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

**November 20th, 2023**

**6pm @ Extension Office**

**Attendance**

* Molly Yurdana, Gena Johnson, Wendy Ward, Kim Flikkema, Ruth Carr, Maren Carr, JodiLynn Kelley, Jess Woodring, Tyler Noyes, JoBeth Hutchison, Lee Nuss, Piper Davis, Annabel Morgan, Lea’h MacDonald, Shawna Oostema, Kelly Pavlik, Merle Farrier

**Orders of the Meeting**

* Molly called the meeting to order at 6:10pm (Kelly was absent at the beginning)
* Introduction of Guests: roundtable - everyone introduced themselves

**Minutes/Financial Reports**

* Approval of Meeting Minutes: October meeting
  + Annabel motions to approve the October meeting minutes as written. Lea’h seconds. Motion passes.
* Treasurer’s Report: (Merle)
  + Balance Sheet
    - Checking: $86,292.70
      * Merle wrote out a check to Foundation for $1000 and a check for the 1% committee fee ($677.14)
      * Still owed approx. $7500 from the 2023 Market Sale (approx. $4000 from one buyer and $2500 from MSU). Profit is currently at $10,000 for 2022-2023, when money is all received we should be closer to $17,000 profit for the year.
    - CD: $3,764.51
    - Grand total: $90,057.21
  + 2023/2024 Budget Proposal:
    - Increasing BBQ to $10,000
    - Increasing Project Support to $10,000 (to help w/ livestock buyer hats this year). Eliminating Online Sale line item of $8500
    - Increasing Reefer Trailer Rental to $1000
    - Increase Sale Program to $1000
    - Self Insurance - Shawna motions to earmark $3000 for Self Insurance. Annabel seconds. Merle will move to separate account to keep separate from General Fund. Motions.
      * Lea’h motions to approve the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget with noted changes. Annabel seconds. Motion passes.

**Reading of Correspondence**

* Extension Office Report (Molly)
* Fairgrounds Report (Lee)
  + Alcohol bar near beef barn/indoor arena is moving to Motorsports area to
  + **Concessions** - working on what to serve without the grill/hood (not up to fire code). Molly is working with ULC to identify a new manager and menu for this year (crockpots, cold cuts, etc). **Millings** - fairgrounds is piling interstate millings in the West Annex. Will push camping out into the parking lot which means we’re losing ½ our parking in west annex. If the project doesn’t happen this year, it may happen last year. **Parking/Passes** - everyone with RV spots will get 2 parking passes for their RV vehicles. Every 4-H family, volunteer member will get wristbands this year instead of tickets. RV prices will be increasing $50 per RV (for both dry and electric). **Wash rack addition** - fairgrounds did not approve the new beef barn tie-outs and wash rack on the east side of the beef barn. Red Sale barn got approval to be torn down - if it does it will open**. Educational signage** - Lee suggests education on “do not feed, water or touch the animals”. Fairgrounds wants each species to come up with “fun facts.” **Sunday Update** - the livestock area will be closed to the public on the last Sunday of fairweek. Processor trucking day, clean out barns. Lee suggests that we try to keep the animals here as long as possible, with consideration to the processors’ needs, to keep them here in our possession instead of some random dry lot. **Emergency Evacuation Plan -**
* Youth Report (Piper & Maren)
  + Will be added to the January meeting agenda for youth members to share out on what they’re working on, what they’re helping with,

**Old Business**

* MLC Officers/Membership
  + Lea’h motions to vote in Wendy Ward as a Goat Committee member. Gena seconds. Motion passes. Shawna motions to accept Molly’s nomination of Maren Carr and Piper Davis as Youth Committee members for the 2023-2024 4-H Year. Lea’h seconds. Discussion - Lee encourages the committee that with the growth of 4-H to possibly increase
  + Lea’h self-nominates herself as Vice-President - Annabel motions to accept Lea’h as VP for 2023-2025. Shawna seconds. Motions passes. Lea’h suggests that the 2 youth MLC representatives meet with any other species youth committee members to get updates from the youth of each project and share out during the newly added Youth Report section.
* Account Signers
  + Molly emailed First Security to update signers (remove Amy Brownell, add Melanie Duffin). Melanie needs to fill out paperwork and then First Security will remit documents through DocuSign to all signers.
* Residency Rules
  + Leaders are essentially responsible for notifying and working with families to identify any dual-residency. Plans/Contracts will be designed on a case-by-case basis and the office and species leaders will work with the family to ensure requirements/expectations are being met.
* Animal Unit Rule
  + Add the word “declared” to the beginning of bullet point #4 to clarify that declared animals are accepted with the understanding that they will be sold unless released (ex. Sickness, behavior, state exhibitions, etc). No other discussion on other edits to the Market Sale Rules. Discussion - Lee feels that Champions should be fought for and promoted, Gallatin has never fought for their champions. Annabel feels the committee should focus on more on the educational aspect of 4-H rather than just promoting champion status. Lea’h and Annabel recommend that
    - Lea’h motions to accept the amended Market Sale Rules as proposed by the subcommittee to be added to the Fairbook and Livestock. Ruth seconds.
* Market Livestock Contract
  + Shawna motions to finalize the 2023-2024 Livestock Contract as proposed. Annabel seconds. Motions passes.
* Project Curriculums
  + Table to January meeting

**New Business**

* Planning for Fair 2024
  + Schedule
    - Any changes or proposals from each species have to be finalized by January.
  + Tents
    - No updates as of yet.
  + Barn Layout
    - Lee is working on the barn layout and will update when he can.
  + Livestock Judge
    - Molly is waiting on contact
  + BBQ
    - Molly was contacted by Lone Peak Provisions - they are interested in being our BBQ provider.
    - Proceed with quote from Lone Peak Provisions.
  + Other
    - Processing -
      * Swine (170 head at Pioneer, 17 at Amsterdam (on July 26th), King Meats can take swine and up to 6 beef, possibly spares - could be transported together in Annabel’s trailer to Lewistown). Beef is sending to Tyzer, Dell, Central Meats, Rawhide, Amsterdam, Milligan Canyon, King Meats. Beef will store at Annabel’s house and Craig’s house. Poultry is working with King Meats on preliminary contract. Sheep will go to Amsterdam on Sunday morning and approximate numbers as last year. Goats will go to Amsterdam on Sunday morning w/ sheep. Headwaters has offered to take resales but need to be contacted again to figure out the logistics - Merle will call, Annabel will give Merle the number.
    - Hats - added agenda item by Annabel
      * Michael Braught had suggested at a previous meeting that his fair used to purchase hats for all livestock buyers as a gift from MLC. Annabel will reach out to Montana Embroidery to design and get an estimate. Approx. 300-325 hats. Lee suggests that MLC purchases the hats for the 1st year and then maybe pursue sponsors for the hats in the future.

**Committee Reports**

* Market Sale
  + None
* Publication
  + Thank you postcards/calendars - fall 2023
    - Missed deadline for 4-H week, but Kelly had unique idea for something different. Theme for 2023-2024 “This is 4-H Country” - thank you mini calendars as Thank You to last year’s buyers.
* Fairbook
  + Subcomm. Meeting (Kelly, Shawna, Molly, Melanie, Lee and Annabel)

**Announcements**

* Next meeting isat the Gallatin County Extension Office on **Tuesday, January 16th at 6pm at the Extension Office.**
  + Record Books due: June 26, 2024
  + Record Book Interviews: July 11-12, 2024
  + 2024 Fair Dates: July 13-21
  + Sale Night: July 19, 2024

**Adjournment**

* Lea;h motions to adjourn, Piper seconds. President Kelly called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:43pm.