

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

Date: March 11, 2015  
 Start Time: 5:30 PM  
 End Time: 6:42 PM

Present: Office: Mary Meyer  
Big Sky: Dave Hamilton, **Karyn Hamilton**, Karen Bratlien, **Wade Bratlien**, Lance Bratlien, Sydney Deaton, Dennis Deaton, Jay Deaton  
BHA: **Teresa Kelley Brewer**;  
Haywire Kids: **Cage Johnson**; **Michael Saraco**  
Sleeping Giant: **Cheryl Richman**, **Dallas Long**, Dalton Matthews, Kim Lowry, Ryan Swenson; Dave Swanson;  
Last Chance: **Jeannie Davis**; **Christine Patten**; Susan Mitchell;  
Sweet Clovers: **Logan McNeil**, Valerie McNeil, **Catherine McNeil**, Ken McNeil;  
Scratchgravel:  
Kountry Bumpkins: Dora Lindner;  
Augusta / Worth Yer While:;  
Mt City Mav: **Alex Ostberg**, **Michelle Ostberg**; Dillon  
Out & Abouts: **Joel Farrell**;  
Silver Creek Stock: Dawn Schneider;  
Wild Roses: **CJ Lassila**;  
 \* **Bold: Member identified to vote on roll sheet.**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Recommendation
<b>Call to Order / Pledges</b>	Dave Hamilton called the meeting to order and pledges were given. Dave asked for any additional agenda items and being none the meeting proceeded.	
<b>Minute Approval</b>	The February 11, 2015 minutes were presented.	<b>Being there were no additions or changes, the minutes stand as approved.</b>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Michelle Ostberg gave an update on the new budget format, showing budgeted expenses and income, actual expenses and income and funds remaining to date. The request of the modification came from David to provide clarification of the budgets.  The Treasurer's report was presented. The income for the month was \$3,188.13 and the expenses were \$4,336.04. Questions were asked for further detail of expense items for beef and citizenship line items.	
<b>Committee Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outdoor</b></li> <li>• <b>Indoor</b></li> <li>• <b>Ambassadors</b></li> <li>• <b>Foundation</b></li> <li>• <b>Extension Office Report</b></li> </ul>	<u>Outdoor</u> – Dennis Deaton reported the Exhibitor's Book is on-line and addressed the new schedule of fair this year. Minimum weight on pigs is 210 lbs. The Sales Committee meeting will be held March 17 at 6 PM at Perkins. Dave and Martha Gardner take a considerable amount of time to set up the meetings and then no one comes. Please come to the meeting and express your questions and thoughts about the sale. There will be a Nutrition Workshop on April 16 at 5:30 PM for Swine but will also cover other meat animals. We are hoping for more	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>District 6</b></li> <li>• <b>Awards</b></li> <li>• <b>Building</b></li> <li>• <b>Clubs</b></li> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>	<p>information on the event as the date approaches. A Quality Assurance workshop will be held on April 21 at 6 PM and this is the last one for the year. You need to be current on your Quality Assurance Certificate to participate in fair. Swine tagging will be April 26 from 10 AM to 12 PM in the parking lot like we did last year. There will not be a rate of gain award this year. Swine breeding projects are exempt and will need to follow up with the Extension Office for tagging those projects like last year. Sheep tagging will be May 3 from 2 PM to 3 PM. Goat tagging will be early part of May. Next Outdoor Committee meeting is April 13 at 5:30 PM. It was noted that only market animals have to be tagged and all goats need to have a Scrape tag.</p> <p><u>Indoor</u> – Dora Lindner reported at their recent meeting only four superintendents showed. We really need to work on the high point award and asked that all Indoor Superintendents come to the next meeting that will be held on March 16 at 5:30 PM ready to discuss awards and fair. Grand Foods was held at Helena Middle School and had a good turnout. Noted however was that we need to be respectful while at other organization’s buildings, etc. Next event will be Demonstration Day on April 11 at Four Georgians. See newsletter for details.</p> <p><u>Ambassadors-</u> Valerie McNeil reminded everyone about the week of service April 12 thru 19. Please call Val with questions.</p> <p><u>Foundation</u> – Alex Ostberg reported on the March meeting and reviewed the budget format. Foundation continues to work through their Financial Policy and will be working with their Board. <b>The recent Foundation Bylaw change passed for the term duration of two consecutive terms with 6 years of service.</b> Investment policy on going along with donation requests. Foundation scholarships are due on April 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p><u>Extension Agent</u> – Mary Meyer reported that Janet is out of the office for a few weeks. When sending your requests, please let Mary know the priority. Mary inquired about contract agreement template for judges. Rec Lab participants need to be signed up by March 13. Please contact Mary in the Extension Office. Teen Leaders will be meeting this Sunday and Ambassador will provide a rehearsal presentation for Rec Lab and then work on planning the remainder of the event. Please encourage your teens to attend.</p> <p><u>District 6</u> – Nothing to report at this time.</p> <p><b>Club Reports</b></p> <p><u>BHA</u> – Teresa Kelly Brewer reported BHA did their community service event of</p>	
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	<p>seed balls around the church. Teresa complimented on the smooth running of the Grand Foods event and the participation level.</p> <p><u>Bylaws</u> – Dave Hamilton reported an update will be given under Old Business.</p> <p><u>Awards Committee</u> – Catherine McNeil reported the committee is still working on a meeting date.</p> <p><u>Building Committee</u>– Ken McNeil reported the shooting sports cabinets have been moved and permits to start the closet have been completed. Still looking for a home for the trophy case. Teresa mention speaking with the Helena Industries to see if they would like it or Dawn Schneider mentioned one of the schools.</p> <p><u>Other Announcement</u> – Jay Deaton announced his Pig Sale on Sunday, March 22 at 10 AM in the multipurpose building. All are welcome.</p>	
<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Helena Brewers Game Day</b></li> <li>• <b>Adoption of By-Laws</b></li> <li>• <b>Senior Awards Night</b></li> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Helena Brewers Game Day</u> – Mary Meyer gave an update on the Brewers night and shooting for in late August. More information to follow.</p> <p><u>Adoption of the Draft By-Laws</u> – Dave Hamilton asked Teresa Kelly Brewer to give an update regarding the feedback.</p> <p><i>Section 3.1 Council Members:</i> Concern of changing youth membership to an undefined age from a 14 year old due to the responsibility and cognitive development of younger children and ability to understand the decisions being made.</p> <p>Rationale: Senior youth members are currently 14 and up. We have a 13 year old this year that wanted to participate as a Council Representative. He has been at every meeting and providing appropriate feedback. It was voted this member would be recognized and allowed to participate as a Council Representative this year. Also in some clubs we have some have members that are not over 14 years of age and we did not want to exclude them from participating.</p> <p><i>Section 5.1 Annual - Subsection (a) and (b) and Section 8.01 Amendments:</i> Concern that it was a reasonable timeline for documents to be completed by the November time frame as October 1<sup>st</sup> is the beginning of the 4-H year. Does this give the clubs and leaders enough time to ask for clarification and discussion in order to make the best decisions? The concern of time constraints given a change at once a year.</p> <p>Rationale: The committee continues work on an Operational Guideline Manual</p>	<p><b>Karyn Hamilton made a motion to approve the proposed bylaws as presented. Val McNeil seconded. It unanimously passed with 15 votes.</b></p>

that will address a variety of rules, common practices and general information. It was thought to have one meeting in which changes are made for the year that will be inclusive of rules, bylaw changes, budget, etc. If an issue arises, then it will be noted and addressed the following year. All changes will be made available to members prior to the Annual meeting for review and discussion. It was noted that in the event of a safety or an unforeseen event, changes to the rules, etc. would be made. (An example of an unforeseen event would be the PEDV swine virus that came about last year after the start of the 4-H year.)

Discussion Point: Once voted the issue will not be continually brought up for vote at Council throughout the year. It will serve until the next year and the change, if any, is made.

*Section 8.1 Amendments subsection (a):* Concern of changing the voting club representative to club leaders and/or designees. It was asked that not only changes be posted to the 4-H website, but that there is mention of these changes in the 4-H newsletter and where to find them on the 4-H website.

Rationale: Currently a voting member must be a child and adult. Each club is supposed to vote with their club designees that attend Council meetings on a regular basis. We realized that people have busy lives and cannot always make Council consistently. In the best interest of the club and to protect their voting rights, the committee elected to change the designee criteria and provide more flexibility to the clubs. Cheryl Richman thought this was a valid and good point for clubs.

*Section 5.4 Quorum:* Question of how the number of 7 was picked for the quorum.

Rationale: The number 7 was picked as every club gets two votes and taking half of the active clubs in the county present, we would have at least 4 clubs represented with the number 7 as a quorum.

Mary Meyer provided feedback on the Bylaws in which the committee pulled a lot of the operational related issues from the bylaws and into an operational guideline manual. The bylaws should be a general background reference for your organization. As to the youth member part, it is allowing your club to decide who that is. Council is not telling clubs who their delegate is but leaving that to the clubs. The kids [members] representing should not be making big decisions, but relaying of information to clubs for their collective vote.

Sydney Deaton expressed her concern over a youth representative and the “hot topics” this year in which one youth was being attacked by other member at

	<p>Council. The youth member left the meeting very upset and in tears. Sydney thought it was not okay for that youth to be treated that manner and that we as adults leading this organization need to look at ourselves and our behaviors.</p> <p>Catherine McNeil agreed that we [the adults] need to look at how the adults are acting and be better role models for the youth.</p> <p>Mary Meyer also noted if an item is brought to the floor and voted following a parliamentary process, it is fair to dissolve the meeting and ask individuals to bring back more information on the issue. Mary encouraged those with a “no” vote on an issue to please come prepared with an amendment in hand to propose.</p> <p>Dora Lindner noted the new roll call sheet that allows the voting member representatives to change meeting to meeting if needed.</p> <p>Joel Farrell clarified the bylaws voted tonight will be the version going forward as of midnight March 12, 2015.</p> <p>Dave announced the vote measurers tonight, the use of ballots, will be the preferred method going forward for topics other than general issues to provide clarity on issues.</p> <p><u>Senior Night</u> – Sydney Deaton announced Senior Awards Night will be held at the May Council meeting. Parents of seniors please forward your senior’s pictures via email in JPEG format preferable. Please come to the May meeting to support those seniors leaving the program as many have been in the program since they were Cloverbuds.</p>	
<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Foundation Raffle</b></li> <li>• <b>Volunteer Recognition Night</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Foundation Raffle</u> – Alex Ostberg reported that Kim Lowery needs a list of the needs and wants form the clubs and Council forwarded to her for prioritization. Bring those items to Council or Foundation for inclusion. All fundraising requests will be reviewed and ranked and need to be turned into Kim by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Other requests will be taken after that date if the clubs are not able to meet by that date. Alex updated the Council on the raffle fundraiser and tickets. We have some terrific prizes. Raffle tickets needs to be turned in by May 15 as there is a limited number of tickets. Drawing will be during the Livestock Sale. For those who have checked out ticket books for sale and are not able to sell the tickets, please keep Foundation posted so that the tickets can be sold by others if needed. We do expect everyone to participate as this is a 4-H event. <b><u>We asked that an adult sign for the ticket books. The person buying the ticket must be over 18 years of age due to federal guidelines.</u></b> Dave thanked the Foundation for taking on this project. They budgeted \$7,000 for purchase of the items and plan to make</p>	

	<p>\$20,000 on ticket sales. Total expenditure for fundraiser to date is \$4,000. Dave encouraged members to thank those businesses who supported the raffle. Joel asked if ticket holders have a preference of which item to be drawn from. Alex stated the ticket will be drawn for an item and then put back into the hat for the next item(s) on the list.</p> <p><u>Volunteer Recognition Night</u> – Mary Meyer reported the date announced does not work. As April is National Volunteer month we thought it would be nice for the kids to nominate their volunteers and hold the event in April. The extension has funds to recognize volunteers as listed in the newsletter. We need nominations from the clubs for recipients of awards. Submissions are due April 3. Discussion regarding form and nominations followed. Suggestions made were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teresa Kelly Brewer mentioned that applications need to have two people to agree to the nomination via letter.</li> <li>• Val McNeil asked if the two people could be contacted instead of letters. Mary will meet with the awards committee to figure-out that piece.</li> <li>• Lance Bratlien thought a ballot for the categories to determine from each clubs.</li> <li>• Catherine McNeil and Dave Hamilton agreed it should come from the individuals and not necessary thought the clubs.</li> <li>• Wade Bratlien mentioned a Google survey to track nominations.</li> </ul> <p>Mary will work on the project and get information out. It was noted that it would be nice to insert links into the newsletter for forms mentioned in articles and such. Mary is planning on transitioning the website to an MSU hosted site for editing ease. Dave asked Mary to send out a notice to clubs for nomination and inclusion of the form. Extension office will be catering the main dish of the event and welcomed members to bring salads and desserts from members are encouraged.</p>	<p><b>Dennis Deaton made a motion to host the Volunteer Recognition Event directly after the Outdoor Committee Meeting or at 6 PM on April 13, 2015. Karyn Hamilton seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.</b></p>
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>Indoor Meeting – March 16, 2015 at 5:30 PM /Extension Office  Foundation Meeting – April 7, 2015 at 5:30 PM/Extension Office  Outdoor Meeting – April 13, 2015 at 5:30 PM / BHB</p>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Next meeting will be April 8, 2015. Teresa Kelly Brewer made a motion to adjourn and Cage Johnson seconded.</p>	