

Teton County 4-H Horse Committee Minutes _____

The Teton County 4-H Horse Committee met October 28, 2010 at the Sheriff's office. Those in attendance were Barb Bouma, Danelle Crary, and Extension Agent Mark Major. Barb called the meeting to order.

The treasurer's report finds a balance of \$666.15 with a \$20 deposit to be added to the account. The books have been audited for 2010.

REPORTS:

Mark reported that the August meeting had been cancelled, yet Tammy Townsend did not get the message and attended. Mark and Tammy discussed what went well and what to improve on at the 4-H Horse Show. Discussion items included simplifying the score sheets as this year's show was very long for the number of participants and it appeared that the sheets were a bit cumbersome for the judge, trail class inside versus outside, and the requirement of approved helmets for English and gymkhana events.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark and Barb introduced the Utah Ranch Horse Pilot Project. Danelle and Barb will review the book and discuss the project at the January meeting. This project would essentially allow a horse member to take ranch horse without having reached Level 3 as is our county's current rule.

There continues to be interest in the Horseless Horse project. Tammy and Barb are working on adapting the Level 1-3 Horse book for the Horseless project so that members in this project can participate in work meetings.

Barb will look into a possible field trip to learn about Dan Wirth's blacksmithing. This would likely occur at Indian Hammer Vet Clinic.

A horse judge for 2011 will be discussed at the January meeting. Barb will bring a list of judges.

The Montana 4-H Horse and Livestock Forum is January 28-30 in Helena. Mark will forward the schedule to the horse leaders. Barb and Cody Sorensen will be teaching an assessment training workshop at the forum.

The next meeting will take place **January 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Teton County Sherriff's Department.**

Teton County 4-H Livestock Committee Minutes _____

The Teton County 4-H Livestock Committee met 10/28/10 at 7:00 pm at the Sheriff's office. The meeting was called to order by President Nikki Ley. In attendance were Danelle Crary, Barb Bouma, Nikki Ley, Terry Stephens, Krista Briscoe and Extension Agent Mark Major. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report finds a balance of \$875.47. Terry continues to receive power bills from the hog barn even though Mark reported that he had it turned off.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no nominations for Vice President and Treasurer. Krista and Terry will continue these positions for two more years.

OLD BUSINESS:

Improvements for 2011 were discussed. Terry moved to improve the wash rack at the Weatherbeater by adding tie rings and looking into expanding the size of the wash rack. Barb seconded. Motion passed. A committee consisting of Mark, Terry, Danelle, and Chottie will have a report at the January meeting.

Judges for the 2011 fair will be finalized in January.

The animal insurance that is available to cover the loss of an animal from it's arrival at the fair until slaughter was once again discussed. This matter died due to lack of a motion.

Terry will check with Walco on their donation of market animal tags.

The inclusion of a small animal Round Robin was discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

Dale Sand is willing to do an ultrasound demonstration again at next year's fair. Krista will check with him and a possible schedule. It might be possible to allow 4-H members to have their animal ultra-sounded for carcass quality.

The 2010 Fair comments were reviewed as well as fundraiser ideas to hold at the next fair such as an Old Goat Showmanship or Kiss a Pig contest. Further discussion will take place at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2011 fair will be held June 21-26, 2011.

Possession date for beef is January 7 and pigs and lambs is April 15. Picture and all paperwork is also due by these dates.

The Livestock Agreement Letter was reviewed.

The State Livestock Forum is January 28-30 in Helena.

Colton Stephens will be available over Christmas break to help members with beef projects.

The next meeting will be **January 27 at the Sheriff's Office.**