

4-H Livestock Committee
June 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Casey Willmore, Denton FFA	Dustin Reisig, Heart of the Snowies 4-H
Anna Marie Mack, Big Sky 4-H	Janie Wickens, Winifred Mustangs 4-H
Jared Long, Fergus FFA	Jeremy England, Creative Critters 4-H
Shelly Brown, Winifred Mustangs 4-H	Pat Ward, Sunnyside Shiners 4-H
Morgan Ward, Sunnyside Shiners 4-H	Mike Vanek, Christina Busy Bees 4-H
Shawn Grindheim, New Horizons 4-H	Rebecca Rindal, Snowy Mountain Trailblazers
Jordan Grindheim, New Horizons 4-H	Jennifer Saunders, Extension
Josh Stroh, Chairman, New Horizons 4-H	
Larry Hagenbuch, Vice Chariman, Creative Critters 4-H	
Shannon Ruckman, Secretary, Lewistown Livewires	

Before the meeting, Jennifer handed out Fair Volunteer information sheets to be completed and returned to the Extension office. She also questioned the three fair superintendents on their fair volunteers:

- a. Swine – Superintendent Jared – wife, Leslie, will clerk, and Codi Boyce will help, has no announcer lined up yet, he will serve as ringman, and parents will help with line up the morning of, Junior Superintendent will be Berkley Stroh
- b. Goats/Sheep – Superintendent will be Casey, with Amanda Hartman serving as clerk, has no announcer yet, Junior Superintendent will be Jada Hartman, he will serve as ring steward and either Joel or Carl Patten will help with line up
- c. Beef – Superintendent Larry said he has no announcer, ring man, or Junior Superintendent yet. He said parents will help with the lineup.

Jennifer reminded those in attendance of the last TQA training at 6 p.m. on June 15 at the Sheriff's Complex. She told everyone to make sure their members signed the attendance sheet to prove they attended.

Chairman Josh called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

Minutes - Shannon read the minutes of the March 20, 2017, meeting. Jared moved to approve the minutes as read, Dustin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Correspondence – Derek Manseau of HCR sent the committee a quote for powdercoating panels. The quote was \$35 to \$40 per panel for one coat. Jennifer said the livestock committee received a Central Montana Foundation grant of \$10,000 to pay for new panels. Josh said the grant would help pay for 36 pens – 2 banks – which is half of what the committee had planned.

Old Business:

1. Finance –
 - a. Awards - Jennifer questioned the awards financing and if the banner money should be taken out of the awards. Shawn said that is how it was set up to be, noting that some people hadn't paid for 2016 or 2017 yet.
 - b. Livestock Judging Team – Josh said Ruby's is donating 25 cents per combo meal sold to the Livestock Judging Team. In turn, the team talked on the radio about Ruby's

and its upcoming contests. Josh said the donations will be used to offset travel expenses.

2. Fair

- a. Round Robin – Jennifer confirmed the Round Robin contest had been changed to Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m. Jennifer asked the superintendents to figure out who will be judging their round robin contests.
 - i. Awards – Jennifer asked the committee members about the embroidered lawn chairs for winners. Jordan and Morgan said they like the lawn chairs.
 - ii. Announcer – Dustin volunteered to announce if he didn't have a child competing in the Round Robin. Jennifer said she would be his back up if one of his children was in the contest.
 - iii. Clerk – Dustin said he would get his wife, Rebecca, to clerk. Anna said she would help.
 - iv. Set up/Clean up – It was suggested to leave the hog pens up because the breeding shows were the next day.
- b. Sale Weights – Josh confirmed the sale weights had been bumped up a little bit for this year's fair: sheep went up 5 pounds, pigs went up 20 pounds and cattle went up 50 pounds.
- c. Goat Scrapie Tags – Jennifer reminded the committee that the Department of Livestock requires Scrapie Tags. Casey said the kids may not be able to find scrapie tags for goats. Jennifer said it is the kids' responsibility to ask for a scrapie tag when purchasing the animal.
- d. Pens – Josh said with the CMF grant of \$10,000, the livestock committee was able to put a purchase order in for pens to be made and powder coated to be ready in time for fair. The new pens will have vertical bars, taller than previous pens and have bow gates and piston latches. The same set up would cost \$65,000 in other commercial venues.
 - i. The pens will be 5 ft-by-8 ft. The committee had hoped for 4 banks of 36 pens for a total of 72 pens but would only be able to get 2 of the 4 banks this year. Jared said there would be 21 more pigs this year than last year. The previous pen set up housed 66 pens. Josh said the committee would have to use the pens from last year to balance out the remainder of this year's pigs.
 - ii. Josh said he was thinking the committee should sell half of the old pens to free up space. Jennifer said the committee needs to talk to the Fair board about storage. Shannon suggested drafting a mutual use agreement for the new panels and storage. Committee members discussed the value of the current pens, deciding they were of questionable value.
 - iii. Josh said the new panels would be lighter and easier to set up, so the fair board could use them for other functions, such as Jared's sale. Jennifer said the committee needed to vote on using extra money, \$15,000 for 72 pens, which would cost approximately \$7,000 for HCR to powder-coat, making a total of \$22-\$23,000 for the current order.
 - iv. Anna moved to have 2 banks of pens powder-coated and pay the balance. Larry seconded the motion; the motion passed.
- e. Fair Judge – Josh said this year's fair judge would be Caleb Boardman from Wyoming. Jennifer confirmed the judge would be paid \$2,000, with the fair board paying \$250 for mileage and room and the committee paying \$1,750.

New Business:

1. Fair Set Up Day – Monday, July 24, at 3:30 to 4 p.m. Dustin said he needs Tracey to water and roll the pavilion arena by 1 p.m. so he can be hauling chips by 5 p.m. He said she also needs to hang cords from the ceiling. Dustin said he would have Brett help with the skidsteer and get chips from the Amish.
 - a. Tie Outs- Mike said he was going to see if they would allow him to leave the tie outs up after the Junior Beef Expo. The tie outs are set up between the barns and have enough for 60 head.
 - i. Larry said the beef show has 116 animals. He said he would use the barn stalls for the bucket calves.
 - b. Tear down could wait until 5 p.m. on Monday, July 31.
2. Water Leaks – Jennifer questioned whether new hoses and a hose rill would help remedy the water leakage problem. Mike suggested part of the problem with the water leakage is due to the frost free water valves, which Shawn said needs a key to shut off. It was decided the committee should ask Tractor Supply to donate 4 hose rills and 200 feet of hose with good sprayers to the fair.
3. Check In – Jennifer confirmed the swine enter the pavilion in the southeast entrance by the draft horse barn, and the beef come in the west end. Extra trailers are parked east and north of the campground.
 - a. Anna said she would help with check in packets. Josh said he would help with the exhibitor's meeting. Jared said he thinks the pigs would be the first in the weigh in order because of the extra set up required. He said after the pigs, the lanes could be torn down for the rest of the species to weigh. It was determined the bucket calves could be weighed at the end.
 - i. Larry said the scales need to be certified. Anna said she wants a scale certificate to be there for verification to show parents who question the scales.
 - b. Chips are drawn to determine the sale order. In the past, Tova or Anna have done the drawing as the kids check in.
 - c. Line up – Superintendents are there for weigh in to help with line up.
 - d. Brand Inspector Brian Gatz will be there.
 - e. Preg Check – Greg Carlson will do it.
 - f. Chris will run the scale.
 - g. Herdsmanship judges – the Superintendents will get judges.
4. Carcass Contest and Calcutta – Anna said she will get judges and auctioneer will do the Calcutta. Jennifer said she would get her a receipt book.
 - a. Beef and Sheep – Jane Ann Boles will judge the carcass contest on Wednesday, August 2. She will need someone to take photos of rib eyes and chops and transcribe. Jordan said she would take photos of the beef contest.
 - b. Hogs – Judging will take place on Tuesday, August 1. Anna said she would transcribe the contest.
 - c. The committee is looking for kids to attend these carcass contests.
5. Livestock Sale – Chris Miller is running the sale again. Either Joe or Ty will auctioneer. The FFA kids volunteered to do the sale ring decoration with a banner on the front of the announcer stand/sale block.
 - a. Dustin said he would set up the sale ring using a skid steer – basically make the show ring smaller.

- b. Chris and Bertie would make the sale book and buyers letters.
 - c. Anna said she would organize the buyer's dinner.
 - d. Sale photographs were discussed. Jennifer said Jerry Brown took pictures last year. The picture taking schedule was discussed – start taking pigs at 11 a.m. and following with other species by 2 p.m. Jared said he was willing to set up the pictures but would need help.
 - e. Sound System – There is \$7,246.24 left in the sound system budget. The last sound system the committee purchased was sold to the fair board. Last year, the livestock committee used the baseball sound system, which produced an echo according to Jared. Jennifer questioned whether the committee wanted to purchase another system or rent a system. Shawn said he would prefer to rent a system so the committee didn't have to maintain it and own it. Jennifer said the horse show uses the one in the pavilion, as does the beef expo and Montana Winter Fair.
6. Load Out – The committee discussed how to handle extra animal left after the fair to be loaded onto trucks for the meat packers. Josh said the committee cannot be liable for the animals, saying the committee is only responsible for the sale animals.
- a. Jamie said one of the meat packers told her to bring extra pigs to the fair for pickup. Rebecca said her club tells the parents to do the same.
 - b. It was decided that each club should have a representative at load out to handle the extra animals or they should be taken home when released, and Jennifer and Chris would talk to the packers about the issue. Jennifer said the kids should also be educated at the exhibitors' meeting.
7. Insurance –
- a. Jennifer said the PeeWee showmanship is not covered by the MSU insurance. She said the Cloverbud Pet Parade is pushing the envelope. It was suggested that PeeWee Showmanship require liability waivers for participants. PeeWee showmanship would be included for swine, sheep and bucket calves. Prize suggestions included gift cards from McDonalds, water bottles and candy.
 - b. Livestock insurance – It was discussed whether the Extension needed to obtain a week-long mortality policy to cover market animals. Jennifer said she would talk to Dustin about it.
 - c. Awards – Solomons would be covering bucket calf awards again.
8. Rule Enfractons – Jennifer clarified what the protocol is for handling rule enfractons. It was determined the junior superintendent needs to talk to an adult superintendent about the issue, then the adult superintendent would use his or her discretion as to when to talk to the livestock committee chairman and an Extension agent.
9. Dressing chutes – There was discussion as to where and when it is appropriate to use dressing chutes in the pavilion. The sale barn does not provide enough power for the equipment. It was determined the dressing chutes could be parked by the pavilion outlets during the show but must be removed and stored in the sale barn during all other times.
10. Interview Judging – Jennifer explained the Rubrick system for judging kids' record books and interviews, and how to handle kids who have not completed their record books. Jared and Casey confirmed the AET Record Book could be printed out for FFA kids and is similar to 4-H records.
11. Thank yous – Anna requested names be given to her for 4-H thank yous.

Next meeting – The next meeting date is 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, at the pavilion.

Adjournment – Jared moved to adjourn the meeting. Casey seconded the motion; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.