

Fergus-Petroleum 4-H Livestock Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2020
Fergus County Sheriff's Meeting Room

In Attendance:

Larry Hagenbuch, Chairman, Creative Critters

Shannon Ruckman, Secretary, Livewires/Silver Spurs

Emily Standley, MSU Extension

Pat Ward, Sunnyside Shiners

Anna Marie Mack, Big Sky

Reba Ahlgren, Winnett Shamrocks

Mardi Linhart, Christina Busy Bees

Morgan Ward, Sunnyside Shiners

Lynn Smith, Winifred Mustangs

Jared Long, Fergus FFA

Judi Martin, Snowy Mtn Trailblazers

Call to Order - Chairman Larry called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes – Members read the printed minutes. Jared moved to approve the minutes; Pat seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Bylaw reminder – Emily reminded the those in attendance that one must be an enrolled leader in the county to vote or serve on a committee. She said the Extension office received an anonymous complaint that someone was serving on the committee and wasn't an enrolled 4-H leader in Fergus County.

Finance Report – Emily said there was no new activity in the finances. The checking balance remained at \$25,875.95, \$8,436.44 of which is restricted for awards and \$17,439.51 is unrestricted. The sound system has \$4,874.68 in a separate account. The powder coating on the new panels has not been paid yet and should be about \$3,200.

- a. Jared suggested the livestock committee have a reserve account to replace market animals in case one dies between fair and harvest. Jared offered to investigate account types and asked the matter to be put on the next meeting agenda.

Old Business

1. Judge - Jared gave an update on the search for livestock judge. He said Mark Hoge from Goodoak, IL, gave a verbal commitment to judge the Central Montana Fair. Jared said Mark is a next step after Bryan Anderson and Caleb Boardman. He asked for travel recommendations. Jared told him the county's goal is youth development. Jared said members can look up Mark's biography and interview on the Arizona National Livestock Show's Web site. Judi moved to hire Mark, and Anna seconded the motion; the motion passed.

New Business

1. Project Request – A girl who lives in California and spends her summers in Fergus County asked to be able to take a pig to the fair as a 4-H member. Emily

said the enrollment paperwork had been done. The girl comes in June. Members discussed other kids that live out of county and show during the summer and the project parameters. Pat said the precedent had been set. Other members disagreed based on the project parameters. Emily said one family shows sheep but bring the sheep with them from their home and finish the project in Fergus County. Emily noted there are other projects the girl could take and show during the fair. Larry moved to deny the request based on the project time and requirements. Anna seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

2. Possible Clinics - Emily said clubs could sponsor and invite other clubs to participate. Lynn Smith said Winifred Mustangs may sponsor a clinic for young members and will share with the committee at the next meeting.

Announcements

1. TQA trainings – Emily said there was a March 1 training at Creative Critters meeting in the Boys and Girls Club and one at the Lewistown Livewires meeting on March 22 in the First Christian Church. Emily will host another one before the next Livestock Committee meeting at the Sheriff's Complex.
2. Next meeting – The next livestock committee meeting date was set for 6 p.m. on Monday, April 6.

Adjournment - Pat moved to adjourn the meeting; Judi seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Ruckman, Secretary