

Fallon County 4-H Council April 15, 2009

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

Present: Wanda Pinnow, Faye Koenig, Betty Steen, Linda Wade, Brandon Steen, Promise Miller, Norton Walker, Kalli Post, Nicole Wheeler, Marvel Murphy, Tom Sparks, Roddy Rost, Mark Kirschten, Carol Sparks, Will Sparks, Dave Kirschten, Cindy Irgens, Marni Wade, Toni Reetz, Jolinda Allerdings, Sam Perdue, Sharon Schwartz and Nico Cantalupo.

Pledges were lead by Brandon Steen.

The minutes from the January 26, 2009 meeting were read by Faye Koenig. Minutes were approved as read.

Communications: Roddy read a letter of resignation as secretary of the 4-H Council from Jessica Dinardi. Roddy read the section in the constitution pertaining to replacing an executive member. Wanda moved the current executive committee is to find a new secretary and Norton seconded. The motion was voted on and carried. Sharon Schwartz passed around a thank you from Karol Zachmann. Tom gave the treasure's report.

Committee Reports

Livestock Committee: Roddy read the minutes from the April 8, 2009 meeting.

4-H Foundation: Tom gave a 4-H Foundation report. Norton moved the Fallon County 4-H Council will give \$150 to match the \$150 donation from Carter County to the Montana 4-H Foundation. Wanda seconded the motion, it was voted on and carried. Nico will add \$100 to this donation so a total of \$400 will be donated from Fallon and Carter Counties for the 40th birthday of the foundation.

Fruit Sale: Faye gave the 2009 Fruit Sale report. It was reported that many people wanted fruit but were not contacted and did not know it was for sale. Alternative advertising will be looked into by the committee.

Food Booth: Jolinda reported that the work schedules for the 2009 fair will be sent out soon.

Fairbook Revisions: Sharon reported new projects added to the fairbook are Outdoor Adventures, Robotics and Cowboy Action. Nico stated that the Division Class lettering may change to facilitate better fair computer reports. Youth are encouraged to watch for this and fill out entry sheets accordingly.

Fair Awards: Promise reported that the Fair Awards committee will try to meet before the end of April.

County Events:

Spring livestock judging was held March 22, 2009 with 43 youth participating. Marvel reported that the officials were four members from the Casper College Livestock Judging Team.

Communications Day was held April 5, 2009. Eight youth participated. Will Sparks (Sr. member) received a blue ribbon and may submit a Congress Delegate Application as a result.

4-H Foods Festival has eight youth signed up so far and will begin at 4:00 pm Sunday, April 19, 2009 at the Plevna Senior Citizens Center.

Small Projects Judging is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2009 to begin at 7:00 pm in the Baker Senior Citizens Center.

Old Business

A Rec Lab report was given by Jolinda Allerdings and Brandon Steen. District 8 hosted this year's Rec Lab held in Forsyth, MT. Jolinda gave a workshop on photography and scrapbooking. Youth attending from Fallon County were Brandon Steen, Alain Jacobsen and Travis Koenig.

Sharon Schwartz stated that 4-H Ambassador applications are due into the Extension Office Friday, April 17, 2009. Sharon asked for an Ambassador interview committee to be formed. Wanda Pinnow will head this committee and find members.

New Business

Sharon Schwartz explained the Centennial Project. 2012 will mark the Centennial of Montana 4-H. Each club is being asked to gather local 4-H history for a local event, a statewide celebration and a book being published on 100 years of 4-H in Montana.

Deadlines

Congress application deadline is set for June 1, 2009 with the exception of Fashion Review and Quilt Show which will be June 4. Congress will be held July 7-10, 2009.

Advanced Market Beef registration due May 1, 2009 and the tour is set for June 4-5, 2009.

2009 Animal Possession dates are Market Beef = February 1, 2009 Horse = May 1, 2009
 Rabbits & Poultry = July 1, 2009 All other animals = June 1, 2009

Horse ID's due May 1, 2009

Dog ID's due June 1, 2009

All Market Sheep and Market Swine tags must be picked up from the Extension office on or before June 1, 2009.

Sharon passed out the club add/drop lists. These are to be completed and returned to the Extension Office on or before June 1, 2009. Leaders were informed that county event information is listed on the add/drop lists. This information will let leaders know which members have and have not did a county event.

Sharon handed out stall reservation sheets to club leaders and stated all fair animal stall reservations need to be turned into the Extension Office on or before June 1, 2009.

The 2009 Fair Theme is "Fallon County Fair Goes Hollywood"

Fallon County 2009 4-H/FFA Fairbooks are scheduled to be available to members by June 1, 2009.

Nicole Wheeler represented the Kids & Horses project group when she proposed the 4-H Council consider supporting the moving of the Fair Horse Show to the open arena. A lengthy discussion followed with many pros and cons being presented. Norton moved to pursue moving the Fair Horse Show to the outside arena and Nicole seconded. The motion was voted on by ballot and carried. Nicole will present the moving of the horse show to the fairboard.

Norton requested the 4-H Council sponsor a class at the Montana State 4-H Horse Show for \$250. This year's State Horse Show will be held in Lewistown, MT with a possibility of local youth attending and competing. Promise Miller moved the 4-H Council sponsor a class at the Montana State 4-H Horse Show for \$250 and Cindy Irgens seconded. Motion was voted on and carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Sharon Schwartz

Fallon/Carter Extension 4-H Assistant

Fallon County Livestock Committee Meeting – April 8, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order by secretary Promise Miller.

Present were Promise Miller, Norton Walker, Leslie Gray, Fay Koenig, Marvel Murphy, Sharon Schwartz, Nicole Wheeler, Kaylin Wheeler, Quintin Wheeler, Kevin Dukart, Kali Post, and Nico Cantalupo.

Pledges were waived.

The minutes from the January 14th, 2009 livestock meeting were read by Promise Miller. Kali moved to accept the minutes as read, Leslie seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

Sharon stated everyone needs to get tags for sheep and swine by June 1st, and turn in a description of the animal. Goats need to be declared by this date as well.

Sharon said stall reservation sheets were available and need to be turned in to the extension office by June 1st.

Nico stated that communication between 4-H and FFA has been much better this year.

2. New Business

Nico reported there are 39 kids in Fallon County that need to go through MQA. He asked if it would be better to have one class after school sometime and then try to do an evening one in the summer. Everyone seemed to agree that this would work out well.

Nico let us know that Beef Breeders are possibly wanting to change the way they support the kids in Breeding Beef. After some discussion and questions, Marvel stated that she is on this board and would like to talk to them more before anything is decided.

Sharon reported that there is a judging in Sidney, on April 19th, 2009. If any one is interested. And also said she has a lot of information on various pig and lamb sales, and on the Miss Southeast Montana Rodeo Queen contest.

Nico said that the commissioners are going to do some work on the back side of the barn where animals are unloaded. Work will include some leveling and scoria work.

Norton moved to adjourn, Nicole seconded. Secretary Promise Miller adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted Promise Miller, livestock secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Roddy Rost at 7:10 PM. Those in attendance included: Roddy Rost, Faye Koenig, Norton, Jalyn and Lexyn Walker, Willie and Tiffany Benner, Tom and Carol Sparks, Jolinda Allerdings, Wanda Pinnow, Gary, Cindy and Carleigh Irgens, Mark Kirschten, Mike Kirschten, Julie Post, Nicole and Quentin Wheeler, LaTonne Reetz, and Sharon Schwartz.

Pledges were led by Lexyn and Jalyn Walker. Carol Sparks was appointed secretary to complete the secretary's term. Carol read the minutes prepared by Faye Koenig from the last meeting. Minutes were approved as corrected. Communications received included a thank you from the State Horse Show for the financial contribution from the council.

Tom Sparks, treasurer, presented the financial report for the end of the fiscal year. There is still one check not in from the livestock sale and currently one member's sale money is still being held. Hopefully this will be resolved in the next ten days. Tom pointed out that if enough base money was in the livestock account, this situation would not happen. He also went over the proposed budget for next year. There was one mathematical correction. Norton moved to accept the proposed budget and Mike Kirschten seconded; motion passed. (see attached budget).

Sharon gave the Extension update. A discussion was held about the new leader certification and subsequent screening that all must go through. Wanda moved and Mike Kirschten seconded that the council pay the \$12.00 fee. The motion was amended to include the words "for all present and future leaders". Motion as amended passed. Sharon will give mandatory leader's training to all county 4-H leaders. It will take approximately 1 -1 ½ hours. The first ones will be held on November 18 at 1:00 PM and again that day at 5:15 PM. Subsequent sessions will be held as needed. Window display winners were Red Butte Ramblers first and Country Cousins second. Sharon presented the tally sheet for enrollment in Fallon County 4-H for last year. Fallon County had 85 members in 2009. (See attached sheet) Lastly Sharon brought up the idea of giving the livestock judges a food coupon for the food booth on the day they are judging at the fair. Some days become very long and someone else retrieves food for the judge. It is hard then to ask the judge to pay for the meal. The subject was tabled until the January council meeting and put under the advisement of the Food Booth Committee.

Under committee reports, Mark Kirschten read the minutes of the livestock committee. New officers elected were Mark Kirschten, president; Norton Walker, vice-president; and Nicole Wheeler, secretary. Wanda presented a proposal to change some of the livestock judging times at the fair for next year (see attached sheet). We are to visit with our club members and others prior to the next council meeting. This will be decided for sure in January. Jolinda gave the food booth report (see attached sheet). Income for the booth was \$1360 compared with \$2500 last year. Several reasons were given and discussed. Tom Sparks, as Montana 4-H Foundation representative, reported that he attended the meeting on campus during Congress and that the Foundation has a new director who is ambitious in fundraising endeavors. Fall livestock judging was hosted by Country Cousins with about 25 attendees.

Old Business was the appointing of Carol Sparks to fill the secretary's term for the next year.

New business began with the announcement that District 8 Leader's Meeting will be held in Miles City on November 8 at 12:30 PM. Clubs and members and leaders signed up for county events and committees. We are still lacking a host club for the fashion revue/quilt show. It is Fallon County's turn to host this year for the two counties. Jolinda gave a report and showed photos from the State Leaders Forum that she attended July 26, 2009 in Sidney. Carol presented a proposal for introducing a silent auction at the fair for members with indoor projects and entries. It is to be decided on at the January council meeting after each club has a chance to discuss it. (see attached proposal)

Election of officers was held. Elected for a two-year term as vice-president was Willie Benner. (no other nominee) Elected for a two year term as treasurer was Julie Post (other nominee was Mark Kirschten). President for one more year will be Roddy Rost and secretary Carol Sparks.

Jolinda reminded us to start researching our club histories, especially past community services – they can be very interesting!

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Carol A Sparks, Secretary

Fallon County 4-H Livestock Meeting Minutes October 14, 2009

The Fallon County Livestock Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Kirschten with Sharon Schwartz, Leslie Gray, Cindy Irgens, Faye Koenig, Kaylin Wheeler, Quentin Wheeler, Nicole Wheeler, Norton Walker, Kevin Dukart, Nico Cantalupo, Lexyn Walker, Marvel Murphy, Roddy Rost and Gary Irgens attending.

The minutes from the July 1, 2009 meeting were read by Mark Kirschten. Norton moved to approve the minutes and Kevin seconded. The motion was voted on and carried.

Discussion was held concerning the limiting of sale animals. The economics of the project was discussed as having a bigger impact on the sale than the economics of the community. The committee decided to wait another year before discussing this topic again.

Nico gave a quick carcass report stating that all animals graded better on average than previous years, especially swine. Youth will receive their SOM and SOE certificates at Achievement Night.

Nico reported that the joint 4-H/FFA group decided on a maximum age for showing and selling Market Animals. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H and/or FFA, enrolled in high school the semester prior to showing the animal and be not older than 19 at the beginning of the current 4-H year.

The livestock committee discussed the time to have animal stalls/pens be cleaned each morning of the fair. It was decided the stalls/pens should be cleaned by 7:45 am and that 7:00 am is just too early.

The unloading of beef animals in the paneled show ring upon arriving at the Fallon County Fair was unanimously approved. Discussion included that calm animals would be led from the show pen to their stalls and animals needing to calm down would be given time then evaluated.

Many options of a show schedule and location for rabbits & poultry were discussed. No decisions were made at this time and Paul Berger 's input and approval is needed before any can be made.

Election of officers for the 2009-10 4-H year was held. The results are as follows:

Chairman	>	Mark Kirschten
Vice-Chairman	>	Norton Walker
Secretary	>	Nicole Wheeler

Norton moved to adjourn the meeting and Kaylin seconded. Motion was voted on and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Schwartz
Fallon/Carter 4-H Assistant