

## Lewis and Clark Leader's Council

Date: October 8, 2014  
 Start Time: 5:32 PM  
 End Time: 7:20 PM

Present: Sandy Merchen (LCL); Teresa Kelley Brewer (BHA); Janet Cerovski (Office); Karen Bratlien (Big Sky); Wade Bratlien (Big Sky); Don Converse (Northern Rep); Catherine McNeil (Sweet Clovers), C.J. Lassila (Wild Roses); Kim Ashmore (Haywire); Jim Ashmore (Haywire); Dora Lindner (Kouny Bumpkins); Michelle Ostberg (Mt. City Mavericks); Susan & Cody Mitchell (LCL); Dennis & Sydney Deaton (LCL); Dawn Schneider (RML); Lisa Grady (Canyon Creek Stock); Katie Grady-Selby (CCS); Julie Gilcrest (Kounry Bumpkins); Amanda Scaraco ( Haywire Kids); Cage Johnson (Haywire Kids); Vanessa Olson (LCL); Kimberly Lowery ( Sleeping Giants); Daisy Feight (TNF); Colter Feight (TNF) and Joel Farrell (BOA)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Recommendation
<b>Call to Order / Pledges</b>	Sandy Merchen called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM and the pledges were stated.	
<b>Minute Approval</b>	The meeting minutes from the September 10, 2014, meeting need to be amended show the deletion of “We would ask that either a bag of candy or a cake for the cake walk per family would be entry fee as part of the giveaways that evening.”	<b>The minutes were approved as read with the amendment of deleting the sentence, “We would ask that either a bag of candy or a cake for the cake walk per family would be entry fee as part of the giveaways that evening.”</b>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Janet Cerovski reported the Council has a current balance of \$36,814 and we have begun FY15.	<b>A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.</b>
<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</b></li> <li>• <b>District 6</b></li> <li>• <b>Club</b></li> <li>• <b>Adult Round Robin</b></li> <li>• <b>Bylaw Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Window Display</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Outdoor Committee</u> - Dennis Deaton reported the committee will meet next Monday and encouraged members to attend. Elections will be held for several open positions. Dennis received word that Wes has stepped down as Herdsmanship Superintendent. Items to be discussed will including tagging two animals with bring one to fair, creation of market class for sheep hair breeds and adult round robin showmanship fundraiser.</p> <p><u>Indoor Committee</u> – It was noted the committee has not meet since the last meeting.</p> <p><u>Ambassadors Report</u> – Cage Johnson reported the group went the Montana State Leadership Forum and will attend the upcoming Fall Ambassadors Training.</p> <p><u>Foundation</u> – Kim Lowery the next meeting will be held on October 21 which is the annual meeting and election for Board of Director positions. Nominated are: Lisa DeWitt, Karyn Hamilton, Dora Lindner, and Alex Ostberg. The Investment</p>	

Plan for the Foundation is currently being worked upon in hopes of distribution at the meeting. The intended is for the plan to be voted and approved it at the next meeting. The Ambassador's came to present at the meeting.

Extension – Janet Cerovski reported the Extension Agent job has been posted and will close at the end of the month with screening of applications in November and interview of candidates in December. Hiring of agent is anticipated by January 2015. Please get your club enrollment forms turned in to Janet, with preference of turning all members' forms in as a club. The question of medical forms being turned in at the same time arose, and it was noted that medical forms are per member per event(s).

District 6 Report – Sandy Merchen reported at the State Leaders Forum it was brought up that 4-H has not raised dues for a very long time. Dues are and will be \$5 for this year with an increase to \$6 for the next year. The 4-H license plate is a fundraiser. The Rec Lab will be hosted in part by Lewis and Clark County. LCC has been asked to arrange the opening and closing speakers as well as some smaller events during the event. If you would like to recommend a closing speaker for the event, please see Catherine McNeil or Sandy Merchen. The theme this year is Bonanza - Striking It Rich in 4-H. Sandy also reported on Leader's Training and a Leaders' College for our county. Work continues to find a date and venue for the trainings. Sandy noted that someone from the state office will need to provide the Risk Management training.

Club Reports

Birdseye High Altitude – Teresa reported the club did a window display.

August Club – Don reported they met on Sunday and discussed the window display.

Sleeping Giants – Kim Lowery announce the club will perform highway clean-up.

Big Sky – Elected officers and planned their 4-H year.

Adult Round Robin – Canyon Creek Stock gave an overview of the proposed Adult Round Robin Fundraiser that will be presented at the Outdoor meeting next Monday including a draft of the rules. An initial concern is a timing issue during the fair.

Bylaws Committee – Teresa Brewer reported that some of the delay in meeting was due in part to losing our extension agent, however, she spoke to Brent (Extension Office) and he would like the committee to move forward.

Window Displays –

Augusta Senior Center - Augusta Livestock  
Murdoch's - Baxendale Beavers  
Pacific Steel & Recycling - Birdseye High Altitude  
Helena Orthodontics - Birdseye Outs and Abouts  
East Helena Valley Bank - Scratchgravel Wranglers  
Joslins Furniture - Last Chance Livestock  
Mt City Store/Elkhorn Inn - Montana City Mavericks  
Mann Mortgage - Big Sky  
Helena Industry - Sweet Clovers  
East Helena Library - Kountry Bumpkins  
Empire Office Machines - Silver Creek Stock

Shooting Sports – Susan Mitchell reported the project is getting ready to start and are looking at getting a trailer to house the equipment. The Helena Sharp Shooters gave a very generous donation to the project. By purchasing a trailer, the project would be able to store equipment and be portable for events. It will need to be registered and insurance would need to be looked into as well. The trailer would be parked inside the building so that it would be in a locked area but easily accessible.

Winterization of the Pig Barn – Dennis Deaton announce the pig barn has been winterized and pipe drained. He also asked if members notice damage to the building, please be sure to let either the Extension Office or Dennis know so that the County can be contacted.

Fair Parade, Fair Steering Committee – Dennis Deaton reported on the Stampede parade and its limited participation. The committee continues to discuss the parade and thought the Friday before fair would be an opportunity that everyone could make it. It needs to be known that Stampede starts the weekend before. Discussion followed regarding bringing back window displays as part of the parade. In a show of hands there was interest at the club level in participating in the parade if date could be conducive with 4-H fair schedule and window decorating.

Open House and Science Day – Catherine McNeil thanked everyone that showed up and helped with the event. We had some good traffic but some were disappointed in attendance. The kids seemed a lot younger this year than year's past. Sydney thought October was 4-H month and perhaps we would contact the newspaper and / or TV stations to promote 4-H. Teresa did contact the newspaper and radio station. Discussion followed regarding getting 4-H news, events and accomplishments out to the public better. Much like the club level historian position, a Historian position at a council level could be looked at.

<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Budget</b></li> <li>• <b>Building Requests</b></li> <li>• <b>Awards Night</b></li> <li>• <b>Fair Steering Committee Meetings</b></li> <li>• <b>Fundraising Idea</b></li> <li>• <b>Rec Lab</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>2014-2015 Council Budget</u> –Janet Cerovski reviewed the budget and noted the shooting sports donation of \$2,900 was not reflected in the document. The camping spots were not paid for the last year so the payment is reflected in this year’s budget which is higher than the estimated budget. It was recommended that last year’s ending balance be shown either at the beginning or the end of the sections to show the cash available.</p> <p><u>Building Use Requests</u> – Janet gave a report of the Building Use Requests and reminded the Council that we ask for a donation for the use of the building.</p> <p>Motor Carriers of Montana, requested use of the building on the afternoon of June 19 and the day of June 20. They have used the building prior and left the building in good condition.</p> <p>Helena Local requested the extension of their contract from October 28 through December 13 with the building use donation of \$75. This would be an 8 week extension of building use during Tuesday morning and early afternoon hours. Concern was raised by members that the group has not followed through on their original agreement of returning to fix their installation of WiFi and a scholarship opportunity for 2015. Janet noted that garage not being carried to the proper container has been an issue and the group has undergone leadership changes. Discussion of additional wording in the building use agreement that defines building use and penalties for breaking of agreement were discussed. It was determined the agreement should be reviewed and suggested modifications be brought before Council. Also suggested were defining designated use areas. It was noted that a 4-H member asked the group that 4-H flyers were be passed out during their use of the building and none of the flyers were used. Discussion of increasing the \$75 building use request to cover the additional heat needed during the rental time.</p>	<p><b>A motion was made by Don Converse and seconded to approve the budget as presented. The motion carried.</b></p> <p><b>A motion was made by Sydney Deaton and seconded to approve the June 19 and 20 building use from Motor Carriers of Montana. The motion carried.</b></p> <p><b>A motion was made by Katie Grady-Selby not to rent to the Helena Local group. The motion failed.</b></p> <p><b>A motion was made by Katie Grady-Selby and seconded to raise the donation and if not paid, we would not rent to the group. The motion was amended by Jim Ashmore and seconded to increase the donation to \$300 for the 8 week extension. The amendment carried.</b></p> <p><b>The amended motion to increase the donation to \$300 for the 8 week extension of the agreement, and if not paid, we would not rent to the group. The motion was seconded and carried.</b></p> <p><i>It was noted if the group requests the use of the building for future dates, that the old contracts be brought before Council and a representative from the Helena Local be present for discussion of the request.</i></p>

	<p>Teresa Brewer noted she has been approached by Senior and JV football teams of Capital High and a small fry team in which a good portion of the team is made up of 4-Hers to use the building for end-of-year parties. We need to address how they are going to use the building and if we are going to allow use of the building. If the teams can find a date that works for them and the building, Teresa would be present at the events.</p> <p>Pros included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting youth as that many 4-Hers play competitive sports.</li> <li>• We have allowed this in the past with supervision from a 4-H leader.</li> </ul> <p>Concerns included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a 4-H parent or responsible person is not present, there is a concern that the building and equipment may be abused as in past events.</li> <li>• Event booking taking away from potential clubs and projects that would like to book the building.</li> <li>• Setting precedence for community and private use of the building.</li> </ul> <p><u>Election of Officers</u> Cage Johnson and Wade Bratlien volunteered to serve as Council Representatives.</p> <p>The nominations were read: President – Dave Hamilton Treasurer – Michelle Ostberg District 6 Representative j- Sandy Merchen Northern Representative – Don Converse Foundation – Kim Lowry</p> <p><u>Parliamentarian</u> – Joel Farrell suggested that a parliamentarian be considered for use during council meetings. An advantage to having this position would be to assist the duration of the meeting along as well as to assist with the motions being made to ensure accuracy and timeliness. Joel offered to assist with the parliamentarian role and it was noted the President can also appoint a person to this position. It was thought a change in the bylaws would be needed for this position.</p> <p><u>Building Improvement</u> – Joel Farrell asked the Council to consider a concrete overlay of the 4-H logo and shooting sports lines that would make those items permanent instead of having to repaint or retape them. The cost of the project would be \$300 for the product and Joel would donate his time. It would be</p>	<p><b>A recommendation was made to include “use of assets” in the bylaws for reference and clarification.</b></p> <p><b>A motion was made by Sydney Deaton to not allow the youth group to rent the building. It was seconded. The motion was withdrawn.</b></p> <p><b>A motion was made and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers. Motion carried.</b></p> <p><b>It was recommended a formal written proposal and product sample along with submission of concrete testing and product specifications be provided for Council review and approval.</b></p>
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	<p>scheduled as to not interfere with building use.</p> <p><u>State Foundation</u> - Catherine McNeil asked the Council for a donation to help raise money for the State Foundation. For the \$5 member fee members pay to the state, the return is \$68.23 of services for the member. On behalf of Deaton Show Chaps, Dennis Deaton donated a pair of children's chaps to the State Foundation.</p>	<p><b>A motion was made to give preliminary approval to begin the improvement before the beginning of shooting sports. The motion was not seconded.</b></p> <p><b>A motion was made and seconded that Council pay up to \$50 for an additional donate able item. Motion carried.</b></p>
<b>Announcements</b>	<p><u>Awards Banquet</u> – It was noted it would be nice if the clubs would decorate their tables.</p> <p><u>Halloween Party</u> – CCS is not asking any clubs to bring candy. We are asking that a can of food per person be brought and it will be donated to Helena Food Share. Please let your clubs know. Donations from clubs for cake walk would be fine.</p>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Next meeting November 12, 2014. Meeting adjourned.	