

## SANDERS COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK LEADERS

**Monday, January 25, 2010 6:30 pm**

**Present:** Jim Newman-Chairman, Sandy Newman, Dick Williams, Michele McGuigan, Terry Prongua, Corey Guenzler, Teresa Nelson, Matt Havens, Beth Riffle, Meghan Phillippi, John Halpop

*Minutes of previous meeting (Nov. 23, 2009) –approved as presented*

### **Old Business:**

- Awards (herdsmanship) discussion: tabled until Bob Paro & Thad Winebrenner can be present.
- 2010 Fair Book Revisions: Swine recommendation inserting “novice class” in showmanship. Dog class recommendations below.

### **Species reports**

- Horse: The Plains group is organizing a meeting schedule with speakers. Hot Springs riders will meet on Little Bitterroot club meeting nights. Horsemanship I-III project books have been revised.
- Sheep: Sandy reported they will host a project day in February during lambing.
- Goat: Open class revisions will be submitted to the Fair Board in February
- Beef: 13 steers were tagged (Pronguas, Meadows and Jensens). Thank you all for making this work so smoothly.
- Swine: slightly over 50 market projects at this time. In previous years we have had a problem with large (+100 lb) weaner pigs and subsequent large (+ 300 lb) market hogs at fair time. For these reasons, the livestock committee strongly recommends members locate baby pigs born within a week of March 1<sup>st</sup> weaned around 40 lbs.
- Llama: Kathy Warrington 2010 judge. No llama members are enrolled at this time.
- Poultry/Rabbit: Shannon Schaaf will be unavailable as barn superintendant. The committee is contacting other leaders to fulfill this responsibility.
- Dog: Beth Riffle described changes to the class. As with the swine project, adding a “novice” class will better “fit” some junior exhibitors.

**New Business:** Discussed a 2010 raffle as was successfully done in 2009, ie cut/wrap swine, plus 2-3 donated items.

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 22, 2010 FSA 6:30 pm**