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

**September 3, 2024 @ 6:00pm**

**Gallatin County Extension Office**

**Attendance:** Molly Yurdana, Tamara Knappenberger, Aaron Pruitt, Toni Berger, Joey Knappenberger, Laura Fisher, Tiffany Togstad, Randy Radke, Bonnie Radke, Guests: Ashley Casto, Sara Capp

Molly Yurdanar called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

Pledges

Introduction of Guests

Roll Call Question: Share a fair week highlight.

**Minutes/Financial Reports:**

* July Meeting minutes:
  + Randy motions to approve the Secretary Minutes from the July meeting. Joey seconds, motion passes.
* Meeting Treasurer’s/Bookkeeper’s Report (Colyn)
  + Molly gave a recap of ULC’s philosophy of managing the money.
  + 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:
  + Thank you card from camp circulated.
  + State Officers promo video fall Leadership Training viewed.
* Extension Office Report (Molly):
  + Fair was successful - 357 exhibitors, 212 4-H members in the group photo that will be used in Thank You’s and promotions
  + Manhattan Potato Festival - we had a float entry and a promo booth (fee waived for both). 4-H won the equine award and youth award.
  + 2024-2025 4-H enrollment opens 10/1. New projects slated for Gallatin County include welding, quilting, livestock judging. The state’s Clover Magazine will be published every other year due to cost of publication. A new Spark Flyer will be printed yearly that gives a brief listing of all projects available.
  + Update on clubs needing leaders for the upcoming year - Belgrade Pioneers, Saddle Stars, Hyalte Hawks
  + 2024-2025 Year at a Glance Calendar reviewed
  + Info Night - 9/16 at Extension Office, 10/3 at Rocky Mountain Supply conference room for families interested in learning more about what 4-H offers.
  + New Family Orientation - 10/29 at Fairgrounds Bldg #4 to go over the program and expectations, review events and how to get involved and meet club and project leaders.
* Youth Reports: (Bonnie)
  + Pre-Congress and Congress - went well
  + National Congress - 2 Gallatin County members will be attending in November
  + Camp was successful
  + State Officer Retreat - planned the Fall Leadership Training & Leadership Academy Zoom Workshops.
* Financial Requests:
  + Laura motions to fund $800 each for two National 4-H Congress attendees. Funds coming from the 2024/2025 budget line item Member Development - National Events. Tiffany seconds, motion passes.
  + Laura motions to fund $300 for LivestockJudging.com subscription for the new livestock judging project. Funds coming from the 2024/2025 budget line item Program Development - Project Infusion. Joey seconds, motion passes. Once the project has started and the number of members in the project is known, another financial request can be submitted for judging jackets.

**Old Business:**

* ULC Newsletter Report - Tamara will prepare the October newsletter blurb, due by September 23. A new monthly schedule for 2024/2025 will be developed at the October meeting.
* Vacancies/Officers - Tamara, Aaron, Toni and Tiffany will be stepping down from ULC. Randy, Laura, Kelly, Monika and Joey will be staying on ULC. Up to 5 more seats to be filled for 2024/2025,
* Bozeman Stampede - reviewed flow of work from August Stampede and history of donation given to 4-H.

**New Business:**

* 2023-2024 Awards Ceremony - September 29, 2:00-5:00 pm, ice cream social at the Best Western Grantree. The teen leadership project will be planning most of the event.
* National 4-H Week - October 6-12, theme is “Beyond Ready”. Clubs and projects encouraged to promote 4-H during this week with public displays, booths, social media, etc. Top 3 promotions will receive cash prizes for the club or project.
* Volunteer “Get to Know You” Survey - Molly would like to send a survey to the volunteers this fall, Discussed what to include on the survey - suggestions are availability; willingness to judge events; favorite candy or coffee shop (to be used for appreciation gifts); what they do for fun, work and any special skills.

**Committee Reports:**

* Budget Committee
  + Meeting October 8, 11:30-1:30 to develop 2024-2025 budget
* Fundraising Committee
  + MSU Concessions will be starting in September with a concert 9/6 and the first home football game 9/7. Stand Leader training has been completed at MSU.
* Fair Concessions
  + Net profit ~ $9,000, very successful outcome despite all the new challenges.
* Recognition and Record Books Committee
  1. No report
* Camp
  1. Good experience for everyone. Camp had full attendance, no major injuries. Invoice for $27,000 has been received. Camp Recap/Debriefing meeting with counselors on 9/4
* Policies & Procedures
  1. No changes at this time
* Communications Day/Stir Ups/Better Batter Baking
  1. Tentative contest dates set for March 7 (Communications) and March 8 (Food Contests).
* Leadership Development Committee
  1. Adult Volunteer Training set for 11/16, ½ day. Possible topics include Volunteer Training Modules, Policy & Procedures session, other topics TBD.
* Indoor Fair Committee
  1. Exhibit building was full and looked great during fair. Area for improvement next year will be better logistics on check-in day.
* Horse Committee
  1. Next Meeting: September 24
* Market Livestock Committee
  1. Next meeting: October 28. Last meeting: August 5 - recap of fair, what worked (buyers’ hats, BBQ) and areas needing improvement (changes to age requirements for some animal projects)
* Gallatin 4-H Foundation
  1. Next Meeting: September 19. Items to discuss - other scholarships opportunities, grants for projects, expand scholarship requirements to include trade schools.

**Announcements:**

* Next meeting is **October 1, 2024** at the Gallatin County Extension Office @ 6:00pm.

**Adjournment:**

* Joey motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm. Randy seconds, motion passes.