

4-H Outdoor Committee Meeting- Minutes September 9, 2024 BHB @ 5:30

Attendance: *Katie Grady-Selby, Tucker Selby, Branson Wareham, Val & Larry St. Clair, Lisa Grady, Brandon, Sara, & Emily Dearing, Jana Gruber, Laurie Sullivan, Michelle & Kiley Eckhart, Karyn Hamilton, Lexi Foust, Chris Petre, Melissa Velin, Fannie Volpe*

Minutes from July: *Stand as approved.*

Superintendent Reports:

- *Beef – Start thinking about getting your steers. Larry asked for ultrasound results and Lexi sent him and Chris the results to review.*
- *Dairy – N/A*
- *Dog – Will start meetings on November 2nd.*
- *Goat – Revising a few classes to have them under the headings dairy, fiber, and meat goats.*
- *Herdsmanship – N/A*
- *Horse – They have two state horse shows coming up. The ranch show is this weekend and the following weekend is the horsemanship show. Both shows are in Vaughn. The senior and junior horsemanship award applications are due at the end of the month. Becky is looking for 2 other superintendents to help judge. Karen asked what are they judging?*
- *Livestock Judging - There will be 7 members this year at this time. We are headed to NILE on Oct 14, Monday with part of the team. Live Practice on a ranch being scheduled.*
- *Poultry – They thought the barn location was ok and had no parents complain at fair.*
- *Rabbit – Michelle would like to change the time of the rabbit show so it isn't the same as beef.*
- *Round Robin – All went super well under one tent. Just need to add some panels so parents don't walk around the horses. Also each sup needs to appoint one volunteer for each judge.*
- *Sale –*
- *Sheep – N/A*
- *Swine – Working to get the ultra-sounding results corrected. Everything went well and hold all the certificates until we get results corrected.*
- *Extension Report – Each sup should submit the beyond and above awards. Each project can submit 2 juniors and 2 senior kids. Newsletter submissions are due the 4th Monday or each month. Enrollment starts October 1st and don't register before but register as soon as possible. Lexi will be stricter this year with kids not attending meetings that haven't paid their enrollment fees. They need to pay within 30 days of being in the project. Open house will happen and Karen Hamilton will take on leading this. Lexi as the google doc ready for sups/projects to sign up.*
- **Other Reports:**

Old Business:

- *Fair review- Larry suggested we have a workshop with all species and all new families attend and anyone else. All specie sups will present one night in November. This will include QA, marketing, dress code for those kids that need to attend. Something needs to change so kids have to attend the whole workshop and not show up late and leave early. Have a sign in sheet and sign out sheet or cut off what time they come in and what time they leave. Make them all with no cell phones so kids pay attention. Lisa asked about thank you at fair and it was a lot for the office to take on.*

- Other- *Dave work with the fairgrounds to have more garbage cans for dog and horse show*

New Business:

- Open Sup Positions- *Sheep, Beef, Dog, Livestock Judging, Herdsmanship are open and the same people will move into these.*
- Changes needed- *Michelle suggested we change the rabbit show to Thursday night at 6pm so it doesn't interfere with other shows. All were in favor. Change just needs to be made in the fair book.*
- Meeting dates and times- *We discussed meeting a different date so Dave can attend and that wont work because a club meets the 2nd Monday of the month. We all decided to keep the 1st Monday and move to 5pm going forward.*
- Budgets and Project Overview form- *Each budget has a standing of \$200 to use unless they need more. Chris asked that they book the multi-purpose building each weigh in for kids to walk their steers.*
- Other- *Chris mentioned he needs to make gates out of the panels purchased. Brandon offered to make the changes. Will discuss more at the October meeting. Brandon asked about doing belt buckles instead of banners for fair. There was discussion and Jana suggested all kids attend youth council and voice what they would like. Talked about total amount it costs. Larry suggested funding the belt buckles from premium money. Frannie and Kiley like the banners and buckles, Branson, Tucker, Sara, Emily likes belt buckles only. People are using the panels for other things at the fairgrounds. Chris will buy a chain and make sure the panels are chained to the Conex. Val asked to see if we could get a vinyl back drop that has a 4-H logo and the words Lewis and Clark Fair. Katie will work on this.*
- Workshops- *Leave as a standing agenda item for sups to update what is coming up and planned.*

Announcements:

- Outdoor Meeting Oct 7 / 5:00 @ BHB
- Council Meeting Sept 11th / 6:00 @ BHB

Fair Running Reminders:

- Have November workshop for new families detailing all large animals and include QA, Marketing, dress code, and what the project entails
- Work with fairgrounds to have more garbage cans for dog and horse show
- Ask buyers to stand up after purchasing an animal
- Make it so Laurie and Karen's table can't have parents come to it
- Project buyers on a screen
- Set a date that parents can't ask about add on information until checks are ready
- Have a check pick up and thank you mark off night after fair instead of going to the office for checks
- Rabbit show is moving to Thursday at 6pm
- Create a google spreadsheet that can be shared with outdoor species that can track workshops instead of having a separate one for each animal
- Order more EID tags
- Enforce western shirts and black or blue jeans that is in the fair book
- Sups need a volunteer helper for their judge at round robin
- Change set up and tear down dates or information

Feed Back from Survey Results

What they liked

- How everyone worked together this year with the sups, parents and kids.
- The swine judge this year was great. Also the vet checks and mandatory steer checks prior to fair. .
- It all seemed very organized! I felt I knew what my child was supposed to do and most of parents were friendly and helpful to this newbie.
- The AC indoor. Pig barn stayed fairly cool. Teamwork of the kids was great. Pig judge was amazing!!
- For us, Fair went well. We did wish the judge was more knowledgeable about all species she was asked to judge.

Suggestions

- Have livestock drop off in the morning, maybe move poster judging to the afternoon so the livestock can be moved in the morning rather than the heat of the day when its 100° outside.
- A suggestion I have with the current running of outdoor projects is the quality testing using ultrasound. While moving to the use of an ultrasound was a positive step towards current quality testing practices, it could be streamlined to be performed simultaneously with the Wednesday weigh-in. Performing the ultrasound Wednesday could also mean that results could come in before the Saturday sale. 4-H members should be able to receive results before the sale, so that they can be honored prior to the sale with other outdoor project awards. The quality of a market animal's meat is a huge part of the purpose of an outdoor animal project and should be honored and rewarded as such. Further, if the ultrasound test could even be given to livestock judges prior to market judging, this would result in more fair judging practices, verifying to the judge the quality of the animals in front of them, helping them to be more successful and consistent judges.
- We can always do better with communication. New families need detailed instructions. lol. I don't like the drawing for market placement. If you are one of the last few there are hardly any buyers left. If people have two animals, they should go last. With their second animal.
- When searching for a judge, could we ensure that they are comfortable/knowledgeable with all of our livestock species? Perhaps a brief questionnaire or a brief video sampling of them judging other contests? Also, we would like to see Goat showmanship split into market goat showmanship and dairy goat showmanship. Two completely different showmanship styles. Essentially have an all meat/market goat show and an all dairy show. It would require two new showmanship classes, junior and senior dairy goat showman, and the addition of four showmanship banners. Just like we do for Market Beef and Dairy cattle.
- Take steers out the back side of the barn and walk them all the way around when they are being sold.

Project specific feedback/word of mouth of office

- Goat
 - would like to have in person workshops
 - Needs more direction as a new family going into project
- Steers
 - workshops need to be set in advance
 - not enough communication

- Swine
 - not enough communication – (some missed important information somehow?)
 - Needs more direction as a new family going into the project

Feedback on workshops in general/word of mouth

- We would like to see some kind of requirement that kids must be on time, be present for the entire meeting and perhaps sign in and out. This is for all projects. If one is not present 10 minutes after the scheduled start time, then no credit given. If you leave 30 minutes early, then no credit given. Youth should be present for the entire presentation.
- Not have to designate which workshops the all species ones go towards.

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