

4-H Outdoor Committee Meeting- Minutes
January 6, 2025
BHB @ 5:00

Attendance: David Hamilton, Laurie & Shae Sullivan, CJ Lassila, Katie Grady-Selby, Lisa Grady, Brandon & Brandi Dearing, Jana Gruber, Michelle Eckhart, Karyn Hamilton, Georgiana Webster, Becky Graham, Melissa & MacKenzie Velin

Minutes from **October:** *Stand as approved.*

Superintendent Reports:

- Beef – *Augusta kids can not attend next weekend. Dave will work to get them the tag for the one steer.*
- Dairy – *N/A*
- Dog – *Have 35 kids and 43 dogs. 12 kids are in the Puppy Pals and are between 8-11 years old. Had a feed workshop and will be going to spring meadow this Saturday.*
- Goat – *Re-doing the whole goat project and there will be 4 categories: dairy, hair, meat, and working. 19 kids have signed up.*
- Herdsmanship – *N/A*
- Horse – *Added roping on the 2nd and last Monday nights. Needs the teams set up so Augusta kids can attend and not have to travel into town.*
- Livestock Judging – *Went to MSU in November with 4 kids. Will go to Great Falls on January 16th and then won't be doing much until Spring.*
- Poultry – *January 31st is the next workshop. CJ has calendars for sale.*
- Rabbit – *27 kids and Brandi Dearing has stepped up to help. Next workshop is January 27th.*
- Round Robin – *Will be working on sending out the contracts and have them all returned to Jana since we don't have an extension agent.*
- Sale – *N/A*
- Sheep – *First workshop is Sunday January 12th.*
- Swine – *We currently have 142 pigs registered. K&S did a great workshop for the kids last month.*
- Extension Report – *Dave and Jana were on the interview committee. Waiting on MSU to hire the lady they selected. She will do a great job.*
- Other Reports:

Old Business:

- *Livestock Raffle- Everyone would like to do this. Will take to council and ask for thoughts. Options would be sending a letter to all livestock kids asking for donations, each club donates a certain amount, etc. Raffle would be for each buyer that purchases an animal they get an entry. Drawing will be at the end of the sale and they have to be present to win. Prizes could be a gun, slaughter fee, VISA card, etc. Livestock will announce at council and Katie will make an example letter.*
- *Livestock Fees for fair- There was discussion that we need to raise fees. We have been very thankful for donations, but one year without these could put us in the red. Dave suggested raise to*

\$10.00 per a specie and then have indoor on a sliding scale. Jana suggested a \$50 flat rate. There are options. This will be brought up at council for more club leader input.

New Business:

- Update on workshops- *Most projects have workshops planned and have been doing these. Beef needs to update and have workshops.*
- QA Date- *Last and final QA date is set for April 6th at 6-7:30pm.*
- Save the Date postcards- *Katie will work on save the date postcards.*
- Update exhibitor Fair book- *Get updates to Dave by the end of the month. Rabbit date change, add pick up check dates August 25th 5-7 and August 27 4-6. Will not be printing the Fair book.*
- Other- Zach and MacKenzie brought forward from youth council that they would like to suggest there be another walk through added to June 1st when the weigh in and barn is rented. Zach made a motion and MacKenzie 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Dave will make the beef sups aware of this change.

Announcements:

- Outdoor Meeting Feb. 3rd / 5:00 @ BHB
- Council Meeting Jan. 8th / 5:30 @ BHB
- Others