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

**March 26th, 2024**

**6pm @ Extension Office**

**Attendance**

* Lee Nuss, Merle Farrier, Monica Samson, Gena Johnson, Wendy Ward, Shawna Oostema, Tyler Noyes, Jess Woodring, Dakota Woodring, Chad Woodring, Shawnna Taylor, Molly Yurdana, Kelly Pavlik, Piper Davis, Annabel Morgan, Kim Flikkema, Maren Carr, Ruth Carr.

**Orders of the Meeting**

* Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:14pm
* Introduction of Guests: Chad & Dakota Woodring

**Minutes/Financial Reports**

* Approval of Meeting Minutes: January meeting
  + Annabel motions to approve the January meeting minutes as written. Shawna seconds. Motion passes.
* Treasurer’s Report: (Merle)
  + Balance Sheet
    - Checking: $
    - CD: $
    - Grand total: $

**Reading of Correspondence- None**

**Guest Presentation- Dakota Woodring would like to bring her highland Heifer to Fair this year. Dakota read a letter supporting her cause. Beef Leaders expressed that breeding pairs will be separate from steers this year. Shawna (Dairy Project) shared their experience with having a cow with horns at fair. It went well for Dairy. Lee asked if Dakota was here if the Beef project already told her no- she said yes. Annabelle said that Dakota is does a really good job- and would do a good job but its just that if beef allowed the heifer to come it would open up a situation that the beef project is not able to handle at the moment- there isn’t enough space- for all the other kids that want to do it as well. Other kids have already been told no.**

**Kelly suggested that this discussion go back to the beef committee for discussion and a decision- Annablle phoned the other committee members to discuss. The Beef Committee will discuss and let Dakota know. They will make sure Dakota has time to reply before taggibng**

* Extension Office Report (Molly)
  + Fairgrounds Open House- Molly thanked those who came, discussed the process- focus groups and open house. The Fairgrounds have now launched a survey to continue the discussion. The survey is open from now to April 29th.
  + AQA - had the first wkshop this last weekend- had it at MSU. Having classrooms was very helpful. The next one is Sat, April 27th. THere are only 11 kids not signed up to do AQA.
  + Spring Workshop- needed to reschedule to same night at Fair info night- May 14th 2 hours long- if there are any leaders who can come help at the parent portion to talk about livestock requirements that would be very helpful. LIvestocks start at 6pm.
  + Submitting requests for reservations to Kari- email was sent out today reminding leaders of the process. Leaders need to request spaces sooner rather than later. If you are locked out come to the Extension Office to ask for a key.
* Fairgrounds Report (Lee)
  + Federal Hwy project- Millings project on April 15. They aren’t sure where the millings are going to go- no mater what it will impact 4-H. Still might end up in the west Annex- might use the warm up area.
  + Educational SIgns- still working on them. Additional signs would be good at each barn: no feeding animals etc.
  + Barn Layout- still working on it.
  + Tamarack Gate- Lee talked to them about not having it open after the concert, the FG agreed that wouldn't be a good situation. They will put up panels to direct people away from the animals.
  + The Beer Garden has been moved- will not be near 4-H
* Youth Report (Piper & Maren)
  + Piper- AQA went well felt
  + Maren-classrooms were a great addition. Having kids teach it was a good thing- gave the kids a chance to see what they could do.
  + Interactive lessons went well. Got good questions, kids were respective.
  + New activities which was good.

**Old Business**

* Planning for Fair 2024
  + Schedule-update
    - Horse are showing early - Friday,sat, sun…no Monday show. Awards will be sunday, july 14th at 6pm.
    - horse can bring rv;s after noon on Friday, everyone else can bring sat
    - Interviews - makeups will be Monday of fair- the 15th.
    - Concession - will close earlier 8-9 pm will be open later on sale night
    - Added pastries and pictures on sunday
    - INdorr schocule was added
    - New sunday schedule- fair grounds asked what verbage will be shared with 4-H families explaining why- molly creafed a satement for projects to use. The committee was ok with the verbage to be shared with families
    - 4-H Family polices. They want all families to be all moved in by Monday 6pm
    - Discussion on what a reasonable time to have campers leave sunday- going to suggest that west annex leave anytime sunday- eclectic will leave 4pm
  + Barn Layout-Lee
    - A potential donor reached out - would like to help with facility improbemts-Since we can’ tdo much now until fairrgounds is sorted out Molly reached out and asked if they could help with panels. SHe hasn’t heard back from them. Shawana asked if they could help with swap coolers- molly will ask
    - Jess woodring mentioned that Story Mill Districbting offted to be a sponsor- someone need to go talk to them. Molly will reach out to them with our spondership info.
    - Shawna - need more cages
  + BBQ-Molly
    - Daniels will be the BBQ sponsor- pork and beef. Autin was not impressed with MSU last year. Austin wanted to make sure he was still receiving the same marketing he’s received in the past. Danils will deliver to Lone Peak
    - FFA is asked to help with serving -4-H will pay them
    - 4-H families can eat this year- just not until later after buyers have eaten
  + Market Sale-
    - Show works- has been renewed. Has been upgraded / cloud based. Molly will train everyone.
    - Tent sponsorship- Swan and BBG. Swan is good to go, someone will
    - Each species is responsible to get a photo of champions done and in by Wednesday evening of fair. Molly or Rachel will come and take photos
    - Decorations for championship row- Ruth
    - Drinks- 900 waters donated to 4-H, we will buy a flat of water as well, 500 drinks ordered- Lirkens will provide.
    - Hats have been confirmed and 250 ordered-
    - Auction baskets- will do them again. Jess WOodring is in charge. Baskets need to be in by Thursday of fair. No alcohol or perishable things.
    - Resale- Less is handling it
    - Sale is starting at 4pm- live auction only
  + Other
    - Security
      * It was suggest to not hire “optional people’ just have (look this up in your notes) 3 people on market sale 3-12 am and 3 6pm -12am on saturday
      * Suggested to maybe add security on monday and tuesday too. The committe discussed- having security from 8pm-12 am (2 people) those evening as families set up. Aprpx $480 more. Molly will ask them
      * SHawna moves to amend the previous stated security budget to 2,000. Motion passes.
      * Judges- a family asked why we keep it quiet. They are concerned that livestock members know and kid members know. They are concerned that show judges are chosen not ranch judges. Molly would like help in how to answer them.
    - Processing/Trucking contracts
      * L& S , Amsterdam, King Meats, Rawhide, Bobby’s

**New Business**

* Species updates
  + Rabbits- rabbit rondevou coming up
  + Swine- pig kids are getting pigs, getting tagged. Some are sick
  + Goats- no report
  + Poultry- 60 kids 32 kids in market
  + Sheep-good
  + Beef-good
  + Dog- good- about to start wed april 3rd
  + FFA- new sheep showman
* Concessions Cafe
  + Fairgrounds said a pipe burst and flooded the concession stand. Found aspeso when cleaning it. Cost aproz $12K to fix- no concession. Maybe get a food truck. FG said they would give 4-H 18% vendor contribution. Annabelle suggest a donation only that way we don’t have to worry about food safety.
* All-Species Workshops
  + May 1st 6:30 @ headwaters auction barn will be put on chuteside vet
  + Marketing with Mike Swan-TBA June
* Species Buckles
  + All Market Buckles have been ordered
  + RRobin Buckles have been ordered
  + All others need to be ordered ASAP
* Record Books & Project Interviews
  + Colyn is starting to update the record book rubrics
  + Review and give updates to Molly
  + Molly needs judge contacts for livestock
* Round Robin
  + Species questions- do we want to change them or stay the same- stay the same
  + Kids have one less day to study this year

**Committee Reports**

* Market Sale
  + Met March 6th - see above
* Publication
  + Save the Date being drafted wil be sent out late april early may
  + Population dates for co=hronical 1st day in AUgust
* Fairbook
  + Publishing w/ April Newsletter - Review your sections
  + Has been updated- each species look through them and let Molly know asap. New format is easier to read/edit.
  + General Rules have been broken up to make them easier to read- Before/During/General Rules

**Announcements**

* Next meeting isat the Gallatin County Extension Office on **\_Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024\_@6pm\_ at the Extension Office.**
  + Record Books due: June 26, 2024
  + Record Book Interviews: July 11-12, 2024
  + 2024 Fair Dates: July 12-21
  + Sale Night: July 19, 2024

**Adjournment**

* Merle motions to adjourn, Kim seconds. President Kelly called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:45