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

**August 5th, 2024**

**6pm @ Extension Office**

**Attendance**

* Lee Nuss, Molly Yurdana, wendy Ward, Kim Flikkema, Melanie Duffin, Cassie Smieja, Monica Samson, Micheal Beyers, Leah MacDonald, Shawnna Taylor, Shawna Oostema, Kelly Pavlik

**Orders of the Meeting**

* Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:15pm
* Introduction of Guests: no guests

**Minutes/Financial Reports**

* Approval of Meeting Minutes: July Fair Week Meetings
  + Le’ha motions to approve the July meeting minutes as written. Kim seconds. Motion passes.
* Treasurer’s Report: (Merle)
  + Balance Sheet
    - Checking: $295,406.38
    - CD: $ 3,764.51
    - Grand total: $ 299,170.89

Money is coming in from the sale. All invoices have been sent out. Resale to Headwaters didn’t work

* + Shared account statements for each species. Species need to ask Colyn if something looks off.
  + Basket money will go into accounts when it comes in.

**Reading of Correspondence**

* Extension Office Report (Molly)
  + 87 campers 25 councilors - camp starts this coming Monday
  + Community events- Stampede this week- we need help on Wednesday to set up. Clean up is also very empty - needs to get filled. Projects please send sign ups out for all days to get the slots filled.
  + Potato Festival- 30 kids signed up to help with the float. Still needs help with the promo booth.
  + MSU concessions- starts the first weekend in September- Friday night concert- Saturday is Gold Rush. Six football games this year. We do need to do a “refresh” session with MSU Aug 21st/ Aug 26th @ 6:30- it’s very helpful to have lots of people trained to be a stand leader- doesn't mean you have to be a leader, it’s a just in case.
  + Gearing up for new 4-H year- as we are moving towards this new year projects need to decide who the leaders are
  + Awards for this year will be Sunday, 9/29 @ 2pm
  + Leader Trainings - there will be 2 this year- molly really encourages leaders to go- especially new leaders. Good to know policy and procedures.
* Fairgrounds Report (Lee)
  + Lee has not met with the Fairgrounds yet- please gove feed back to Lee so that he can share with them.
  + Set up- was a little chaotic- but it went well
  + Tear down was amazing- it happened fast and 4-H did a great job.
  + The Woodrings returned all the panels- David Billing who got the chairs- Lee would like to get them gas card as a thank you. Trenten - ring man would also like to get them a gas card. Le’ah motions 2 @150 2@ 100 gift cards monica second motion passes
* Youth Report (Piper & Maren)
  + Maren- Liked the judge thought he did a great jon everything ran on schedule.
  + Round robin- dog was a great addition- she asked around and kids liked it.

**Old Business - Keep, Change, Stop activity**

* Record Books/Rubrics/Interviews
  + Parents are frustrated with lack of consistency in scoring between the projects with the record books.
  + Improve 4-H knowledge for interviews
  + 15 min interview slot for multiple species is a tight amount of time. Maybe for next year have kids sign up for 2 species for each 1 interview spot.
  + INterviews give an opportunity for kids to reflect oin their year/project. Maybe next year give standard questions to judges so kids dont get too taken off guard
  + Doing away with teh workbooks? If we don’t what can we do? Maybe offer workshop time to work on workbook. Or- workbook checkin mid project year. We just all need to be consitie between projects. Brain storming needs to happen - kids/parents/leaders are all frustrated with the workshops.
* Schedule
  + No feedback back yet about no animals on Sunday. 4-H liked Sunday early leaving.
  + Backdrop location for photos - central photo booth
  + Dairy Cow check in time
  + Dance went really well.
* Barn Layout & Tents, Security
  + Goats liked their new set up
  + Sleeping signs were missing- we noticed more people.
  + Security at night was good.
  + Big tent - went great. 40x100 for BBQ next year. We should talk about buying a tent vs renting
* Concessions Cafe
  + The tent was nice to stand under- but a little hard to see in and see if it was open
  + Much less help- because we had people prepping and serving so we needed twice as many people.
  + Returned half of the drinks - didn't’ need them.
  + Payment option through paypal was great
* BBQ/Silent Auction
  + Food was great- nice to have kids bring soda around during the auction.
  + Suggestion- Ringmen wear supporter hats
  + Would be nice to have kids come thank buyers in person.
  + Maybe add dessert plates
  + 250 tickets were collected- we know there were more plates served.
  + 600 seems like a good number for next year too.
  + They were very pleasant serving
  + Silent Auction - went well. Maybe increased security. Need to relook at how we approach it for next year- is it a money maker?
  + Hats went ok- we have tons left over. Maybe next year each kid hand out as a thank you.

**New Business**

* Species Roundtable - issues, rule updates, feedback by species
  + Beef- they are considering raising the age for kids to participate. Maybe make sure they have done a smaller project first. 1st years will only be allowed to bring one animal (market/or beef). Members wanted to leave early on Saturday - they were told no. They left an hour early anyway. The committee is asking that their fair check is held until they do an hour of community service. Beef would like a list of add-ons so members can know.
  + Dairy Goats are good- milk tests went well. Families were happy with the new set up.
  + Market Goats- set up and take down of the panels was great
  + Poultry- went great 48 showed- 400 animals, they need more fans. Lots of new families, record books were hard- lots of books not finished- had to go find kids to get signatures.
  + Rabbits- any donated rabbits went to Veterans Meat Locker.
  + Dairy Cow- nothing
  + Sheep - nothing
  + Swine- nothing
* Behavior at Fair
  + Update- Molly had a successful conversation with the family- they were willing to work with 4-H. They were given the option to submit their side of the story in writing- they did that. Molly asked the state what can we do in a situation like this- they didn’t really know what we could do. There had been a similar situation in a similar country- so now the state is going to have a parent code of conduct. The final say on consequence will be made by the extension agent and or the state.
* Sale Catalog
  + 600 ordered- 150 left over- Molly wondered if they should order that many in the future? The committee said keep it at 600.

Photography

Rachel did great- photos are really nice/price is great. Poultry is considering using her for their photography.

* Market Sale
  + Beef 7.77lb
  + Goats 1144.44/head
  + Rabbit $300/pen
  + Sheep 8.47/lb
  + Swin 11.94/lb
  + 476 addons - 95,683.50
  + 6,900- foundation - 19 donors
  + Total: 1, 522, 131.50
  + 383 lots
  + Recoganition to people who stayed all night
  + No need to do yellow copy
  + One person in charge of proxies- we need more buyser as well.
  + More computers for sale night
* Trucking/Insurance
  + 2 pigs died- Market Livestock paid for them- and replacement lpamemtb Meliaine motioned to pay the 538 of market value difference - shwana seconded. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports**

* Market Sale
* Publication
  + **08/08/24** final copy to publishing
  + Runs on **08/13/24**  in Bozeman Chronicle
  + Runs on **08/15/2024** in Belgrade News
  + **50** extra copies for office
* Fairbook
  + Updates-keep feedback from fair in mind.

**Announcements**

* Next meeting isat the Gallatin County Extension Office on **October 28th 2024\_\_\_\_at 6pm\_ at the Extension Office.**
  + **Bozeman Stampede:** August 7-11
  + **Potato Festival:** Saturday, August 17
  + **Awards Celebration:** Sunday, September 29
  + **MSU Concessions:** starts Sept. 7 - Nov. 23
  + **2024-2025 Enrollment Opens:** October 1st

**Adjournment**

* \_\_\_\_\_ motions to adjourn the meeting, \_\_\_\_\_\_ seconds. President Kelly called for the meeting to be adjourned at \_\_\_9:15\_\_\_.