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

**October 3, 2023 @ 6:00pm**

**Gallatin County Extension Office**

**Attendance: Molly Yurdana, Aaron Pruitt, Tamara Knappenberger, Toni Berger, Monika Johnson, guest-Scott Francis**

President Aaron Pruitt called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

Pledges

Roll Call Question: What project/event are you looking forward to in the upcoming 4-H year?

**Reading of Correspondence:**

* Early Reports/Guest Presentations: Scott Francis - Shooting Sports. Shared the history of the shooting sports practice locations. Prior to around 8-10 years ago 4-H shooting sports used range space provided by Yellowstone Gateway Sports in Four Corners. When the store closed 4-H partnered with GVSS in order to have a practice range. GVSS and 4-H have used several different ranges until they settled into a building in Belgrade about 4 years ago. GVSS holds the lease agreement with an option to buy the building at an already set price. 4-H pays half of the monthly rent amount to GVSS. 4-H uses the facility year round as a secure place to store shooting sports equipment, in addition to a practice range during 4-H shooting sports season (Dec-March and potentially into June for Nationals practice). Scott has an inventory of all 4-H shooting sports equipment. GVSS and 4-H have each received sizable grants. GVSS received a large grant to purchase electronic targets and 4-H receives grants to purchase expendables like paper targets, pellets, ammo and some range fees. 4-H collects $40 per shooting sports member per discipline. Other fundraisers conducted by 4-H shooting sports include a shoot a-thon, rifle raffle tickets and corporate sponsorships. State 4-H Shooting Sports pays 3-4 months towards the shooting sports venue rent in the form of a storage payment. Gallatin County 4-H air rifle and pistol project enrollment fees cover about 1 months rent, raffle tickets cover about 1 month rent. Scott is considering asking the other shooting sports disciplines to pool funds to help air rifle and pistol with rent, ULC has received a financial request for 2 months rent. Scott feels that fundraising will remain strong into the future. 4-H has a certificate of insurance on the venue from December-June covered by $1 million MSU Extension liability insurance. Scott will talk to Todd Kessler for clarification on COI if the project is paying for the venue. Sott will provide Molly with a copy of the shooting sports inventory.
* Extension Office Report (Molly):
  + 4-H enrollment opened 10/2, there are already 100 members enrolled and 20 volunteers.
  + 4-H will have a promotion booth at the winter farmers market on Saturday 10/7 in building #4 from 8-12.
  + National 4-H Week window displays are up at Rocky Mountain Supply, Murdoch's-Belgrade, ACE-Manhattan, Rockford Coffee. Prize money to be awarded - $100 1st place; $50 2nd place; $25 to each runner up.
  + State Fall Teen Leader Training registration closes 10/6. Financial requests will go to the Foundation.
  + Jared’s Keepers - not a good turn out but good information was presented on resources available in our community for suicide prevention and mental health.
* Financial Requests:
  + Aaron moved to approve a request for $800 for a senior 4-H member to attend National Congress, with funds coming from Member Development/National Events budget line. Monica seconded, motion passed.
  + Shelly made a motion to approve a financial request to fund two months shooting sports/air rifle & pistol venue rent for a total of $3600 at the 9/5 ULC meeting, tabled to the October meeting. Discussion was opened on the tabled motion. Monica moved to amend the original motion to approve the financial request in the amount of $3600 to be paid out of the ULC reserve account for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Aaron seconded. Vote on amendment passes. Discussion continued that a status update in May on the fundraising outcome would be nice to know and possibly adding this expense to the 2024-2025 budget. A vote was held on the main motion as amended, motion passed.

**Old Business:**

* ULC Newsletter Report - due by the 23rd. Due Oct 23 for the November Newsletter - Toni
* Awards Celebration - 10/1, 270 in attendance. Award recipients' attendance lower than expected. The final invoice for the Grantree has not been received.
* County-wide CPR Training - on hold until next month
* ULC Vacancies/Officers - Mollywill send a separate email to leaders to solicit interest in ULC open positions. Suggestions made to ask other club leaders, camp co-directors, shooting sports leaders

**New Business:**

* Manhattan CD matures 10/8/2023. Aaron moved that we do not renew the CD and instead withdraw the funds and hold them in the First Security Bank account for future investment when the FSB CD matures at the end of December. Monica seconds, motion passed.
* Goal setting - to be reviewed in the next month for discussion later
* Year Theme - ULC will vote in November on the 4-H theme to be used all year. Suggestions include - Growing Greatness, Branching Out, 4-H - a Field of Opportunity, Our Hearts Beat for 4-H, Flying to Success, Soaring to New Heights, 4-H Country
* New Family Information Night - 10/16 6:00 pm, have club and project leaders at the meeting to talk about their area.

**Committee Reports:**

* Budget Committee
  + Aaron moved to approve the 2023-2024 proposed budget, Toni seconds. Motion passes.
  + Aaron and Tamara will review 2022-2023 bookkeeping for the 1% tax.
* Fundraising Committee
  + Molly shared the idea of doing restaurant fundraising throughout the year, where 20% of the proceeds go to 4-H.
* Fair Concessions
  + No report
* Recognition and Record Books Committee
  1. No report
* Camp
  1. Camp will be held 8/10-8/14, one week later than last year. Counselor applications are due 11/1, and planning meetings will start in December.
* Policies & Procedures
  1. No report
* Communications Day/Stir-ups
  1. 2024 dates - Stir-ups/Better Batter Baking =2/10; Communication Day = 2/24
* Leadership Development Committee
  1. November Leadership Training either 11/4 or 11/18 9-12. Training will focus on volunteers
* Indoor Fair Committee
  1. No report
* Horse Committee
  1. Next Meeting: 10/23
* Market Livestock Committee
  1. Next meeting: 10/10. Livestock auction checks have gone out. Planning to possibly hold project work days at the fairgrounds before the fair.
* Gallatin 4-H Foundation
  1. Last meeting was held on 6/22, next meeting to be determined.

**Minutes/Financial Reports:**

* September Meeting minutes:
  + Monica moved to approve the Secretary Minutes from the September meeting, Aaron seconds and motion passed.
* 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)

**Announcements:**

* Next meeting is November 7, 2023at the Gallatin County Extension Office @ 6:00pm.

**Adjournment:**

* Monica motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm, Aaron seconds and the motion passed.