

4-H Livestock Committee
June 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Josh Stroh, Chairman, New Horizons	Emily Standley, Extension
Shannon Ruckman, Secretary, Lewistown Livewires	Pat Ward, Sunnyside Shiners
Dustin Reisig, Heart of the Snowies	Casey Willmore, Denton FFA
Matt Martin, Snowy Mountain Trailblazers	Jake Brown, Winifred Mustangs
Mardi Linhart, Christina Busy Bees	Shelly Brown, Winifred Mustangs
Mike Vanek, Christina Busy Bees	Lance Heggem, Winifred Mustangs
Jared Long, Fergus FFA	Jeremy England, Creative Critters

Chairman Josh called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes were handed out and read by members. Dustin moved to approve the minutes as read, Pat seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence.

Finance Report – The current balance in the checking account was \$36,235.59, and the restricted account balance was \$5,843.50.

Announcements:

1. Emily reminded members that late fair entries are due by June 15, and announced there would be a late TQA make up training at 9 a.m. on June 21 in the Extension office.
2. Mardi announced the Junior Beef Expo would begin Thursday, June 14, at Noon and continue through Saturday at the pavilion.

Old Business:

1. Wash racks update – Emily gave an update on the fair board's plans to update the wash racks including a tank to collect water from which they plan to irrigate the grass, a concrete walkway from the wash racks to the pavilion and plans to fix the inside pens.

New Business:

1. Leaders Council Decision – all changes to fair policy must be made before the Leaders' Council banquet in mid-November. This is the same for all 4-H committees.
2. Scale at the Fairgrounds – it has been certified for 2018 but not working right? Shannon explained why she thought it wasn't working after attempting to weigh pigs. Emily asked if someone could check it out. Jeremy said he would stop by and check it out on his way home.
3. Cross-entries of marking/breeding – Emily said committee members need to watch for this problem at the fair. Jennifer said it was a problem at the last fair. Replacement heifers are the only animal allowed to enter in both classes.
4. Ewe/Offspring class – Emily said it was suggested for next year's fair.
5. Livestock Showmanship – a countywide clinic. Jared said it would be a good idea to do a species-specific clinic that explains what is expected for each project, but should be done earlier in the spring, like in May, that it is too late to put one on now. Josh said he is working

- with the Show-Rite team to schedule a clinic, maybe in the same time frame as the Junior Beef Expo or in April or May.
6. Water Issues at the Pavilion – it was mentioned that the water spicket next to the door leaks the worst. Mike said he would mention it at the pavilion committee meeting.
 7. Superintendents support staff – Emily said she needs lists of clerks, junior superintendents, announcers and other support staff from the superintendents.
 8. Pen & Stall Reports – As of this meeting, there were 128 swine animals needing 81 pens, 108 beef animals needing 109 stalls, 20 goats needing 13 pens, and 40 sheep needing 23 pens.
 - a. The new pig pens will be done by July 1 and need a driver to pick them up.
 - b. There was some discussion about the size of plywood needed to put under the new pig pens, 4x8 sheet or bigger.
 - c. It was decided that there will be no signs allowed on the back of the pig pens, but club display banners would be allowed.
 - d. Mardi emphasized the need to explain to club members that herdsmanship does not mean decorated stalls, but clean animals, clean stalls and well cared for animals.
 9. Supplies – Emily asked what types of supplies we would need before the fair and noted we have a credit at Tractor Supply Company. Dustin said we would need more wood chips for the sale and show rings. Mardi suggested a portable horse box or horse trailer to store the sale ring and show ring chips in to prevent unauthorized use of them. Dustin asked that the wood chips used for stalls be delivered closer to the north side of the big door on the west side of the pavilion. Mardi said it would take a grain truck to make the delivery.
 10. Jada Hartman steer – Emily explained that Jada Hartman had requested to change steers to show at the fair because the first had broken its leg but she had another she had been caring for. The second one became crippled and the first one was doing better on its leg so the issue was resolved, she will show her first choice steer.
 11. Other fair business items discussed included adding scrapie tag reminders in the 4-H newsletter, discussion about getting a vet to preg test replacement heifers, getting a brand inspector, weights of sale animals, and having the fairgrounds staff leave the tie outs between the horse barns after the Junior Beef Expo.

Next meeting – The next meeting date was set for 5:30 p.m. on July 2. Shannon suggested inviting the pavilion committee members to attend the meeting to discuss fair preparations and pavilion improvements.

Adjournment – Jeremy moved to adjourn the meeting. Dustin seconded the motion; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Ruckman,
Committee Secretary