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

**Tuesday, November 5th, 2024 @ 6:00pm**

**Gallatin County Extension Office**

**Attendance:** Molly Yurdana, Monika Johnson, Randy Radke, Sarah Brechbuhler, Ashley Casto, Kelly Pavlik, Bonnie Radke, Sarah Capp

President Monika Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:10pm

Pledges

Roll Call Question: Did you vote?

**Minutes/Financial Reports:**

* October Meeting minutes:
  + Kelly motions to approve the Secretary Minutes from the October meeting. Ashley 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)

**Reading of Correspondence:**

* Early Reports/Guest Presentations: None
* Extension Office Report (Molly):
  + Enrollment Update
    - 521 active youth, 77 pending
    - 93 active volunteers, 24 new pending, 4 returning pending
  + National 4-H Week
    - Shining Mountaineers Club display winner, we would love to see more participation in the future!
* Youth Reports:
  + Fall Leadership Training presentation from Bonnie - 13 Gallatin teens attended. Bonnie taught a survival scenario workshop as a State Ambassador. Molly taught a workshop focused on leadership life skills. Makinzey Milesnick and Hayes Holland were awarded leadership recognition awards from the State Ambassador team. Great first state event of the year!
* Financial Requests:
  + None

**Old Business:**

* ULC Newsletter Report - due by the 23rd of each month.
  + Laura for December
* Vacancies/Officers
  + Need VP - vote in any new members
  + Kelly motions to accept the self-nomination of Sarah Capp to serve on ULC 2024-2027. Monika seconds. Motions passes
* Bozeman Stampede
  + Money projected to arrive in December. This year they are donating $25,000 to 4-H. The Horse Projects/Committee put in the majority of the hours worked. We will vote on fund dispersal at the December meeting. Bozeman Stampede would like feedback on shaving sales. There is a huge need for the shavings, but it was thrown together last minute. Dave Casto just went to RMS and filled a trailer with shavings at cost. Shavings could be donated or at reduced cost. Shavings could end up being a good fundraiser for Horse Projects. It was the first year of it, next year should be better and more advertised. Monika notes that many competitors weren’t sure of the guarantee of the shavings, so they brought their own. Ashley notes that it was disorganized, but it was successful. They also would like some help designing and selling merchandise. Kelly will have project/club breakdown by December meeting.

**New Business:**

* 2024-2025 Budget Proposal
  + We tried to be conservative on income and expenditures. Projected Expenses = $40,675. Projected Income = $35,700
  + Randy asks how MSU Concessions has compared from Shelly’s involvement to this past year. Molly notes it was about $32,000 in 2022-2023 and approx. $19,000 in 2023-2024. ULC got 10% of those earnings, the rest went to the clubs/projects that worked
  + Volunteer Institute added back to budget this year as it is an every-other-year event. Citizenship Seminar/Legislative Breakfast also added back to budget and increased as it is an every-other-year event and an active teen group that will be attending.
  + National Events and Rec Lab line items were omitted and State Event Registration Rebate (Fall Leadership Training, Rec Lab and Congress) to support all 3 state events at $1500 support funds per event. This helps support/offset costs for all attendees (and incentivize attendance) rather than just a few kids only if they request financial support.
  + Budgeted more for Project Curriculum Books and added Summer Camp Sponsorship line item for future support.
  + Sarah Capp motions to accept the proposed 2024-2025 Budget. Monika seconds. Motion passes.
* Review Subcommittees
  + Table to Dec. meeting
* Goal Setting for 2024-2025
  + Homework: review goals and make any changes/updates at Dec. meeting
* December meeting
  + Bring a christmas treat to Dec. 3rd meeting (homemade or store-bought - doesn’t matter!)
* Year Theme
  + Molly sent out a google form for theme suggestions - please send out to your clubs/projects to generate ideas. ULC will vote on all suggestions at Dec. meeting. Molly will incentivize the winning suggestion.
* Legislative Breakfast/Citizenship Seminar
  + January 19-21, 2025
  + Montanans asking $100 minimum per county to offset legislators breakfast cost
  + Kelly motions to send $400 out of the General Fund under Program Development to donate to Montanans for 4-H to support the 2025 Legislative Breakfast. Ashley seconds.
* \*\*Added item:
  + Kelly proposes that ULC sponsors an Ice Skating day at the rink for all Clubs. January 2nd is available 3pm-5pm if we’d like to reserve it for county-wide socialization. Fundraiser? Pay for the rink and then charge $5-10 per kid? Shining Mountaineers has tried to do an ice skating party, but it’s always fallen through. Kelly’s club would like cross-club networking. Monika mentioned we might be able to ask for a discount from the hockey board. Teens only?
  + YAA is doing laser tag and sledding. We are big enough that we could do private rentals for 4-H. Hot chocolate, day in the snow. Younger member option?

**Committee Reports:**

* Budget Committee - Kelly
  + See Budget Proposal discussion and approval above in New Business
* Policies & Procedures
  + Manual is in the google drive for review and rearranging
* Fundraising Committee
  + Murdoch’s BBQ - Sarah notes that it could bring in $1000 per BBQ. Ashley says that it’s super easy as a fundraiser since Murdoch’s provides everythings
* Fair Concessions Committee
  + Potential of renovating the kitchen this upcoming year. 4-H would have to pay for it or get donated labor/materials.
* Recognition and Record Books Committee
  1. No update
* Leadership Development Committee
  1. Fall into Volunteering Workshop on Nov. 16th. All volunteers encouraged to attend, there is an RSVP to plan for food and materials. Molly is struggling to identify a facilitator for Real Colors. There will be a fun scavenger hunt and chance for resource sharing!
* Communications Day/Stir-Ups/Better Batter Baking - Molly
  1. Tentative dates are now Feb. 21-22 due to State Shoot conflict
* Summer Camp Committee - Molly
  1. Tentative dates August 1-5th at YAA
  2. 40 Counselor applications. Limits the number of campers we can have. Randy asks how many non4-Hers join 4-H after camp each year, Molly notes there are always quite a few. This year many of the 13 year old campers have applied to be counselors this year. Some of which have never been in 4-H before! Interviews will be Dec. 2-4.
* Indoor Fair Committee
  1. Will meet in January
* Horse Committee - Ashley
  1. Next Meeting: Nov. 19th at 6:30pm at the 4-H Office
  2. First clinic is Nov. 9th at MSU Miller Pavilion for an introductory
  3. Coggins clinic on Nov. 16 - arenas require negative coggins test. Horse volunteer is a vet and is doing a coggins clinic $20/horse.
  4. MSU rodeo allows us to use their space for cheap, whenever they’re not practicing. Allows large group clinics and rides.
* Market Livestock Committee - Kelly
  1. Met: Oct. 28th
     + Fairgrounds Director Caitlin Quisenberry and Commissioner Zach Brown came to discuss the future of 4-H on the fairgrounds. Feedback was very positive, but hands are a little tied on facilities and improvements. Master planning generated a lot of interest, but 4-H has been deemed indispensable. They are looking for funding options, with partnerships in the community to generate more revenue. There are lots of safety concerns regarding the millings piles in the horse parking lots - will be turned into the aggregate to pave the baseball parking lot. Commissioners would like 4-H representation at a public meeting when the Red Sale Barn is on the agenda for public comment. All MLC contract edits are due to Molly on Nov. 16th.
  2. Next meeting: Dec. 17th at 6pm at the 4-H office
* Gallatin 4-H Foundation
  1. Next Meeting: Nov. 13 (Higher Ed) and Dec. 10 (Budget)

**Announcements:**

* Next meeting is **Tuesday, December 3rd** at the Gallatin County Extension Office @ 6:00pm. \*\*Bring a holiday treat to share!

**Adjournment:**

* Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm. Randy seconds, motion passes.