

## Teton County 4-H Livestock Committee Minutes-October 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Ulsh. Members present were Doug, Cody & Trey Ulsh, Nikki Ley, Terry Stephens, Barb Bouma and Extension Agent Mark Major. Wyatt Ulsh was also present. Nikki moved and Barb seconded that we approve the minutes. Terry reported that the Treasurer's books have been audited and approved by the Extension Office. There was no activity in the account and the balance remained at \$3704.45. Barb moved and Nikki seconded that we approve the Treasurer's Report.

Nikki was selected as the new President by proclamation, and Danelle Cray will remain the Secretary for another term. We need to appoint a new Capital Improvements committee, but with there being very few members present, it was decided to table this for another meeting.

### **Announcements**

There will be a shooting sports training in Kalispell on Dec. 4-5. Interested leaders can certify to lead shooting sports areas. The cowboy action shooters will meet on October 24. Mark has written 2 grants for funding for this project.

### **Old Business**

Mark had invited Cindy Peltzer to talk about an alpaca project, but she wasn't at the meeting. This will be tabled.

Improvements for 2010- Mark received an estimate for extending the electricity in the pig barn,

putting 5 outlets under the J Channel in the new addition, 2 on the north side of the barn, 2 on the west side and 2 where the scale sits. Gerald Torgerson was contacted because he has traditionally done all the wiring at the Weatherbeater. He gave a estimate of \$1750. Doug moved and Cody seconded that we accept the bid and have him get started so the project can be completed before January. Motion passed.

Nikki will contact someone about welding holding pens for the pigs during the show, so we won't have to borrow the pens from State Fair.

Market Animal Judge- Terry suggested Nico Cantalupo from Fallon County. Mark will contact him and, if he isn't available, Mark and Terry will look for someone else. Another name suggested was Mike Twillmann of Columbia Falls.

The changes with the fair schedule seemed to go very well. There was one concern about having to remove the food from the kitchen in the Weatherbeater because of the open day between the horse show and hog show, but otherwise it went great.

The issue of having insurance on the animals between the sale and the time they are supposed to be killed at the packing house was discussed. The insurance would only pay the market value of an animal, and since there is a big gap between market value and

what the members receive it was decided that it really wasn't worth it.

There was discussion about whether the members back tags at the fair should match their animal ear tag. Because this could cause a ripple effect of extra effort and or potential errors when changes are made, the matter died for lack of motion.

Terry will get the ear tags for the animals from Walco again, as they donate the 4-H tags.

### **New Business**

The Fair dates are June 21-26. Prairie Stars & Eager Beavers are in charge of Weatherbeater concessions; Challenging Champs & Golden Prairie have the Chuckwagon dinner; Eager Eagles & Old Agency have Pavilion Set-up; Spring Creek & Teton Wranglers have Pavilion Clean-up.

The livestock agreement letter was handed out for review. Some considerations for next year would be limiting the number of people in the pig barn during the show to members who are showing, and posting signs prominently about the dress code. Colton will probably be starting his beef club again in January for any members who are interested.

The next meeting will be on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the Choteau Library.

Barb moved and Cody seconded that the meeting be adjourned.