

## 4-H Livestock Committee Minutes-January 25, 2010

The Teton County 4-H Livestock Committee met January 25, 2010 at the Choteau library. Those in attendance were Nikki Ley, Dale Sand, Colton and Terry Stephens, Danelle Crary, Extension Agent Mark Major, and Extension Assistant Jamie Smith.

The meeting was called to order by President Nikki Ley. Terry moved and Dale seconded that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved as written. Motion carried. Terry gave the Treasurers report. \$1680.00 has been received for beef assessments. Expenses included \$938.13 that was paid to the Leader's Council for fair ads and the Chuckwagon dinner from the 2009 4-H Fair. \$1750.00 was paid to JT Electric for electricity in the hog barn expansion. The current balance is \$2696.32.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electricity in the hog barn expansion has been completed.

The construction of 6 holding pens for the pigs is still planned. Mark will contact Doug Ulsh to get measurements of the pens from the State Fair.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Colton Stephens and Mark Major are currently on the State Livestock Committee. Janae and Jayelyn Ruckman have been nominated. This committee sets guidelines for counties to use.

Cowboy Action Shooting will take place March 27 at 1:30pm at the SRR Range. A 4-H project club has been formed and is called the Sun River Rough Riders. They plan to shoot once a month from March until September. There is a Shooting Sports training for the rifle discipline on March 12 & 13 in Fairfield. This training is for leaders and junior leaders. The cost of the training is \$50 per person. Mark will check and see if the Leader's Council is still willing to pay for this training.

Rec Lab is scheduled for April 16-18 in Corvallis.

Livestock Quality Assurance meetings will be held April 6 in Fairfield in Mrs. Luoma's room and April 8 in Choteau in the Vo Ag room. Both sessions are 4:30-6:00pm. Members taking market projects are encouraged to attend every other year. Members are required to attend to be eligible for state carcass awards.

### WAIVERS AND APPEALS:

Discussion took place regarding the ownership or possession of breeding livestock. The question arose if it was possible for a 4-H member to take a breeding project to fair with the breeder retaining ownership. The committee decided that a member must be officially enrolled in the project by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The animal must also be in the possession of the member taking the project by this date and the member must feed, house, and care for the animal for the duration of the project.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Mark has followed up with market beef members who have not turned in all paperwork for the project. The final deadline is January 29. Following discussion regarding dates and late fees, it was moved by Terry to make the photo deadline the same as the paperwork and possession deadline. Colton seconded. The motion passed. April 16<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for swine and sheep. All paperwork, including the photo, is due on this date. Colton moved to drop the photo late fee for this year forward for all species. Terry seconded. Motion passed. The late fee for beef members who have not yet turned in their photos will be waived as long as all other paperwork is in place by January 29.

Colton plans to continue having beef meetings. The next one will be in February.

Terry and Mark have researched the Leader's Council involvement with protection of a market animal from sale to slaughter. It was discovered in the Nov. 16, 2004 Council minutes that the Council has \$2500 earmarked for this purpose and will continue to offer this should an animal perish between the sale and harvest.

### NEW BUSINESS:

The 2010 4-H fair is scheduled for June 21-26.

The Carcass Judging and Carcass Event will take place at similar times as last year. Potential carcass judges are Wade Crouch, Joe Broester, and Randy Bogden. Mark will look into this further. Members must attend one of these events in order to receive carcass awards.

Fair set-up will take place at 6 p.m. on June 21 at the Weatherbeater.

Review the Fair Book and let the Extension office know of any changes within the next 2 weeks. Fair packets will be available mid-March online or a paper copy by special request.

The judge for the market animals will be Nico Cantoloupo from Fallon County. Mark will look into judges for rabbits, goats, cats, and poultry. If you know of anyone, please contact Mark.

All members are expected to read the dress code policy and follow it. Dress code signs will be placed at all species areas at the fair as reminders.

Mark will contact potential superintendents for the fair. Doug Ulsh and Chuck Stephens are possible beef superintendents, R.T. and Susan Snyder for sheep, and Scott Gasvoda, Nikki, and Dale Sand for swine.

Dale is planning to do an ultrasound demonstration at the fair.

Pen assignments were discussed. It was decided by Mark that all animals shall receive pen assignments by their respective superintendents. This will alleviate any posturing by 4-H members and will create more equity.

The next meeting will be **March 23, 2010** at the Choteau library.

Meeting was adjourned.