

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Leader's Council

Date: September 9, 2015
 Start Time: 5:30 PM
 End Time: 7:15 PM

Present: MSU Extension Office: Janet Cerovski
Augusta Livestock:
Baxendale Beavers:
Big Sky: **Karyn Hamilton, Wade Bratlien, Dave Hamilton, Dennis Deaton, and Karen Bratlien**
BHA: **Brendon Brewer, Keegan Brewer, Taton Brewer, and Teresa Kelley Brewer**
BOA: **Michelle Lee**
Bits & Bridles
Canyon Creek Stock:
Farm Kids: **Laurie Sullivan and William Sullivan**
Gold Nuggets: **Jana Gruber and Shea Gruber**
Haywire Kids: **Kim Ashmore**
Kountry Bumpkins: **Dora Lindner and Katie Lindner**
LCL: **Kelly Motichka**
MT City Mavs: **Michelle Ostberg**
Mt. Tractor Kids:
Rocky Mt. Livestock:
Scratchgravel Wranglers:
Silver Creek Stock:
Silver Spurs:
Sleeping Giants: **Cheryl Rickman and Janell Swanson, Dave Swanson and Kathy Swanson**
Sweet Clovers: **Catherine McNeil, Kil O’Gilbert and Ken McNeil**
Treaters & Feeders:
Wild Roses: **C.J. Lassila**
WYW: **Desiree Moffett and Anson D. Moffett**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Recommendation
Call to Order / Pledges	David Hamilton called the meeting to order and pledges were stated. Additions to the agenda were made, including clarification on voting for indoor and outdoor overall committee representatives.	
Minute Approval	The meeting from August 12, 2015 meeting were read and approved.	Approved as presented.
Treasurer's Report	Michelle Ostberg gave the Treasurer's report for the YTD through September 4, 2015. Total year to date income was \$355,553.51 and expenses are \$398,689.44. The Council budget is currently \$5,270.69 over budget. The Livestock budget is currently \$2,204.92 under budget. A difference of income versus expenses of \$21,000 at the beginning of the 4-H year was noted and accounted for. Council and Livestock are two different accounts and cannot be transferred between the two accounts. It was noted the budget is online but not the monthly profit and loss	

	statements.	
<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor • Indoor • Ambassadors • Foundation • Extension Office Report • District 6 • Clubs • Other 	<p><u>Outdoor Committee</u> – Dennis Deaton reported the next committee meeting will be next Monday. Agenda items will include: tagging more than one animal this coming year, that would allow for the handler to bring another animal in the event their original animal is lost prior to fair and limiting the number of animal pens per project which is due to a concern for project space constraints and overcrowding of projects. Dennis noted he would like to hear input from the kids on these issues at the meeting.</p> <p>Superintendent openings are: Overall, Rabbit, Barn Security, Sales and Round Robin. As per the Bylaws and Operational Guidelines, the nominations for the Overall will be taken from the floor at the October meeting. Those being nominated from the floor, need to be at the meeting to accept the nomination. Voting members will be current standing superintendents which including junior superintendents and must be present at the meeting. The standing Overall will vote in the event of a tie. The elected Overall will be confirmed at the Council meeting. Dennis was hopeful that after the Overall position is filled that the other superintendent openings will be filled. It would be helpful for nominees be present at the September meeting and will be able to stand up and addressed those present. We ask that no negative comments be made and everyone be respectful to one another. The concern was brought forth in which the standing bylaws and the guidelines stated each club gets two votes along with as of October 1 the standing committee members were limited as positions would be open. It was noted that all members are considered standing members until after the October meeting. Dave Hamilton asked that this issue be brought before new business and determine how positions would be filled.</p> <p><u>Indoor Committee</u> – Dora Lindner reported the next Indoor meeting will be September 21 and everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the Conference Room at of the Extension Office at 5:30 p.m. The committee is also looking for indoor superintendents as well this year.</p> <p><u>Ambassadors</u> – Katie Lindner announced a retreat this coming Sunday to discuss the awards night and upcoming events. Katie Lindner, Kaitlyn McKay, Janell Swanson, and Emily Walter are the Ambassadors for this year. Congratulations!</p> <p><u>Teen Leaders</u> – Catherine McNeil announced the leaders will be meeting on September 20 at the Helena Middle School. The agenda it is goal setting and the meeting is for kids ages 12 and up. On November 14, we will be hosting a Scholarship Workshop at 1 PM in the BHB. Please encourage Freshman and up to attend. In January, we will be hosting an all-day Mini Rec Lab in which Leader training will be offered in the morning and a member workshop on Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills will be held in the afternoon. Please encourage Freshman and up to attend this workshop. More information will be forth coming</p>	

	<p>in the newsletter.</p> <p><u>Foundation</u> – Ken McNeil reported on the Foundation BBQ and it was a nice turn out. The Foundation Raffle netted approximately \$9,300 and was the best to date for a fundraiser. We are looking forward to next year’s event. The Lt. Governor and several County Commissioners attended the BBQ. Kudos were given to the organizers of the event. It was noted the Steer of Merit went to Brendon Brewer.</p> <p><u>Extension Office</u> – Janet Cervoski reported on the Club Leaders Workshop being held on September 28th and 30th. Please come to one or the other as the same information will be presented. This workshop is for is for existing club leaders. A new Leaders workshop will be announced for a future date. Any leader can attend. It was noted the AKC Dog Show will be held at the Fairgrounds the weekend of the 17th in which the BHB will be used for the event.</p> <p><u>District 6</u> – Catherine McNeil reported the Leaders’ Forum is for all leaders and will be held in Havre this year. It’s a great opportunity to network with other leaders around the state.</p> <p><u>Clubs</u> – Nothing to report at this time.</p> <p><u>Bylaws / Operations Manual</u> – Dave Hamilton asked members to please review and get comments back to the Extension Office prior to the annual meeting as it will be voted in November.</p> <p><u>Awards</u> – Catherine McNeil reported the event will be held on November 1 and further information will follow. Please save the date.</p> <p><u>Building Committee</u> – Ken McNeil reported there are few items to complete in the building. The Teen Leaders have stepped forward and will be repainting the 4-H logo on the floor of the BHB. It was noted the logo needed to meet the current 4-H logo standard.</p>	
<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other 	<p>Nomination Committee – Michelle Ostberg reported on the nominations for the upcoming 2015-2016 Officer elections. Current nominations are:</p> <p>Vice President : Catherine McNeil Secretary : Karen Bratlien District 6 Rep : Sandy Merchen Foundation Rep : Kimberly Lowry 4-H Member : Janelle Swanson 4-H Member : Wade Bratlien</p> <p>Catherine McNeil asked that her name be removed from Vice President and nominated Kim Lowery as the Vice President. Michelle asked for Foundation</p>	

	<p>nominations. Dave Hamilton nominated Catherine McNeil for Foundation Representative. Teresa Kelley Brewer nominated Kelly Motichka for Foundation and she respectfully declined. Catherine McNeil accepted nomination for Foundation Representative. Michelle Ostberg was to confirm the nomination with Vice President candidate, Kimberly Lowry after the meeting via phone.</p> <p>Vice President : Kimberly Lowry Secretary : Karen Bratlien District 6 Rep : Sandy Merchen Foundation Rep : Catherine McNeil 4-H Member : Janelle Swanson 4-H Member : Wade Bratlien</p> <p>Dave Hamilton closed the nominations. Teresa Kelley Brewer made a motion to accept the unanimous slate of officers. It was agreed the slate will be posted in the newsletter and voted at the October meeting.</p> <p><u>Camp</u> – Catherine McNeil reported on the Camp Committee meeting and it was decided to leave the camp at Loon Lake and during the current dates. The committee brought forth the recommendation to sign the five year camp facilities contract. Catherine provided information considered as part of the recommendation in regards to camp facility calendar and the limited number of openings for which the reservation could be moved. Discussion followed regarding the camp being the adequate size for future program growth during the next 5 years; the camp budgeting for two buses due to maxing out the capacity of the bus this year; concern was voiced regarding adult participation due to distance of travel; and a concern of price increase of the camp during the 5 year contract. It was noted the planning of the camp under goes an extensive planning process and that the plan was unopposed at the committee meeting. It was further noted the camp pricing is inclusive of facility rental and camper food, drink, etc. Other camping facilities do not offer an inclusive package for campers. Dave asked the contract’s cancellation clause would be followed up on for clarification.</p> <p><u>Council Budget</u> – Michelle Ostberg reported on the Council budget deadline in which Janet sent out budgeting forms to superintendents. The budget will be designed around the requests. As such, the miscellaneous category will be removed so that we can get a better idea of the funds needed for the year. Reimbursements for this year need to be turned in prior to September 29. If after September 29, it will come out of next year’s budget. Please remind your kids to cash their sale and premium checks. If you (as a superintendent) need expenses to date to assist with next year’s budget planning, please let Michelle know and she will get you the information.</p>	<p>Janet Grubber made a motion to approve the (5) five year camp contract at Loon lake. Seconded by Janell Swanson. Yes - 18 / Nay - 4. Motion carried.</p>
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes for the New 	<p><u>Changes for New Year</u> – Dave Hamilton reported on the November annual meeting of voting of bylaws, guideline book, and rule book. If you have thoughts</p>	

<p>Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunter’s Safety Field Day Club Fundraiser Opportunity • Ron Shatz Project Award • 4-H Week Window Display • Election of Overall Committee Superintendent 	<p>or changes to these items, we encourage you to submit those in writing so that we can publish those 30 days in advance of the meeting. Recommendations should be forwarded to the Extension Office as well as need to be signed by the person making the recommendation and post marked in the appropriate time frame. It was noted the addition animal for tagging should be addressed at the Outdoor meeting and voted on at the November meeting.</p> <p><u>Hunter’s Safety Field Day Club Fundraiser</u> – Teresa Kelley Brewer reported their club normally does the concession booth at the Hunter’s Safety Field Day; however, they are not able to do so this year. Teresa encouraged clubs to consider this fundraiser as it’s a great way to raise money for your clubs through concessions of hamburgers and coffee. Please contact Teresa for further details. The event is September 19, 2015 from 8 AM to 5 PM.</p> <p><u>Ron Shatz Project Award</u> – Dave Hamilton announced the October 15 deadline to submit your award application to the Extension Office. Keegan Brewer reported on his award which assisted him buying supplies for his steer project. Keegan’s was a good example of how the award funds can be used. This year there will be (3) \$250 awards made. Please see the newsletter for further details.</p> <p><u>4-H Week Window Display</u> – Catherine McNeil thought this year’s theme will probably selected on Sunday and will get information out prior to the event.</p> <p><u>Election of Overall Committee Superintendents</u> – Dave Hamilton re-opened discussion of the election of the Overall Outdoor Committee superintendent in which the concern brought forth was the standing bylaws and the guidelines stated each club gets two votes during the election process of the Overall Committee Chair and who are considered committee members.</p> <p>Further concerns brought forth in the discussion were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was “weighting” the votes if the superintendent’s vote and not allowing other project volunteers, who are not titled, not have a say as voting will affect all of the membership for the coming year. • Clarification of who is the committee member... either the superintendent or someone that regularly attends the meeting. The concern is for those members who do not normally attend meetings and understand the issue(s) at hand that come and make decisions and potentially “stacking” the vote. • Concern of all clubs not represented if Superintendents are allowed to vote as one club has a significant amount of Outdoor Superintendents. • If voting only as clubs, you would take the vote away from the superintendents. • Concern of putting Superintendents above Officers of Council as per the Bylaws, Officers do not have a vote. 	<p>Teresa Kelley Brewer made of a motion for the election of the indoor and outdoor overall committee chairs each club present at the October committee meetings will be given (2) two votes per club at the respective meetings. Taton Brewer seconded the motion. Teresa Kelley Brewer amended the motion to allow all clubs (2) two votes and the senior superintendents are allowed to vote, up to (4) four votes per club. Keegan Brewer seconded the amendment. Yes – 7, Nay – 12, and Abstain - 1. Motion did not pass.</p>
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- As a council we do not support our committees and the committees have to come back and discuss the issues over and over.
- Concern of committee items not voted “down” and that they regularly pass. It was noted that several committee items have been voted “down” in the past, such as the “White Ribbon Policy”.

Points of the discussion were:

- The Bylaws states that each clubs gets two votes for nominations at Council and Club Representatives have to be present at the meeting to vote. Proxy votes are for extenuating circumstances and are announce prior to the vote.
- At the August Outdoor Committee meeting the Bylaws and the Operational Guidelines Manual (not currently voted in) were interpreted by the President, in which the Extension Agent was present and involved in the conversation.
- Those committee members who consistently attend the meetings are the project Superintendents, who have built a cohesive working group.
- Out-going superintendents are considered standing committee members until the close of the October meeting. It is then the in-coming superintendent is considered the standing member.
- When a grievance or a situation needs to be discussed, it is only the superintendents present to discuss and determine the course of action or recommendation. Junior Superintendent’s do not participate due to peer reasons.
- The Overall Chair can appoint the superintendents but normally nomination are made from the floor. In some cases superintendent positions are open for months or year.
- It was noted that our Superintendents are not only 4-H Fair Representatives but provide representation for the Fair Board through the Open classes of their respective projects.
- It was noted and hoped for that Council would entrust us (Superintendents) with doing the best we (the Superintendent) can and to let us do the right thing for the project and organization.
- It was noted that Council Officers are not allowed to vote as Officers, but as club representatives they can.
- It is important to have both clubs and superintendents to have a voice in the matter and a vote.
- Reminder this is a kids organization and in the past the kids are not having the vote for outdoor committee. Kids really need to be involved in the decision making process and clubs as well. We want to get the youth involved and get them involved in the meeting and voting process. Youth need a voice.
- Recommendations and voting items made at a committee level, comes back to Council for a final vote. In the end, Council has the final vote of issues or items brought forth from the committee meetings.
- By limiting the superintendent’s vote you are limiting the vote of the youths

	<p>working with the superintendent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By having the clubs vote (at a committee level), they may vote for someone who does not have the background for the position. • It was noted that clubs should have two votes and the superintendents should have a vote as well. <p>Final result was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As it states in the newsletter, the standing Senior and Junior Superintendents present at the October Outdoor Committee meeting will vote for the Overall Committee Chair. The “elected” candidate(s) name will be brought to the October Council meeting by the standing Overall Committee Chair for affirmation or denial. 	
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Committee Meeting – September 21 At 5:30 / Extension Office • Foundation Meeting - ? at 5:30 / Extension Office • Outdoor Committee Meeting – September 14 at 5:30 / BHB 	
Next Meeting	Michelle Ostberg made a motion to adjourn.	