to the Montana 4-H foundation.

Julie circulated some of the bills for achievement night. It was noted that these expenses have exceeded the budget in recent years. An increase in the budget for this needs to be addressed in the future.

We discussed whether to renew the CD's for 6 or 12 months as the interest rates have been low. Julie will check on new rates and decide which would be the best. Wanda made a motion that we accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed.

Extension Report: Sharon reported that a new agent will start May 24th. Her name is Ellen Westover and she masters in an agriculture related field.

Sharon inquired about signs for the pens recognizing the fair showmanship winners. Wanda (fair board) stated that the fair may have some in storage.

The following committees gave a report:

Livestock: Willie Benner read the livestock committee minutes submitted by Tiffany Benner. We discussed the need for more pig panels. Wanda (fair board) said there are more available.

The next committee meeting will be July 6th.

Publicity: Sharon reported that Kalli Post and Lexyn Walker made the tri-fold display promoting 4-H. She circulated a photo of the display which was displayed at the state capital. It included old and new pictures of local 4-H activities. Sharon reported that she heard very positive reviews about the excellent job the girls did on the display. There will be other opportunities to see it at 4-H Congress, the leaders forum and eventually the 2012 fair.

Foundation: Carol circulated the Foundation Newsletter.

Fruit Sales: This year's fruit sales profited \$3696. Lauren Wang was the highest seller followed by Christofer Green and Tyler Dinardi. Sharon asked for clarification if we are to award by the most boxes or the highest dollar amount. It was stated that it is by the most money.

Scholarship: Carol handed out proposed revisions to the scholarship requirements. She noted that as a result of the changes to the first and fifth requirements, the sixth one would be deleted. Wanda made a motion that we accept the revisions as presented. Julie seconded and the motion carried.

Food Booth: Julie reported that the county treasurer's office has a wooden cash drawer that the food booth could use. Discussion followed noting that a cash box should feature clips to hold the cash in place. We may need to order a new one if we are unable to locate one.

Fair board: Wanda (fair board representative) reported that there will be no parking next to the north and south sides of the barn. The parking on the south side must be across the roadway that goes

by the barn. This is to allow emergency vehicles access into the grounds. Questions arose as to handicap parking close to the barn. Wanda stated that there is handicap parking by the exhibit hall but barn access may need to be considered.

Wanda also emphasized the rule that no bovine animals will be allowed in the barn before 12 pm on Thursday. She reported that last year some dairy cattle were in the barn too early. This year exhibitors risk forfeiting their opportunity to show their animal if they disregard these rules. It was suggested that the complete barn rules be included in both the open class and 4-H fair books..

We discussed some dates regarding the deadline for fair entries. We will decide this at the July council meeting and include it in the fair book.

Fair Awards: The committee reported that the herdsman award now includes rabbit and poultry exhibitors.

The committee proposed offering more grand /reserve places for more projects areas including the indoor projects. It was emphasized that these reflect project worthiness and are not awarded by default because there is only 1 -2 project exhibits. Project areas that require progression, like horsemanship and dog, will need to have grand/reserves for each level as it not appropriate to have the varying levels compete for one overall prize.

The awards committee also requested increasing the premium for the Round Robin showman to \$90 for reserve champion and \$110 for the grand champion. We discussed the idea of continuing the t-shirts for exhibitors again this year. It was reported that it was well received last year but we will need to find out costs.

These proposed changes would increase the awards budget and it was mentioned that we make budgets in order to try to stick with them. Discussion followed that the proposals are not a request to spend more but instead to offer more projects eligible for awards. Wanda made a motion that we accept the fair awards committee's request to include indoor projects and multiple skill level projects to be eligible recipients of the grand/reserve place, however this must not exceed a revised budget of \$3200 this year. The motion was seconded by Willie and passed. Wanda moved that the t-shirts be paid using the money from the disbanded Outlaws group of \$643.91. This motion was seconded by Julie and passed.

It was noted that this committee will need to budget for these things next year.

Fair Revisions: "The New View" will be the 4-H theme for this year's fair. The committee has addressed the concerns about exhibit points. All indoor exhibits will be 6 - 4 - 2 and the outdoor exhibits will be 9 - 5 - 3. The committee emphasized the importance of learning and not the investment in the project.

Congress Selection: No applications have been received yet.

Special Awards: We still need some names for the Alumni/Friends award. We will make a decision at the July meeting.

County Events: No report

Old Business: Julie reported on the proposal to have interview judging. The committee decided that it is just too difficult to have this during the fair. Julie circulated some checklist and criteria sheets that would allow for an interview process to be incorporated with project award selection. On October 1st, the deadline to turn in all of records, members will attend a leader review day. Here, leaders will review record books to determine completion and eligibility for a gold seal. Those earning the seal will have the option to advance to an interview process to compete for a county award. Judges conducting the interviews will use checklists to determine if projects are eligible for gold, silver and bronze awards.

Concerns were expressed about conflicts with the date of the interview. The committee emphasized that the interview process was optional and only required if a member was interested in competing for a county award. Members turning in their completed record books by the deadline would still be eligible for project completion and credit for the 4-H year. There was also concern that

the criteria mentions requires completion of a certain number of activities. Previously our county decided that project manuals were no longer a requirement. Sharon explained that the activities can come from other sources besides the manuals.

Council members will take copies of the guidelines and criteria back to their clubs and report back to the council at the next meeting.

New Business: It was announced that Kalli Post will be our Jr. Ambassador.

Sharon reminded us that the add/drop lists will be due June 1st. The extension office will be on Facebook to help remind us about news and upcoming events.

There was an inquiry about changing the meeting time to earlier. Many did not want this so no motion was made.

Carol asked for help with the Fashion Review Quilt Show. Cindy and Julie agreed to do it.

Justin Irgens reported on his request for financial assistance to attend the Massey Show Lamb Camp. He would like to learn more about fitting sheep and would be willing to share what he learned with locally. Carol moved that we give him \$200 from the council and that he apply to the Murphy fund to cover additional expenses. Wanda seconded the motion and it passed.

The next council meeting will be July 20, 2011. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dukart