**Gallatin County 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Minutes**

**November 7, 2023 @ 6:00pm**

**Gallatin County Extension Office**

**Attendance: Molly Yurdana, Tamara Knappenberger, Randy Radke, Bonnie Radke, Tiffany Togstad, Amy Juliano, Aaron Pruitt, Laura Fisher, Kelly Pavlik, Erica Hastings, Monika Johnson, Joey Knappenberger**

President Tamara Knappenberger called the meeting to order at 6:07pm

Pledges

**Roll Call Question: What is your favorite holiday recipe or dish?**

New attendees introduced: Randy Radke, Laura Fisher, Tiffany Togstad, Amy Juliano,

Erica Hastings, Bonnie Radke

**Reading of Correspondence:**

* Early Reports/Guest Presentations:
* Extension Office Report (Molly):
  + 432 active 4-H members as of 11/7/23 (doesn’t count unpaid enrollees). Last year we ended the year with 600 members, clearly a big influx this year with enrollment only open for one month so far. 78 active volunteers as of 11/7/23 (doesn’t count unpaid or those still needing to complete their module requirement). Office/Leaders have capped a few projects due to facility or leader capacity (Robotics = 24, Baking = 25, Cake Decorating = 25, Dog Obedience = 50 kids/dogs, Knitting/Crochet = 20, Leathercraft = 25, Cloverbud = 50, Archery = 96, Shotgun = 25, Beef = 70-75). $5 late fee is applied monthly Nov. - Mar. New Family Nights were a success (78 attendees in Bozeman, 55 attendees in Belgrade).
  + 9 teens went to Fall Leadership Training in Oct. in Billings. Molly is taking over the Teen Leadership/Ambassador Project this year (currently has 21 teens enrolled)!
  + Molly received the 2022-2023 Awards Celebration invoice from GranTree = $3,190.80 vs. almost $10,000 the year before. We will determine what we want to do for awards night this year in the months to come.
* Financial Requests: None

**Old Business:**

* ULC Newsletter Report - due by the 23rd of each month. Due Nov 23 for the November Newsletter - Toni
  + New assignments to replace retired board member positions - Monika = January 2024, Laura = March 2024, Joey = May
* Shooting Sports Acct/Contract - Molly will remove this item from the agenda unless the account goes into the negative in the future. 2 months rent paid by ULC was approved at the Oct. meeting. Molly received the S.S inventory spreadsheet from Scott. Scott will come to another meeting in March/April to provide an update on sponsorships, state shoot, fundraising, etc.
* Vacancies/Officers -
  + Kelly motions to nominate Laura FIsher, Joey Knappenberger, Tiffany Togstad, and Randy Radke to ULC as voting members - Monika seconds. Motion passes.
  + Aaron motions to accept Molly’s nomination for Bonnie Radke and Erica Hastings as Youth Committee Members/Ambassadors for the 2023-2024 4-H Year. Monika seconds. Motion passes.
* Review Committee Goals - Tamara invites all board members to bring any new goals to Dec. Mtg.
  + Short term -
    - Remove agent check-in w/ volunteers/leaders - Molly has accomplished that
    - Remove 1-3 consistent volunteer/youth trainings - accomplished (check-in periodically in the future)
    - Shooting Sports connection to 4-H, Shooting Sports sub-committee or Club. Monika asks if we want to send out a survey/questionnaire to see if there is more parent interest or 4-H skill involvement (ex. Record keeping). Tamara suggests forming a subcommittee for Shooting Sports - Randy, Kelly, Monika/Eric, Molly
    - 4-H mission - continue to be dynamic, w/ fresh ideas, new ongoing goal with Indoor projects/indoor project committee
  + Medium term -
    - Continue to understand/implement best utilization of money - should be a priority this year - move up to short term 0 may form a subcommittee pending next month mtg.
    - Remove increase participants & funding opportunities - we’ve accomplished this - but change to ‘increase chaperone participation’ - suggested to create a SignUp genius for Chaperone opportunities
    - Keep non-ag project committee goal, keep volunteer recruitment goal (great return but still need more - continue mentorship between sr. volunteers and novice - create a culture of volunteerism)
  + Long term -
    - Leave all bullet points
* County-wide CPR Training
  + Randy has someone in mind he will reach out to before the Dec. meeting
* Club/Project Updates
  + Table to next month’s meeting - be prepared to pitch a spiel about your club/project happenings

**New Business:**

* 4-H Year Theme
  + “This is 4-H Country” is the 2023-2024 theme (logo idea = flag with green stripe with the theme title underneath it)
* Bozeman Stampede (Kelly)
  + Every year we work Bozeman Stampede after fair (concessions, camera people, ticket takers) - this year we are being gifted $20,000 by Bozeman Stampede. Table the discussion to the December meeting to decide how much to pay out to projects/clubs that worked and what ULC we keep. Kelly encourages everyone to leave an anonymous comment via their website to thank them. Tiffany asks what kind of recognition/advertising we can do for them. Valley View rodeo is new this year and was quite successful - possible concessions opportunity to partner with.
* December Meeting
  + Bring a holiday dish to share and wear an Ugly sweater to next meeting on December 5th at 6pm
* Next county-wide training
  + Parli Pro - Erica
  + State/County Event & poster making activity - Bonnie

**Committee Reports:**

* Budget Committee
  + Budget was approved at October meeting and now adopted in the Blue Report
* Fundraising Committee
  + Valley View Rodeo group?
* Fair Concessions
  + No report
* Recognition and Record Books Committee
  1. No report
* Camp
  1. Dates - August 10th - August 14th, 31 applicants, 4 days of interviews, may have to make cuts
* Policies & Procedures
  1. No report
* Communications Day/Stir-ups
  1. 2024 dates - Stir-ups/Better Batter Baking = 02/10; Communication Day = 02/24
* Leadership Development Committee
  1. January Winter Workshop training (youth/volunteer) set for Saturday, January 6th from 8:45am-12/1pm (with optional hour at the end)
* Indoor Fair Committee
  1. No report
* Horse Committee
  1. Next Meeting: tentatively Nov. 20th (usually 3rd monday)
* Market Livestock Committee
  1. Next meeting: November 20th @ 6pm
     + Updated signers, schedule changes happening at January meeting, subcommittee met to update the Livestock Contract and some rule updates in the Fairbook. Working on plans to house more animals and fit more into the schedule - possibly won’t be open to the public the last Sunday of Fair.
* Gallatin 4-H Foundation
  1. Last meeting was held on 6/22, next meeting will be early Dec. to set budget.

**Minutes/Financial Reports:**

* October Meeting minutes:
  + Aaron motions to approve the minutes as written. Monika seconds. Motion passes.
* Meeting Treasurer’s/Bookkeeper’s Report (Colyn)
  + Beige Sheet = Balance Sheet; Blue Sheet = Budget vs. Actual; Green Sheet = Profit & Loss Detail (print in landscape orientation); Gold Sheet = Side Account Detail (print in landscape orientation); Peach Sheet = Reconciliation Summary and Detail (have checks cleared yet or not)

**Announcements:**

* Next meeting is **December 5, 2023** at the Gallatin County Extension Office @ 6:00pm.

**Adjournment:**

* Kelly motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm, Joey seconds and the motion passed.