

# Lewis and Clark County 4-H Leader's Council

Date: August 12, 2015 Start Time: 5:32 PM End Time: 6:57 PM	Present:	<u>MSU Extension Office:</u> <u>Augusta Livestock:</u> <u>Baxendale Beavers:</u> <u>Big Sky:</u>  <u>Birdseye High Altitude:</u> <u>Birdseye Outs &amp; Abouts:</u> <u>Bits &amp; Bridles</u> <u>Canyon Creek Stock:</u> <u>Farm Kids:</u> <u>Gold Nuggets:</u> <u>Haywire Kids:</u> <u>Kountry Bumpkins:</u> <u>Last Chance Livestock:</u>  <u>Montana City Mavericks:</u> <u>Mountain Tractor Kids:</u> <u>Rocky Mountain Livestock:</u> <u>Scratchgravel Wranglers:</u> <u>Silver Creek Stock:</u> <u>Silver Spurs:</u> <u>Sleeping Giants:</u>  <u>Sweet Clovers:</u> <u>Treaters &amp; Feeders:</u> <u>Wild Roses:</u> <u>Worth Yer While:</u>	Mary Meyer and Janet Cerovski <b>Teresa Lane</b>  <b>Wade Bratlien; Krista Hamilton;</b> Karen Bratlien; Dave Hamilton; Travis Wheeler <b>Wes Brewer; Brendon Brewer;</b> Teresa Kelley Brewer  Jana Gruber; Shea Gruber <b>Kim Ashmore;</b> <b>Dora Lindner</b> <b>Damon VanDiest; Janell VanDiest;</b> Dave Gardner; Martha Gardner; Jeannie Davis; Susan Mitchell; Sandy Merchen; Katie Merchen <b>Michelle Ostberg</b>  <b>Dawn Schneider</b>  <b>Janell Swanson; Cheryl Richmond;</b> Jen McKay; Katelyn McKay; Kathy Swanson; Dave Swanson <b>Denice Harris;</b> Tanner Harris  <b>C.J. Lassila</b> <b>Anson Moffett; Desiree Moffett</b>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Recommendation
<b>Call to Order / Pledges</b>	David Hamilton called the meeting to order and pledges were stated.	
<b>Minute Approval</b>	The meeting from July 13, 2015 meeting were read and stand approved as posted.	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Michelle Ostberg gave Treasurer report thru end of July 31, 2015. There were more expenses for July, however, they were not available at the time the report was run. For the month of July the Income was \$295,685.33 and Expenses were \$15,366.54.	
<b>Committee Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outdoor</b></li> <li>• <b>Indoor</b></li> </ul>	<u>Outdoor Committee</u> – Dave Hamilton reported there was nothing to report and thanked everyone for their hard work and continued dedication to our program, especially the kids. It was a longer fair, but it went well. Outdoor will have	

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

potluck Monday, August 24 at 5:30 PM at the Deaton's House. Please contact Dennis for details. Dave Gardner reported the sale went well and prices were up. He gave credit to the kids for a great job of marketing their animals.

Indoor Committee – Dora Lindner reported the committee will not meet until September 21 and will review fair at that time. She reported the fair went well and thanked everyone who helped. She reported the auction went well and the Ambassadors gave high point awards.

Ambassadors – Sandy Merchen reported the Ambassadors will be meeting soon to discuss the coming year.

Foundation – Dave Hamilton reported Cody Mitchell is out of town. Dora Lindner reported the potluck is the next meeting on the August 20. Foundation will bring meat and asked for potluck items. Thought raffle was successful and finished selling tickets on hand. The event is a potluck please invite your buyers and bring your family. Fair board has invited some 4-Hers and from Foundation to discuss fair improvements. If you have suggestions, please forward to Cody or Dave. One items is the sound system and perhaps an update to the system. Anyone is welcome to attend the fair board meeting and will get more information as soon as it's available.

Extension Office – Mary Meyer reported on fair and saw personal attacks that were made and we need to get past those issues. Mary reiterated that we need to show respect to one another and to be thankful for items that help 4-H. The Fairgrounds has heard rumors that the fairgrounds charged for security and gate admissions. It was noted that a 4-Her was charged gate admission to bring an item after the 11 a.m. gate admission fee. Teresa noted the growing pains with the gate passes and its good information going forward. Mary thanked everyone as overall is it went well and sales exceeded the previous year by \$85,000 for the sale. Mary will work with the rodeo committee for 4-H night being in the script. Please be sure thank our sponsors. If you know of someone that needs to be thanked, please forward the information to Mary.

Ron Schatz Award update, the family was frustrated with what happened this year. They were happy about the presentation, but want the kids to understand the award and what can be done with it. The award is to help kids start or continue with the project through a scholarship opportunity. It will be the most qualified application for three scholarships for \$250. Every 4-H child is eligible. Please encourage your members to apply.

Mary would like to see Council, committees and clubs to put together a “welcoming” committee to say hello and make people feel welcome.

Livestock checks are completed and ready for pick up.

District 6 - Sandy Merchen reported the nomination for District 6 is open along with Council positions. Sandy reported at a state level they will be lengthening the term to 3 years. If you are interest in being the District 6 representative, Sandy would okay with giving her extended year term to another. One item that was brought up to State was people getting sick at fair due to not washing their hands after visiting/touching the animals. A campaign was recommended per county as a state-wide contest. As a County, we would make posters, not the clubs. The campaign would be an effort from everyone and can be a wide range of ideas. The Lt Governor would be invited to judge the posters/campaign. There was interest to help. Teresa thought perhaps the theme of the fair be around health fair safety and have the clubs come up with something. Krista Hamilton noted it has been the kids that have had input into the theme. It was noted it the concern should be the health and safety of our fair participants and that some superintendents already address hand sanitizer and health measures through the project and the 4-H members. It was thought it is an important issue and perhaps not necessary a theme, but getting the project involved. Dave sought clarification if we really want to make a fair theme on this or make it more of an educational opportunity for our projects. It would also be a good item to discuss at Outdoor. It was clarified that we just need a decision to participate in the District 6. It was noted the motion was made so the idea would not die, but it was thought the idea would continue forward. Sandy announced the Leaders' College will be in Havre this year. The Leaders' College is a great way to learn about current issues and what others in the state are doing. Western Regional Leaders Conference will be in Alaska. Dave thanked Teresa and will address this with the Outdoor Committee and report back in September with how to get behind it.

Club Reports – None to report

Mountain View Co-op will be doing a steer fitting clinic on August 22 at the Expo. Any questions, please call Mt View Co-op.

Bylaws and Ops – Dave asked members to please go look on the web and get your feedback to the Extension Office or the Officers regarding the Guideline manual.

Awards – Dora Lindner said the committee has not met. Sandy asked about the pin award and noted that originally was for the superintendent, leaders or parents to nominate a pin for a really good project book. It now says it must be done by the kids. Kids, Leaders and Superintendents may submit for a pin award for the member.

Building – Dave noted that Cody had nothing to report. The committee will be meeting regarding Building Use Policy and Wi-Fi is in the building.

**Teresa moved the theme 2016 for fair be Health and Safety at the Fair and clubs come up with posters to be displayed at the fair. Susan Mitchell seconded the motion. Teresa removed the motion.**

<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nomination Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>4-H Camp</b></li> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Nomination Committee</u> – Michelle asked if anyone had any nominations for the open positions. We need to get this posted in September so that we can vote on it and she needs nominations. Nominated were Teresa Lang for Northern Representative, and Janelle Swanson and Wade Bratlien for Youth Representatives. Please let Michelle know, please call, text, or email. She will contact the person if needed.</p> <p><u>4-H Camp</u> – Dave Hamilton reported at last meeting there was discussion regarding 4-H camp. He meet with Catherine McNeil and Dora Lindner regarding the camp and wanting to look at moving the camp, etc. Dave has asked that a committee meet and move forward with the camp. Catherine and Dora will be spearheading the meeting prior to September meeting and coming to Council with a report and recommendation.</p>	
<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>4-H License Plate</b></li> <li>• <b>4-H Awards Night</b></li> <li>• <b>Council Budget</b></li> <li>• <b>Carcass Evaluation</b></li> <li>• <b>4-H Night at the Helena Brewers</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>4-H License Plate</u> – Dave Hamilton reported at the last meeting the state council had donated 4-H license plates. Another anonymous donor has come forward to donation a plate to Don Converse. Dave thought we could move forward with that donation. Sandy reported at the State level, to please let them know what you want to do with the donation as they are having an issue getting the checks cashed.</p> <p><u>4-H Awards Night</u> – Dave Hamilton wanted to be sure that we get the word out on the Awards Night. Teen Leaders and Ambassadors picked Sunday, November 1 at 4 PM with a “Trunk or Treat”, potluck and awards. It was asked why awards night is not done in the current 4-H year. It was recommended to so, however, it did not go anywhere due to the fair, record books being due, pins, etc. This year the Volunteer Awards Night was moved to April. In the committee, we can look at changing the pin award due date to August 31 and move the award night to September in the future.</p> <p><u>Council Budget</u> – Dave Hamilton gave an overview of the budget and noted it would be really good to start working on budget items and bring back to committees, projects, etc. We had some items that were not budgeted this year that had its challenges that resulted in budget overages and some budget items not being spent. Dave thought we need to be better at budgeting for our projects, committees and program. We need to look at our costs and be more accurate. As Dave noted, the incoming President was handed the year’s budget and that has been addressed in the Bylaws. As we move into the 15-16 year, we are trying to be more precise with the budgets. Budget will not be approved until November. Budgets will be due in October 1 along with new Officers. We anticipate a good hand off between those outgoing and incoming. New superintendents and officers will have an opportunity to review and make recommendations for their budgets.</p> <p><u>Carcass Evaluation</u> – Troy Wheeler expressed his concern on the steer carcass evaluation process and his concern that beef kids are not getting the credit that is due to them for their project in regards to the processing of the beef carcasses. He</p>	<p><b>Dave Hamilton asked that Livestock Committee follow up on this recommendation/concern.</b></p>

	<p>spoke to an inspector that is willing to review and evaluation the carcasses and educate the kids on a few of the carcasses. The concern is evaluating the carcasses when they are not “hot” as well as the fat and marbling is not cut correctly. He noted that a professional inspector would evaluate and grade the carcass. Mary Meyer noted that beef carcasses do need to hang longer than 3 days. Dave Gardner thought the timeline could be reviewed. Troy inquired if all steers are killed the same day so that the carcass are evaluated fairly. It was agreed that it needs to be a certified grader for evaluate the carcass. Outdoor and Sales Committees will have a discussion about this and encouraged Troy to attend those meetings. Feedback should be given at the next regular Outdoor meeting on September 14. The August Outdoor meeting is a review meeting for debriefing of fair; the September meeting is the open meeting for business.</p> <p><u>4-H Night at the Helena Brewers</u> – Dave Hamilton encouraged participation at the Helena Brewers 4-H night. Tickets are available at the office.</p>	
<b>Announcements</b>	<p><b>No meeting on Friday night on August 14!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation Appreciation Potluck BBQ – August 20, 2015 at 6 PM – Rustic Shelter</li> <li>• 4-H Night at the Brewers Game – August 21, 2015</li> <li>• Outdoor Meeting Potluck – August 24, 2015 at 5:30 PM – Deaton’s Home</li> <li>• Indoor Meeting – September 21, 2015 at 5:30 PM – Extension Office</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.	<b>Michelle Ostberg made a motion to adjourn.</b>