**Gallatin County 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Committee Meeting**

**January 16th, 2024**

**6pm @ Extension Office**

**Attendance**

Kelly Pavlik, Merle Farrier, Ruth Carr, Maren Carr, Lee Nuss, Molly Yurdana, Annabel Morgan, Piper Davis, Shawnna Taylor, Shawna Oostema, Lea’h MacDonald, Cassy Mitchell, Wendy Ward, Gena Johnson, Jodi Smith, Kim Flikkema, Jess Woodring, Monica Samson

**Orders of the Meeting**

* Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:12pm
* Introduction of Guests: Round Table- everyone introduced themselves

**Minutes/Financial Reports**

* Approval of Meeting Minutes: November meeting
  + Lea’h motions to approve the November meeting minutes as written. Shawna seconds. Motion passes.
* Treasurer’s Report: (Merle)
  + Balance Sheet
    - Checking: $78,648.48
      * The taxes were turned in on Jan 24th, 2024.
      * A few members have not cashed their Market Sale checks.
      * $6,450 paid for tents
      * $788 paid to Rocky Mountain for tags
      * $306.06 paid to Kelly for Thank you’s
      * 1% review- Lee and Ruth need to do it
      * MSU balance is still not finalized- Merle is working on it.
    - CD: $3,765.51
    - Grand total: $82, 412.94
      * Kelly asked for the Final budget

**Reading of Correspondence**

* Extension Office Report (Molly)
  + 538 active members- 12 have not paid
  + 112 active volunteers
  + AQA March 24th/April 27 - There are 116 members to certify
* Fairgrounds Report (Lee)
  + Lee needs a point of contact from each project- he’s making a safety plan
  + Still moving forward with keeping the millings from the hwy project at the fairgrounds. Lee is working to keep them out of the West lot.
  + Concert- the Fair is thinking about opening the gate at Tamarack after the concert, 4-H members need to express their concern to the county. This would bring more people moving through the 4-H area.
  + Beef Wash Rack- the county did not like the new plan. Lee suggested just a concrete pad instead- the Fairgrounds said no- it would violate code.
  + Fairgrounds said no to any expansions.
  + Red Sale Barn- may be gone by Fair
  + Concessions- Fairgrounds said no to upgrade the kitchen.
* Youth Report (Piper & Maren)
  + Piper surveyed peers and got some good feedback. Members expressed these thoughts:
    - More diversity in workshops, too much of the same old same old
    - No project book
    - Swine- level 3’s do self guided report with rubric for guidance.
    - Expansion projects on workshop topics for SR members- Molly expressed that we can use materials from other counties as long as they are Extension based.

**Old Business**

* Planning for Fair 2024
  + Schedule- each species shared their needs
    - Dog- more kids = need more time for the show
    - Poultry- need more time for their shows
    - Sheep - No changes
    - Beef- need a different Showmanship time- too hot in the afternoon and they have two afternoon lots to show. Sheep offered to swap show times with Beef so that they could show in the am.
  + Sunday events need to move to Saturday now that check out is Sunday.
  + Camp Counselors would like to host a dance/ice cream on Saturday night
  + Maybe do photos and pastries on Sunday to end Fair Week.
  + Tents
    - The contract is signed and they have been paid for in full. Lee is still trying to get a full tent to cover all the seating in the BBQ area.
  + Barn Layout-Lee
    - Table until the next meeting.
  + Livestock Judge
    - Caleb Boardman has been confirmed
  + BBQ
    - Lone Peak Provisions gave a quote-
    - 600 People
    - Drinks /paper products will be provided by 4-H
    - Molly will ask if the quote includes Buffett Staff
    - Molly will ask for a revised quote if needed.
  + Other
    - Friday night security for the Sale-
    - M4 Events quoted Jess Woodring 30/hr per person
    - Jess Woodrring will get a contract and be the pint of contact for 4-H
    - Annable motions to hire a security company to cover Friday and Saturday night not to exceed $1,000 from project support. Lea’h seconds. Motion passes.
    - Auction Baskets- Jess Woodring will organize- table until March meeting
    - Hats- MT Embroidery will do the hats- Annabell will get a quote

**New Business**

* Species updates
  + N/A
* Fairbook edits
  + Due to the Extension Office February 15th, 2024
* Processor/Trucking
  + Projects need to get their contracts to Molly ASAP
* All-Species Workshops
  + Table until March meeting- decide dates then.

**Committee Reports**

* Market Sale
  + Showworks plan renewal. Molly will renew using the 4-H card- Livestock Committee will reimburse her.
* Publication
  + Thank you postcards/calendars - fall 2023
    - Save the date post car will be sent in April
* Fairbook
  + Double check entry fees
  + Edits due February 15th, 2024
  + Everyone read through General and Species sections

**Announcements**

* Next meeting isat the Gallatin County Extension Office on **March 26th, 2024 @ 6pm at the Extension Office.**
  + Record Books due: June 26, 2024
  + Record Book Interviews: July 11-12, 2024
  + 2024 Fair Dates: July 13-21
  + Sale Night: July 19, 2024

**Adjournment**

* Leah’ motions to adjourn, Annabel seconds. President Kelly called for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:13.