

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Leader's Council

Date: April 9, 2015
 Start Time: 5:30 PM
 End Time: 7:05 PM

Present: MSU Extension: Mary Meyer
Augusta Livestock: **Don Converse**
Baxendale Beavers:
Big Sky: **Josie Hamilton, Karyn Hamilton**, Sydney Deaton, Dennis Deaton, David Hamilton, Karen Bratlien
BHA: **Taton Brewer, Teresa Brewer**
BOA:
Bits & Bridles:
Canyon Creek Stock:
Farm Kids:
Gold Nuggets:
Haywire Kids: **Kim Ashmore**
Kountry Bumpkins:
LCL: **Sandy Merchen**
MT City Mav: **Alex Ostberg, Michelle Ostberg**
Mt Tractor Kids:
Rocky Mt Livestock:
SC Wranglers:
Silver Creek Stock:
Silver Spurs:
Sleeping Giants: **Kimberly Lowery**
Sweet Clovers: Val McNeil, Catherine McNeil, Ken McNeil
Treaters & Feeders:
Wild Roses:
WYW:

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Motion/Recommendation |
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| Call to Order / Pledges | Dave Hamilton called the meeting to order and pledges were said. | |
| Check Presentation | Taton Brewer introduced Peggy Huntington and Maria Nyberg from the Gone with the Wind Saddle Club gave a donation to Taton for 4-H in which he has chosen to sponsor 2 indoor high-point awards and to give the remainder to 4-H camp to assist with costs. Peggy and Maria announced the club would like to continue to donate to 4-H and appreciate Taton's volunteering on various events. | |
| Minute Approval | The March 11, 2015 minutes were presented. | Being there were no additions or changes, the minutes stand as approved. |
| Treasurer's Report | Michelle Ostberg presented the Treasurer's report for the month of March. The income for the month was \$403.57 and the expenses were \$3,331.17. | |
| Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor • Indoor • Ambassadors | Dave Hamilton asked if there were any additions to the agenda items. <u>Outdoor</u> – Dennis Deaton announced the next Outdoor meeting will be held on April 13 at 5:30 PM. It will be a short meeting as the Volunteer Appreciation | |

- **Foundation**
- **Extension Office Report**
- **District 6**
- **Clubs**
- **Other**

banquet. Dennis reminded everyone to please bring salad or dessert.

There will be a Show Pig Nutrition Clinic at the BHB on April 16 beginning at 5:30 PM with hamburgers followed by the clinic at 6 PM. Mountain West Ag Services, Inc., a nutritional feed company, will be hosting the event.

The last Quality Assurance workshop will be held on April 21st at the BHB. Please let your members with market animals know if they miss this workshop, they will have to find another QA workshop or they will not be able to show market.

Reminder that Pig forms are due on April 17th and tagging will be held on April 26th. You need to bring your pigs to tagging if you've not filed for exemption. Those with breeding projects will need to come to the office and check out the tagger.

Reminder that those in the Horse Project needs to get in their enrollment forms.

Reminder that Sheep forms are due May 1 or members can bring them to tagging on May 3. If you do not have your forms turned in or your sheep is not tagged, you will not be able bring the animal to fair.

Reminder that Goat forms are due May 5th and tagging will be held on May 10th (Mother's Day). They will be checking scrappie tag.

Tagging is for market animal only.

The Helena Jackpot will be held on June 13th and is a great opportunity to show you animal.

Indoor – Dora Lindner reported the committee continues work on the high point awards and Tolly Patten will be heading that project up. The next meeting will be April 20, 2015. The committee continues work on the judging contracts. The Sewing Review will be May 3 and forms are due shortly. Demonstration (Demo) Day forms are due today and will be held on April 11th. The Photo Show will be held shortly. Judging contracts are due the first of June at the latest as a judges training will be held in June and we would like to invite them.

Ambassadors – Dora Lindner thanked the Ambassadors for their Rec Lab presentation and the team building workshop. Val McNeil commented attendees enjoyed our Counties workshop and icebreakers. Other extension agents commented on our icebreakers and the nice job the kids did. It was noted our low attendance for our county and we need to encourage our kids to participate.

Foundation – Kim Lowery announced \$1,150 donation for livestock trucking was presented to Foundation. Kudos were given to Alex Ostberg for discount on the purchase of the QuickBooks program for nonprofit bookkeeping. Raffle sales going well and please pick up book at the end of the meeting. Scholarships are going well and at the request of some of the scholarships, those requested will be announced at the fair. Kim reported on the fundraising survey in which she has only heard from 7 clubs to date. She summarized those requests turned into her as results will facilitate the conversation for use of funds. She continues to welcome feedback on the survey.

Extension Office – Mary Meyer provided an update on the Quality Assurance for April 21 with a planning meeting tomorrow night at 6 pm in at BHB. All members wanting to help are invited.

Working on hiring judges for outdoor.

Livestock judging coach has been identified and willing to lead the project. Georgina, is the current 4-H coach for the State of Washington. Mary asked members for assistance with setting up locations and people willing to help.

Volunteer training and new volunteer training is proposed toward late summer or fall.

Lincoln is working on getting a club together.

Mary will be on the Broadwater Extension Agent search committee so we will have a good connection with that county.

KXHL commercial will be an opportunity to market prior to fair and is sponsored by McDonalds.

Mary asked that members are encouraged to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Awards night next Monday at 6 pm. The community beneficator has been invited.

District 6 – Sandy Merchant provided an update the State Office organizational changes. They will be replacing representatives from various districts. Dues will be increased by a \$1 next year. Sandy gave an overview of the District Representative role and responsibilities. Incentive program for leaders college as well. Alison (at the State) has been working on webinar programs for the state and are available on their website and available for no fee for member use. It was noted that dues help pay for different programs and events throughout the year.

Clubs

Augusta – Don Converse reported Mary will be visiting the grand foods day in Augusta. QA training will be put on from Chouteau due to distance to Helena.

BHA – Taton Brewer reported the club helped table tear down at the Wild Turkey Federation, a program that preserves wild turkeys, at their annual banquet.

Sweet Clovers – Val McNeil reported the club cleaned up the school for week of service. Week of Service starts this Sunday.

By-Laws/Operations Manual – Dave Hamilton reported the By-Laws committee has rolled over into the Operational Guidelines manual. The guidelines book is comprised of guidelines and existing policies to explain how the program and it's projects conduct business so that new or existing members have a better understanding of the program and projects. We reached out to the Outdoor & Indoor Committees and Foundation with their contributions for this project. The committee will be meeting tomorrow night with another scheduled meeting on April 22. It is the hope the project will be completed by the end of the 4-H year and will be implemented next year. We will be sharing document with members once completed. It will be a "living" document and changes can and will be made as the program and projects change. Changes may be once a year.

Awards – Catherine McNeil reported the committee met on Monday in which award forms were discussed.

Project Award Form: The recommendation from the committee is for the Project Award Form to be changed to the Project Recognition Form. The rationale is to have the leader nominate the member for the award in which either the superintendent or leader could do so. Feel like we really want recognize the member(s) who may not apply.

The form itself does not have significant criteria changed; however, since the projects books are not a requirement of the state, that criteria would be moved to the requirement to the other section of the form.

Another change to the process would be the member selecting whether or not they would like to receive a tag for their plaque. If they do not have an existing plaque, one would be provided to them. Plaques were a huge expense the first year; however, we have a good stock of plaques on hand. Every member would get a certificate to place in their Record Books.

If the member would like to be nominated, they need to visit with the leader or superintendent to show interest. It was noted that as a leader, it was disappointing that the option to nominate a member was taken away with use of the current form. With this change, it would give the leaders back the power to recognize the

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Alex Ostberg made a motion that we adopt the proposed changes as presented. Val McNeil seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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| | <p>member.</p> <p>Another change is that a leader has to sign off on the form. Question of sign off by the club leader since the club leader gets the record book. Susan Mitchell (Shooting Sports) asks for the record books at the end of the shooting sports year and when going through the books noted those who took extra time in the book and will keep a list of those to nominate. Project superintendents would be the ones that know how and what the kids are doing within the project.</p> <p>Mary Meyer clarified it is a project recognition and the member could receive more than one award during their 4-H year, in fact, one for each project.</p> <p>Young Achievers Award: The history of the Young Achievers Award was that it was eliminated a few years ago due to cost and then brought back due to member interest. It was also thought the junior kids need to be recognized as the seniors do when they go to congress. Issues surrounding the event date have been scheduling the event date as well as the kids are receiving a grand or reserve and recognition at the time of the event. Award certificates were not given out at the annual awards banquet, however, some recipients received letters in the mail as an invite and did not know where it came from.</p> <p>Mary Meyer thought the event expense should be looked into and perhaps working the seniors to present a rec lab to the juniors or other training opportunities as “awards” to the juniors.</p> <p>Don Converse spoke against it as seniors get to go to congress and the juniors don’t. It was the thought to reward the junior for their efforts and excellence in 4-H.</p> <p>Catherine acknowledged the prior purpose and thought it has been lost sight of. She noted the only way for a senior to go to congress was to compete and now there is significant cost associated in going to Congress. Also noted was the expense of kids paying their way to the Rec lab event.</p> <p>As a Foundation, we subsidize camps and events for these kids.</p> <p>Sydney Deaton brought forward the kids are not winning anything as it’s a recognition now. Serval members complete the form, but cannot attend the event date due to other activity commitments. Would much rather see a certificate in the record book years down the road.</p> <p>Clarification of the senior earning the right to go to congress and attending the event. Taton Brewer thought instead of eliminating it to perhaps wave fees for camp.</p> | <p>The recommendation from the committee was to eliminate the award due to expense and not supporting the whole of the kids. It was noted that more information was needed to move this forward.</p> |
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| | <p>Catherine clarified the concern is more about being equal for both the junior and senior levels. The amount is \$220 budgeted.</p> <p>Teresa Brewer questioned the award not being equal. Juniors are more tactical in receiving awards for their achievements. This is a way to encourage the young kids to participate in our events.</p> <p>Catherine thought the \$220 could be spend toward lowering camp fees instead of recognition of a few junior.</p> <p>Dave Hamilton noted we are $\frac{3}{4}$'s through the 4-H year.</p> <p>Other Award Items: Catherine reported as to the other awards for money in three other categories at the junior and senior levels. The concern is the equality among the projects for those projects currently listed in which a member can apply.</p> <p>Mary commented the forms seem outdated as well as the quantity of projects undertaken. It was thought if there is a monetary award available, then perhaps making it more like the Ron Shatz scholarship for project support funds. If a senior applies as their last year before college, then the award would be forwarded like other scholarship awards for a college of their designation.</p> <p>Dave Hamilton thought the awards need to be revisited and perhaps addressed with a sunset on the award if the award and process change. There is not an agreement for the sunset date at this time due to not knowing if anyone is currently working toward it. Mary thought if done in project support funds, the member could still apply to receive money.</p> <p>Teresa Brewer noted we could look at a grandfathering it into the revamped processed as the issue would be the competing of funds as well as changing in the middle of the process.</p> <p>Kim Ashmore noted the organization has a lot of new people in clubs that don't understand the process.</p> <p><u>Building Committee</u> – Ken McNeil reported the progress on the closet and moving of the Shooting Sports cabinets project. Currently working on smaller items. Would like to see a collaboration between the building needs and the Foundation Survey reported on by Kim Lowery. He encouraged clubs to put forth their ideas and voice their thoughts.</p> <p>He asked for volunteer help to muck out the existing upstairs and project closet</p> | <p>The recommendation from the committee was to revise the application form and process.</p> |
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| | <p>areas. It was noted that project superintendents and project members need to attend the muck out. Also noted was Valerie's poultry project box that is missing from the closet area and she would like it back.</p> <p>Teresa noted we need to leave the utility closet open for folks that need to clean after use of the building. Ken will be making a cabinet for the chemicals to assist with that issue.</p> | |
| <p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Night at the Brewers Baseball Game • Senior Night • Foundation Raffle • Other | <p><u>4-H Night at the Brewers Baseball Game</u> – will be held on August 21, 2015. More details to follow.</p> <p><u>Senior Night</u>- Dave asked if you have a senior that will be graduating this year, please send Sydney Deaton 7 to 10 pictures of your graduating senior from baby to current day. She has only received photos from three family so far. Senior Night will be held May 13, 2015 at 5:30 PM in lieu of the Council meeting.</p> <p><u>Foundation Raffle</u> – Alex Ostberg reported the raffle is going well and reviewed the packages being given away. The corrected information of the giveaways is published in the newsletter. A drawn ticket cannot win again.</p> | |
| <p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Service • Other | <p><u>Community Service</u> – Teresa Brewer reported the petting zoo on the corner of York and Wiley owned by Billy Harris would really appreciate members volunteering their time with maintaining the facilities and brushing of the animals. The petting zoo is free for kids and schools. If your club is interested in community service this would be a great project and appreciated by Mr. Harris.</p> | |
| Announcements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Meeting April 20, 2015 at 5:30 PM /Extension Office • Foundation Meeting May 19, 2015 at 5:30 PM / Extension Office • Outdoor Meeting April 13, 2015 at 5:30 PM / BHB | |
| Next Meeting | Senior Night will be held in lieu of Council on May 13, 2015 at 5:30 PM | |