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

**Tuesday, December 3th, 2024 @ 6:00pm**

**Gallatin County Extension Office**

**Attendance:** Molly Yurdana, Kelly Pavlik, Sarah Capp, Sarah Brechbuhler, Monika Johnson, Randy Radke, Joey Knappenberger, Lindsey Klebenow, Hazel Nash, Danika Johnson, Scott Francis

President Monika Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:26pm

Pledges led by Kelly

Roll Call Question: *What is your favorite Christmas tradition?*

**Minutes/Financial Reports:**

* November Meeting minutes:
  + Kelly motions to approve the Secretary Minutes from the November meeting. Sarah Capp 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)
    - Add Shooting Sports request to Jan. Agenda

**Reading of Correspondence:**

* Early Reports/Guest Presentations: Scott Francis
  + Shooting Sports leader and Outdoor Education Coordinator for Montana 4-H Center. Archery = 91, Small Bore = 21, W.H = 16, Air Gun = 40+ , Shotgun = 20 for now, Muzzleloading = a few interested, Hunting Skills = a few. More leaders getting trained in Archery discipline. Some volunteers wanting to get certified in shotgun/air. State Shoot is set for March 7-9, 2025 at Greenway Range, exhibit buildings and Big Sky Archery. Registration opens at the end of December. Gallatin County shooters went to Grand Island, NE. Our Archery Team was National Champions, we had a champion in recurve. Represented our county and state very well. Ivan Roe was a part of our program, then shot collegiately, then Army marksman, then Olympics. We have shooters at high school, state, national, and collegiate levels. Our kids are well prepared to be the leaders of tomorrow and do great things when they leave our program.
  + Fundraising for the Air Gun venue is ongoing. Murdochs had a field day and members worked for fundraising. Helped with SCI banquet and they have been generous with donations to keep supporting the program. Scott’s goal is to have more adults jump on and get certified as leaders. Scott expresses the need that we will need to train up a new county coordinator over the next few years. Scott wants to be able to train this person/people up because it is complex and isn’t a role you can learn out of a notebook. Airgun parent meeting kicks off tomorrow. Archery starts this weekend.
    - Building timeline - lease/pay/own option. Need about $600,000-700,000 to get the building. Goal is for Sharp Shooters to get that building - it will help everybody. Rent has capped at $3600 a month (4-H pays half per month). State 4-H Center is committed to helping pay 4 months per year of rent to help offset costs. They host State Shoot there and store equipment there year round. If they can then fundraise the other 6 or so months of rent, that is more do-able than 12 months. Shiloh Raffle is a great opportunity - whatever Gallatin brings in in raffle ticket sales, we get ½ of the money raised. Sarah asks if they have any annual/yearly recurring sponsors (CA Ranch?). Lindsey suggests Turner Enterprises for the conservation side, and the restaurant fundraisers (Texas Roadhouse, Panda Express). Not really, but Scott keeps finding sponsors in individuals, businesses. Considering a spaghetti feed and auction to fundraise, will do Shoot-A-Thon again.
    - Scott is looking to see if ULC could fund another $3600 (2 months rent) again this year as we are looking at our 2024-2025 ULC Budget.
  + Questions for Scott:
    - Sarah asks what the Hunting Skills project is - Scott explains that it incorporates wildlife conservation, tactical skills, learn career education (guides/outfitters), compass charting, wildlife identification - pretty academic program. Randy asks what the County Coordinator position entails - shooting sports, sportfishing, career exploration, wildlife conservation and management, outdoor survival (youtube videos - 4-H Outdoor Education created by Scott during Covid). Montana 4-H Teams on Outdoor Ed for resources, activities and videos that teens can use for Camp activities. Kelly mentions that we as a ULC committee has short/long term goals regarding shooting sports - parent involvement, record books, implementing 4-H mission. Kelly notes that sometimes 4-H Shooting Sports is a little watered down by GVSS program. Is anything being done to address those goals? What is the likelihood of having a shooting sports committee that meets more frequently, to have something a little more frequently, and has representation on ULC to provide updates/get more involved/incorporate 4-H into the offerings more. Scott notes they will continue to submit record books, many do CMP notebook journaling. We want the older kids coaching the younger kids as much as possible. Kelly observes that many of the shooting sports kids sign up with Clubs, but don’t attend - they are more Members at Large. Shooting Sports Club potential?
* Extension Office Report (Molly):
  + Enrollment updates - over 600 youth (40 pending), 112 volunteers (15 pending)
  + Make-up volunteer training - Thurs. Dec. 5th at 6pm for anyone that missed it in Nov.
  + Gift wrapping fundraiser - contact Murdochs Belgrade or Bozeman to secure shifts for fundraising. Super short shifts, group gets 100% of tips.
  + Facilities Form - If utilizing Extension Office or Fairgrounds, there is a new Google Form to submit to Kari to keep all requests in one central location. This is a *request* form only, Kari will respond with availability and confirmation of dates/time
* Youth Reports:
  + Introduction of new youth members (Hazel Nash and Danika Johnson)
* Financial Requests:
  + None

**Old Business:**

* ULC Newsletter Report - due by the 23rd of each month.
  + Randy for December
* Vacancies/Officers
  + Secretary update - Sarah Capp motions to accept Sarah Brechbuhler’s self-nomination for Secretary moving forward. Randy seconds. Motion passes.
  + VP still needed - Kelly motions to accept Sarah Capp’s self-nomination for VP moving forward. Motions passes.
  + Vote in youth members - Randy motions to approve Hazel and Danika as ULC youth committee representatives for the 2024-2025 4-H Year. Joey seconds. Motion passes.
* Review Subcommittees
  + See edits on Committee roster
* Goal setting for 2024-2025
  + Add to Short Term: Review/Enhance member recognition (at awards night)
    - Check with Park County on year-end awards - outerwear, welding creations, donating bow back to member
  + Add to Short Term: Increase Club participation/membership
    - Quarterly update via Zoom - live update? For Members at Large - how to incorporate At-Large activities
  + Omit Medium Term Goal - “Financial Education” bullet point
  + Adjust Medium Term Goal - Form a subcommittee for non-ag (Indoor) projects
  + Move Shooting Sports Committee to medium to long term
  + Omit Amsterdam from Long Term goals
    - Encourage Clubs/Projects to take presentations to those areas
* Year Theme
  + Randy - “There’s no place like 4-H”, “We are the future”
  + Danika - “Magic of 4-H”, “We are the future”
  + Kelly - “Team up with 4-H”
    - **The Magic of 4-H** = 2025 Theme

**New Business:**

* Bozeman Stampede
  + $25,000 donated to 4-H by Stampede. Horse worked the most hours. Kelly’s spreadsheet shows a few possible breakdowns for splitting earned monies between groups that worked. One option: ULC retains the $10,000 they retained and pay out the rest (approx. $20/hr.). Other option: split 50/50, $12,500 for groups and $12,500 for ULC (approx. $18.07/hr).
  + Joey motions to split 50/50 ($12,500 for ULC and $12,500 to working groups). Randy seconds. Motions passes.
  + January agenda - split out the $2,500 “over budget” into a Bozeman Stampede expense line item in Member or Program Development for any program support payouts.
* Legislative Breakfast/Citizenship Seminar
  + January 19-21, 2025
  + Citizenship Seminar is $95 minimum, Legislative will be $65 minimum. Hotel is $132/night room block.
* Club Ice Skating/Tubing Day
  + Monika shares it is hard to get private ice time - doesn’t really open up until March and then they take a sheet of ice off. Weekends between now and February are pretty booked up. Danika mentions that we could do outdoor skiing, Hyalite, Belgrade, or in Helena. Possibly talk to Baja for just ice skate rentals. Southside Park in Bozeman (free) - show up at something outdoor and free
  + YAA does tubing and lazer tag - do we do lazer tag for older kids and tubing for kids? YAA people are in Monika’s club - will talk to them about dates and pricing

**Committee Reports:**

* Budget Committee - Kelly
  + No update
* Policies & Procedures
  + Manual is in the google drive for review and rearranging
* Fundraising Committee
  + New dates added to MSU Concessions, plan for playoff football game(s)
* Fair Concessions Committee
  + Molly to meet with Fairgrounds in January to walk Indoor Arena kitchen and discuss updates/plans moving forward. Sarah Capp offered to assist with managing shifts at Fair.
* Recognition and Record Books Committee
  1. No update
* Leadership Development Committee
  1. Winter Workshop (youth only) set for Sat. Jan. 11th - Ambassador Team will plan
* 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
* 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, January 7th** at the Gallatin County Extension Office @ 6:00pm with Foundation for Annual Meeting

**Adjournment:**

* Joey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm. Danika seconds, motion passes.