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Fergus-Petroleum 4-H Livestock Committee
March 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Small Conference Room, Sheriff's Complex Basement

In attendance:

Josh Stroh, Chairman, New Horizons
Larry Hagenbuch, Vice Chairman Creative Critters
Shannon Ruckman, Secretary, Silver Spurs
Emily Standley, Extension
Jared Long, Fergus FFA
Casey Willmore, Denton FFA
Mike & Mardi Vanek, Christina Busy Bees
Pat Ward, Sunnyside Shiners
Judi and Trace Martin, Snowy Mountain Trailblazers
Jeremy England, Creative Critters
Dustin Reisig, Heart of the Snowies

Chairman Josh Stroh called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Minutes – Members read the printed minutes. Jared moved to accept the minutes as read. Dustin seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence.

Finance Report –The beginning balance of the checking account was \$16,667.97 with \$5,294.32 in the restricted account. All fair fees came in; the ending balance of the checking account was \$33,179.33, with \$8,444.32 in the restricted (buckles & awards) account and \$7,246.24 in the sound system account.

- a. There was discussion on improving the sound system. Jared moved to budget \$2,000 to spend on stand alone speakers for the show ring area.

Larry seconded the motion. Jeremy suggested asking the auctioneers what type of stand alone speaker systems they use; he said he would talk to Kyle Shobe. The motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Show Judge – Jared announced that Brian Anderson of Kansas has agreed via text message to judge the fair. Jared said he is one of the best, classy and a pig guy. Brian is a college coach with a booming voice; he is good with kids and gives descriptive reasons.

New Business:

1. Fair registration system – 4-H online – Emily said they will add the FFA members in; members need to set up an account online to enter the fair. The new system will have some restrictions to help minimize mistakes.

2. TQA dates – 5 p.m. on Monday, March 18, and 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 13, maybe April 15 as well, all in the Sheriff's Complex basement meeting room.

3. Montana Winter Fair livestock judging 4-H and FFA contest – Emily said Dave Phillips and Kristi Nelson have agreed to be superintendents of the contest. Mark King of Big Timber has agreed to help score, it will be Saturday, the same day as the FFA Mechanics contest, in the pavilion.

4. Animal Insurance – Dustin says there are not many options. He said they used to do events but there were too many claims so insurance agencies stopped covering them. The issue with the insurance is from the time of the sale to delivery. Dustin and Mike said they would look into prices and options available.

- a. There was some discussion about loading sale animals after the sale. Committee members said they need to talk with the different businesses handling the animals about the need for humane treatment vs death – the main concern being pigs. The committee would like to see if the businesses can get the pigs early then to go the fair board and see if they agree.

- b. Extra pigs cause problems. There was discussion on how to handle the extra sale pigs, be it a volunteer trucking them to the processor and keeping the sale pigs only on the sale loads.

5. Gates for Sheep Pens – Casey discussed the need for new gates for the sheep pens. There was discussion of buying another bank of pig pens and utilizing extras for the sheep. Jared moved to budget \$15,000 to buy 36 pens from Central Montana Propane. Casey seconded the motion; the motion passed.

6. Pavilion set up – The members discussed the set up of the pavilion for the cattle show. Committee members expressed the need for a sturdier, bigger entry gate.
7. Social Hour – there was discussion about asking the rodeo committee how they do it, have a parade of champions, discussion promotion opportunities.
8. Sell White Pens – the members discussed options to sell the white pens to make room for the new pens.

Announcements:

1. The next meeting date will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 6.

Adjournment – Jared moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry seconded the motion; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Ruckman
Livestock Committee Secretary