

4-H Livestock Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2018 Meeting

In attendance:

Emily Standly, MSU Extension Agent
Mardi Linhart, Christina Busy Bees
Anna Marie Mack, Big Sky
Ed Mack, Big Sky
Shannon Ruckman, Secretary, Lewistown Livewires

Dustin Reisig, Heart of the Snowies
Lance Heggem, Winifred Mustangs
Casey Willmore, Denton FFA
Josh Stroh, Chairman, New Horizons

Josh called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. The meeting was held in a basement meeting room of the Sheriff's Complex.

Minutes: Emily pointed out a correction for the time of the swine workshop to be Noon instead of 10 a.m. Dustin moved to approve the minutes with corrections; Casey seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

There was no correspondence.

Finance Report: As of April 16, 2018, the checking balance was \$36,235.59 and the restricted (awards) balance was \$5,843.50. It was noted that the committee had not yet been billed for the powder-coating of the panels. The panels will be done by June 1.

There were no announcements.

Old Business:

- a. Emily reported on the last Fair Board meeting. She said the Fair Board read Adana's letter asking for reconsideration of the Livestock Committee's ruling on consequence for removing beef animals early from last year's fair. Emily said the Fair Board members said this matter was not under their jurisdiction and support the 4-H decision.

New Business:

- a. Wash Racks – Emily said the Fair Board would like a detailed proposal for the wash rack improvements. Mardi suggested the committee keep the proposal simple because maintenance of a new facility might be an issue. The board also discussed insurance concerns, covered facilities vs open, the old proposal and doubling the size of the existing outdoor wash rack, adding a concrete pad, covering it and adding panels. Dustin suggested building a lean-to on the west end of the pavilion, splitting it between the doors with six pens on each side, covered with panels but no heat. There was discussion about getting two bids – one for an open facility and one for a closed facility. The board discussed 20-foot wide pens that would drain on both sides and adding lights if the facility was fully enclosed.
 - a. Bid 1 would include a fully enclosed facility with two banks of six 10-ft stalls on a 20-ft wide concrete and a water spicket for every two stalls.
 - b. Bid 2 would include an open lean-to with two banks of six 10-ft stalls on a 20-ft wide concrete pad and a water spicket for every two stalls.
 - c. The board discussed needing more information on the sewer system. Emily said she would get bids on both options and the committee's questions answered.

- b. Junior Superintendents – Berkley Stroh has requested to be a junior swine superintendent. Casey said Jada Goettlich is the junior sheep superintendent. There was no name for a junior beef superintendent.
- c. Leader’s Council Meeting – May 14 at 5:30 p.m. – will be talking about a more uniform system for making fair changes. Dustin suggested having two meetings where the first meeting proposes changes and the second meeting votes on the proposed changes.
- d. TQA workshops – Emily announced the TQA dates – May 7 at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m., May 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sheriff’s Complex. She said TQA is required every three years.
- e. Other business –
 - a. Emily reported that the Fair Board agreed to allow the large animals to release at Noon on Saturday of the fair.
 - b. Mardi announced a Quiet Techniques, Safe Handling clinic to be held in mid-June, she said it is cattle based but has good information for all livestock.

Date of Next Meeting – June 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment – Dustin moved to adjourn the meeting. Anna seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Ruckman,
Secretary