

SANDERS COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK LEADERS

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

6:30 pm, FSA Bldg, Plains

Present: Jim Newman, Sandy Newman, Matt Havens, Sally Havens, Malcolm McDonald, Traci Salmi, Kim Matthew, Anita McCoy, Tammy Beerntsen, Michele McGuigan, Roni Mitch, Doug Mitch, Dick Williams, Terry Prongua, Connie/Beca Gunderson, Karen Dwyer, Meghan Phillippi, John Halpop

Minutes of Previous Meeting (11/07) approved as presented.

Old Business

Sheep Shearing: Sandy checked with a number of Montana county's. No one mandated slick shearing, most integrated it as part of their programs. Following a recap of previous discussion Sally made a motion (2nd Michele M.) "to delay normal shearing (from mid-July) until late July/Early August to lessen the variability in wool staple length between lambs and make slick shearing optional for market projects. Breeding projects shown as appropriate for that breed." motion passed.

Market Sale Withholding: Treasurer Kathy McEldery provided handouts showing the various withholding scenerios as conducted by other Montana counties. Kathy was unable to attend, but will be at the next March meeting. Discussion included: 1% withholding with cap of \$30 (beef), \$25 (swine), \$20 (sheep); As percentage increases, Beef projects would be paying more; Set a budget (fair improvements/sale administration) and charge based upon the difference between gross (actual sale) and market price. This issue will be discussed in further detail at the regular March 10th meeting.

Species Reports:

Horse: Michele M. indicated there will be a horse project meeting within the next month. A helmet order will be prepared (\$15/helmet) for those needing headgear.

Swine: There are 43 projects enrolled at this point. Due to numbers, Matt recommends a second "top interview" award recognizing Junior/Senior. Matt and Kim M. Plan to sponsor a top First Year Swine award.

Llama:

Beef: Travis Standley is confirmed as live judge for 2008.

Quality Assurance Training will be held in conjunction with Demonstrations: for all 1st year market project members and every other year thereafter.

➤ Sunday, March 9th 12 noon, Hot Springs School

➤ Saturday, March 13th noon, Plains School

Next Meeting: Monday, March 10th 6:30 pm, FSA Bldg, Plains

➤ Market Withholding

➤ Ribbons