

## Livestock Committee Minutes-March 12, 2009

The Teton County 4-H Livestock Committee met March 12, 2009 at the Choteau library. Those in attendance were Barb Bouma, Danelle Crary, Doug Ulsh, Krista Briscoe, Terry Stephens, Colton Stephens, Extension Agent Mark Major, and Extension office assistant Jamie Smith.

Doug called the meeting to order.

Terry moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Krista 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Terry gave the treasurer's report. Income included \$580.00 in late beef assessment fees, \$1424.00 refund from Grammie B's for an over charge from the 2008 Chuckwagon dinner. Expenses included \$15.00 for meeting room rental. The current balance is \$5225.23. Colton moved to accept the treasurer's report. Krista 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Keith Giles of the Capital Improvements committee has offered to conduct a pig weight guessing contest to raise money to have the electricity extended into the multi-purpose building. Mark will check with Jane on how to set this up so that it is 4-H friendly!

The Chuckwagon dinner committee has met with representatives with the Spring Creek and Eager Eagles clubs. The dinner will continue to be the same format as it has been previously. A caterer will be hired to take care of the meat. Krista moved to have the Livestock committee pay half of the Chuckwagon dinner total cost. Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. Mark will put ads in the paper for a caterer.

Colton gave a report on the State Livestock Committee that he and Mark attended in Billings on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Numerous announcements were made of upcoming meetings and deadlines. Watch the newsletter for events that are pertinent to you and your family.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Crossroads Meats at Shelby will be handling the market animals again this

year. They have recommended that swine ship Sunday night and the steers and lambs ship Monday. The Livestock committee agreed to the recommended schedule. Swine will ship Sunday, June 28 at 6:00pm. Steers and lambs will ship Monday, June 29 at 8:00am. Chuck Stephens will contact Brad Hodgskiss about trucking the animals.

Mark gave a report on fair judges. Jared Long will be judging beef, swine, sheep, and goats. Mark will have Jared send a pre-clinic letter describing what he will be looking for. Tina Loch is checking into a dog judge. Mark will contact Dusti Hicks about a cat and rabbit judge. Mark will also check with Jared about judging alpacas.

Current livestock enrollment includes 39 market beef, 12 beef breeding, 58 market swine, 10 market sheep, and 4 sheep breeding. There 12 members with duplicate animals. Total sale animals are 103 expected in 2009 vs. 112 in 2008.

The fair schedule is new and improved so look it over carefully!

### NEW BUSINESS:

With the current state of the economy, the livestock sale may be impacted. Marketing of sale animals will be critical this year. All members are encouraged to focus on marketing. Mark will put something about this in the newsletter.

The loan with the Weatherbeater is due prior to the 2009 fair. Krista moved to pay the loan to the Weatherbeater for \$1180.95. Colton 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Terry and Doug will be in charge of the Round Robin. Potential judges include the Lee family and Rocky Forseth.

Three swine superintendents are still needed. One for the pre-show/setup, one for during the swine

show, and one for the end of the show to the sale. Nikki Ley has offered to cover from the show to the sale. Mark will contact Scott Gasvoda, Chris Ostberg, Scott Hayes and Jackie Jacobsen to fill the other two spots.

Pen assignments will be made for the swine. Lambs will be put in the pig barn.

Doug is negotiating getting the swine holding pens from the state fair and will be in charge of picking those up.

These meetings will be from 4:30-6:00 PM. The horse quality assurance will occur at the conclusion of each of these trainings at approximately 6-6:30 PM.

Doug will schedule getting the scale from Western Ranch.

Mark will arrange getting approximately 140 bags of bedding chips for the fair.

Carcass judging will take place July 2<sup>nd</sup>. 4-H members are encouraged to attend the judging at 2:30pm at Crossroads Meats. Animals to be taken to other facilities after the judging are encouraged to be moved by July 3<sup>rd</sup> and at the very latest, July 6. The Carcass event will take place July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in Choteau. In order to receive a carcass award, the 4-H member must attend at least one of these events.

Policy committee will be Terry, Danelle, Mark, and Susan Rice. Grievance committee will be Don Willekes, Doug, Colton, and Jane Wolery. These committees consist of an Extension Agent, 2 adults, and 1 youth. After the meeting, Mark checked in the Fair Book and another adult leader was required for the Policy Committee. Nikki Ley has agreed to serve on that committee.

The next Livestock committee meeting will be **May 14 at 7:00pm at the Choteau library.**