

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 3rd or 4th.

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.

Fallon County 4-H Livestock Meeting Minutes July 14, 2010

The Fallon County Livestock meeting was called to order by chairman Mark Kirschten at 5:25 on July 14, 2010.

Quentin Wheeler led the pledges.

We dispensed with the reading of the minutes.

Old Business

Nico talked about the committee of 6 meeting, he stated that the livestock sale will be down about 17 head of animals. Harry Kerr will once again bid base price for the sale, Leslie Bohle will be asked to take pictures, and Donnie Rieger will auctioneer.

MQA – only 1 member remaining to turn in their MQA.

Stall assignments were discussed and it was determined that heifers and cow calf pairs will be stalled together this year.

New Business

Roddy Rost said he would take care of getting judges for the round robin.

Rost families will donate hay for the fair.

Power for blowers and clippers was discussed and we decided the easiest solution is to bring generators to run them.

Leslie Gray questioned if there was a grievance committee for the fair and it was stated that the committee of 6 took care of those issues. She also questioned who was in charge of the trailer show on Saturday and told that it was a fair board show.

Sharon announced that fair packets were ready to be picked up.

Nico stated the last date for carcass evaluations to be turned in is Sept 1st.

Nicole reported that State 4-H horse show will be Sept 17th – 19th in Lewistown.

Cindy Irgens moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole M. Wheeler

Fallon County 4-H Council July 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Council President Roddy Rost.

Present: Wanda Pinnow, Betty Steen, Brandon Steen, Norton Walker, Kalli Post, Julie Post, Nicole Wheeler, Kaylin Wheeler, Quentin Wheeler, Roddy Rost, Bo Rost, Cindy Irgens, Tiffany Benner, William Benner, Toni Reetz, Jolinda Allerdings, Sharon Schwartz and Nico Cantalupo.

Pledges were led by Bo Rost.

The minutes from the April 21, 2010 meeting were read by Sharon Schwartz. Minutes were approved as read.

Communications: Sharon read and passed around a thank you from scholarship recipient Hillary Beach; a thank you from Jordan Gray for financial support with his CWF trip; a thank you and pictures from Brandi Allerdings regarding her CWF trip; a letter from Emma Guyer of Carter County regarding her upcoming trip to National 4-H Congress; and a letter from the Montana 4-H Foundation thanking Fallon County for their 2010 member contribution.

Julie gave the treasurer's report. Julie asked for an explanation of contributions vs award donations. Contributions were defined as donations to the 4-H program or individual projects and not designated as award money. Cindy Irgens moved to accept the treasurer's report and Norton Walker seconded. It was voted on and carried.

Extension Report

Sharon reported that the 4-H Fair packets were completed and mailed. She requested that any market animal buyer address labels not used be returned to the Extension Office asap so they may be given to another member. A silent auction banner ordered by the Extension Office was displayed and the bid sheets were shown. All 4-H youth needing a county event to show at the fair were informed of Small Projects Judging held July 20, 2010 and Horse Playday to be held July 22, 2010.

Nico reported that livestock numbers were down from what was originally reported on the fair stall reservation sheets. Stalls/pens will be assigned based on animal numbers and available space (as in past years). The indoor arena is being limed to eliminate dog odors prior to Horse Playday. Cages from a recent animal rescue operation have been donated to our 4-H Program. The smaller cages will be available for fair rabbits and poultry exhibits. The larger cages will be stored until a decision is made about them. Nico informed the council that three sows with full litters will be shown at the fair this year. Discussion followed about the need for "do not touch" warning signs posted on the sow pens and signs to prohibit spectators from using the pig alley during the judging and moving of litters to the show ring.

It was announced that the Rost family would once again donate the hay for youth to use during the fair.

Committee Reports

Livestock Committee: Nicole read the minutes from the July 14, 2010 meeting.

4-H Foundation: Nico attended the 4-H Foundation meeting held during 4-H Congress this year and gave a report. He stated the Foundation will clarify and correct any issues with the 4-H License Plate income. Confusion has occurred since the profit is split among multiple recipients.

Scholarship: Discussion was held and it was decided that Julie will write a letter informing a scholarship recipient from 2009 that he needs to contact Julie (the Council Treasurer) with the required information or forfeit his scholarship money.

Food Booth: Jolinda reported that they had met concerning a food booth for 4-H under the new proposed grandstand. The committee has decided not to request a booth in the grandstand. The new grandstand will have four food stands beneath it. One of these stands will be fully stocked and available

for use during the remainder of the year for any and all grandstand events. This will include any 4-H functions held separate from the fair. Also reported was the purchase of a new pizza oven, a smaller but new menu created for Wednesday of the fair, the repairing of the ice cream machine and the showing of meal tickets created for the fair livestock judges.

Wanda stated that the fairboard has contracted Richard Griffith to install a 3 ft X 4 ft window in the north side of the current 4-H food booth for the 2010 fair. The wooden fence west of the current food booth has been replaced with a new metal fence. Outdoor picnic tables will not be furnished by the fairboard for the area just north of the proposed window.

Fair Awards: Cindy reported that the 4-H/FFA fair awards are finished and many have already been picked up for the fair. The t-shirts that will be given to each 4-H and FFA exhibitor this year have been started.

Fairboard: Wanda reported that additional power cords were purchased for a concert and will be available to help provide additional power needed for blowers the youth use when grooming their animals. The fairboard will provide a shade tent for the clerks during the outdoor horse show. Wanda reported that a bobcat will begin cleaning the allies at 7:45 am. Stalls must be cleaned and manure etc... needs to be moved to the ally way by 7:45 am or the youth will be responsible for the removal themselves. There was some confusion over the current fair radio ads. Wanda will look into this matter and make any necessary corrections.

Old Business

It was reported by Wanda Pinnow that Carol Sparks is in charge of the silent auction and has it all under control.

Jolinda reported on the upcoming District 8 Leaders Forum that Fallon County is hosting. A tentative date has been set of September 11, 2010 but will be confirmed on availability of District officers being able to attend. Jolinda requested ideas and suggestions for a program be submitted to her. It was noted that this is also the date of the Fall Festival.

Wanda moved that Toni Reetz should be the recipient of this year's Fallon County 4-H license plate. Nicole seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

New Business

Brandon Steen reported on his experiences at the 2010 Montana 4-H Congress. He represented Fallon County in the Congress Horse Judging competition.

It was announced that the Fairboard will furnish generic grand, reserve and best of class ribbons for all 4-H members beginning with the 2010 fair. Sharon stated she had given the fair secretary all current 4-H ribbons left over from past years. 4-H stickers will be available to place on the generic ribbons for both indoor and outdoor 4-H exhibitors.

There will be open class trail goats at the fair this year in the indoor arena. It was reported also that Daktana Boer Goat breeders would like to have a Boer goat show next year in June at the Fallon County Fairgrounds.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Sharon Schwartz

Fallon/Carter Extension 4-H Assistant

The meeting was called to order by President Roddy Rost at 7:02 PM. Pledges were led by Kalli Post and Tiffany Benner. Members present were Roddy and Bo Rost, Willy and Tiffany Benner; Julie and Kalli Post; Gary, Cindy, and Justin Irgens; Norton Walker, Toni Reetz, Jolinda and Brandi Allerdings, Jenny, Jaylyn and Tanner Dukart, Wanda Pinnow, and Carol Sparks.

Minutes of the July meeting were read by secretary Carol Sparks and approved.

Correspondence was passed around – several thank yous for fair awards, Toni for the 4-H license plate, and one for the state horse show money we contributed.

The treasurer's report was presented along with the proposed budget for the 2010=2011 year. Norton Walker moved to accept the treasurer's report and to approve the budget for next year. It was seconded and the motion passed. Discussion clarified that the money from the contributions given at fair time in response to the letter that is sent will be the awards budget for next year's fair and goes into the general council fund not the livestock sale account. It was approved to add William E. Benner's name to the checking account as an official signature as we need double signatures on all checks. That would mean the names on this account would be Julie Post, treasurer, Roddy Rost, and William Benner. The Murphy Trust Fund has received a \$1,000 check for this year and Toni, later in the meeting, presented the updated guidelines for the use of these funds (for out of state trips).

The Extension report was given by Sharon with Nico on the phone for a couple items. Sharon presented the enrollment figures for last 4-H year. (see attached sheet). Window display winners for this fall were 1st – Red Butte Ramblers; 2nd – Fertile Prairie; 3rd – Country Cousins; and 4th – Country Pals. First place will receive \$10.00 from the council. Shooting sports will tentatively begin November 9. Members need to have their enrollments in before this to begin the activity. Red Butte Ramblers are selling Greytak Calendars at this time. The 4-H Legislative Breakfast was discussed, deadlines given and youth strongly encouraged to attend. It will be Jan. 18 in Helena. Sharon will be our county contact person; so youth and adults alike are asked to contact Sharon by Dec. 15 if you are interested in going.

Committee reports were as follows:

Livestock: Tiffany read the minutes of the livestock committee meeting held last week. (See attached sheet). Nico pointed out via the phone that beef will not be allowed in the fair barn before Thursday at noon next year. Wanda confirmed this. The livestock committee is considering a change in how herdsman awards are determined and to include small animals also. They are also considering raising the amount taken out of livestock checks in order to increase their "indemnity stash". (only if needed)

Publicity: It was pointed out that our county ambassadors are in large part our publicity spokespeople and that there is money in the budget for this.

Foundation: no report

Fruit Sales: no report

Scholarship: no report

Food Booth: Jolinda reported (see attached sheet). We made more money this year. It was brought up that shooting sports members are not required to work in the food booth. Gary Irgens is going to research this and report back at the January council meeting.

Fair Awards: Cindy reported that the awards given at the 2010 fair were well received by the members. She also brought up giving herdsman awards to families or individuals vs. clubs and to include small animals.

Fair Revisions: Norton had a couple suggestions for the horse classes and awards at the fair – no "overall" is needed as too many diverse riders are in the ring at one time – leave it at grand and reserve for each class. Possibly some changes are needed in the dog division too.

Congress Selection: no report

Special Awards: No Friends of 4-H or Alumni awards were given this year, mainly because the committee did not meet to select any! Sharon volunteered to have the list of past recipients for the next council meeting and we can all be thinking of these throughout the year. Cindy suggested Roger Singer for a Friends award.

County Events : Fall livestock judging went well with about 26 participants and hosted by Country Cousins.

Other Reports included Jolinda with the District 8 Leaders Meeting which we hosted Sept. 11 (see attached sheets). Thank you to Jolinda for organizing that almost single-handedly. Carol reported that the silent auction went well for the first year, members would like to see it happen again next year, and that some revisions will be made.

Under New Business clubs signed up for the county event they are hosting this year. Member appointments to county committees were made. It was noted that Fertile Prairie 4-H Club would like to reconsider having interview judging at the fair. Please take this to each club, discuss it with them as a decision will be made at the January council meeting. Details would be worked out later if a decision is made to go ahead with interviews on fair entries.

Election of officers was held with only one nomination for each office. Roddy Rost was re-elected as president and Jennifer Dukart as secretary.

The next meeting will be January 19 at 7:00 PM. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A Sparks, Secretary