

The May 26, 2022, Flathead 4-H Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Kristi Davis in the 4-H Building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. Pledges were done.

\*\*\*\*\* I had a really hard time reading the sign in sheet to type the names. I really need everyone to print legibly so I spell your name correctly. \*\*\*\*\*

Roll Call was taken. Present were Kristi Davis, Maleah McQuade, Kelly Marsall, Sherry Madsen, Marcia Burns, Pat McGlynn, Rick Balestri, Salena Adams, Morgan Baker, Alyson Dorr, Wendy Morris, Melanie Hayek, Jenny Johnson, Heather Siderius, Lesley Hawbaker, Joselyn Hawbaker, Wyatt Hewitt, Joel Hewitt, KellySue Bain, Patience Bain, Mirrer Bain, Jubilee McLean, Sam Nunnally, Michelle Baker, Danna Higgins, Isaiah McLean, Samara Martin, Codi Sorenson, Kim Morrison, Madisyn Hall, Emily Hall, Paul Wirth, Carol Olsen, Annika Mason, Ashley Mason, Shilo Fritz, and Kevin Fritz.

Ambassador Report: Dave McLean reported that they served at the NRA banquet. They have been attending other club meetings. They also did a fun day at the fairgrounds and cleaning. They also did the Veteran's Home that was very appreciated by the veterans. They had a poster contest with the parade and awarded three winners. They are currently working on the livestock sticker contest. Mirrer Bain reported that they raised money for an air hockey table for the 4-H camp.

Those in attendance took the time to silently read the minutes of the last meeting. Marcia Burns moved to accept the minutes as read. Motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Kelly Marsall reported that we have \$37,293. 97 as of April 30, 2022. Bills that were paid are Jimmy John's for County Congress lunch, reimbursement to Wendy Morris. Coming up bills are 4H Background checks, Fergus County Reclab , and reimbursement to Kristi Davis for Graduation Cords. Jubilee McLean moved to accept the treasurer's report. Motion was seconded and carried.

Kim Morrison made a motion to pay the bills presented. Motion was seconded and carried.

### **Committee Reports**

Ag Committee: Maleah McQuade reported that they will have an upcoming meeting next week.

Awards Committee: KellySue Bain reported that they have had several meetings. Last year's budget and funds collected for this year were discussed. Discussion was held about equalizing the amount award winners receive among all fair grand champion winners. The Awards Committee is requesting an additional amount of \$2,500 to make this happen. They have gone through the awards and added new ones. Kelly Marsall gave a report on last year's expenses. She gave a detailed report on each expense. Kim Morrison made a motion to make a new line item budget for fair awards operation budget of \$1,500 to cover printing and other administration costs. Motion was seconded and carried.

Horse Committee: Codi Sorensen reported on the amount of horse kids not ready for fair. The last clinic is Tuesday May 31, 2022 at Kathleen Suttin's house. Next meeting is June 9, 2022. Horse camp went well. The horse committee owes the council \$82.50 for new member dues. Codi asked to have that taken out of the horse committee line item. Wendy Morris made a motion to pay the \$82.50 from the horse committee line item. Motion was seconded and carried.

Goat Committee: They are having a clinic on June 5, 2022. The reporter was not identified on the recording.

Beef Committee: Wendy Morris reported they had a clinic on May 14, 2022. The clinic was successful. Next clinic is June 25, 2022 with hoof trimming included. It was suggested to have all beef kids look at their projects hooves to see if needed. The reporter was not identified on the recording.

Hog Committee: Morgan Baker reported that there has been a lot of sick pigs they are trying to help. Weighing and tagging was on April 28, 2022. It went well. The clinic on May 31, 2022 is cancelled. The next clinic is June 11, 2022 with weigh in to follow after.

Sheep Committee: Kim Morrison reported weigh in happened on Monday. Almost everyone attended. Weights look consistent across the board. There will be two showmanship clinics in June. Dates to be determined. The reporter was not identified on the recording.

Rabbit, Poultry, and Cavy Committee: KellySue Bain reported that the last clinic will be June 4, 2022. The fairgrounds and Glacier rabbit breeders have contributed funds to refurbishing the rabbit and poultry barn at the fairgrounds.

### **Other Reports**

Extension Office: Pat McGlynn introduced our new 4-H extension agent Rick Balestri. Pat McGlynn discussed the current extension office budget from MSU. It was also discussed that all mailings need to be run through the extension office first before mailing.

Ambassadors: See above under attendance.

Shooting Sports: Marcia Burns reported that all returning shooters need to sign up for slots for next year. Kristi Davis also stated that new shooters may sign up online.

Flathead County Foundation/ 4-H Camp: Carol Olsen reported that all the docks are in. Also, the licensing for the kitchen and camp is done. Hannah Boll and Wyatt Hewitt received \$500 scholarships. The Foundation also gave \$500 each to the three 4-H shooting sports members attending Nationals at the end of June.

Operating Policies/ Binders: No one from this committee was in attendance.

Window Decals: They only had two entries. Both entries were not what they looking for. They need more information on them and just market animals. They are going to contact the artist to work on getting them revised.

Giving Back to the Fairgrounds: Mirrer Bain reported that they do not have anything new going on. You can adopt a flower bed the week of fair with conditions to water them for several weeks before and after fair. The other option would be to put in an automatic water system.

County Congress: Wendy reported the results of County Congress. The results were included in the newsletter. It went well.

### **Old Business**

4-H Camp: KellySue Bain reported on the camp councilors applications. Adults are needed to attend. They are looking to bus the kids to camp. Camp will be July 18th to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. She reported the schedule. Enrollment opens June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Livestock Rule Changes: Kristi Davis gave this report. Discussion was held about limiting the amount of kids doing the projects due to lack of pens and overcrowded processors. One idea was that a first-year member spends their first year not doing a market project and become a member in good standing first then they could take a market project their second year. Another suggestion was to enforce a county wide standard. Lots of discussion was done on this topic. More discussion on this topic will happen at the upcoming Livestock meeting.

4H Camp costs: KellySue Bain wanted to discuss the cost of bussing the kids to camp. Patience Bain made a motion to budget \$1000.00 or less for bussing the kids to 4-H Camp. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **New Business**

#### State Congress

- 7 members attending maybe. Kelly Marsall asked for the attendees to submit for scholarships. KellySue Bain made a motion to reimburse each youth who attends \$375.00 after they provide the receipts after State Congress. If they carpool, they will receive less funds. Motion was seconded and passed.

-Leaders Attending State Congress: We need a minimum of two leaders to attend. KellySue Bain will be in charge of finding leaders to attend. They must be 21 years old and a current 4-H leader who has passed the background check.

National 4-H Shooting Sports- There are three attendees from Flathead County. They are Wyatt Hewitt, Annika Mason, and Cody Williamson. It was stated that none of them are carpooling. Selena Adams made a motion to give Wyatt, Annika, and Cody each \$750.00 for attending Nationals. The motion was seconded and carried.

4-H Week Activities: KellySue Bain reported the Foundation is sponsoring the new family orientation. They are looking for speakers to talk about any 4-H activities. Morgan Baker also talked about reaching out to the Chamber of Commerce. KellySue Bain made a motion to have the Council support the 4H week display awards of \$500.00 and to make that a line item in the budget. Motion was seconded and passed.

Ideas were discussed for future earmarking money for future projects.

Lesley Hawbaker proposed that we hold a 4H prom in the fall or winter. It was discussed but no decisions were made on this subject.

The next Flathead 4-H Council meeting will be July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the 4-H Building.

Patience Bain moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved 7-28-2022. Submitted by Theresa Williamson.