

Valley County 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting  
October 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Carla Tihista at 7pm in the committee room of the courthouse. People in attendance were Roubie Younkin, Carla Tihista, Chris Carter, Dora-Jean Beil, Justin Fuhrmann, Jeff Sather, Jodi Dix, Christine Remmich, Grace Pankratz. The treasure's report and minutes were read and approved.

**RECAP OF FAIR 2009**

We discussed appreciation gifts for the auctioneers and Linda Lacock. It was decided to give Linda \$50 in chambers bucks and to give the auctioneers travel mugs. Jeff S. made motion and Grace Pankratz second. Motion passed.

The memorial fund took in \$4908.25 at the 2009 sale. The balance in the fund is \$2508.25 right now. Will add the 2009 sale amount to the CD at Independence Bank and renew for another year. Jeff S. made motion and Grace P second it. Motion passes. We still need to pay for the rent on the tent, cost \$100.00.

Chris Carter talked about concerns with the rabbit judge at the fair. We will try to make sure we get a qualified judge for next year.

Roubie talked about being able to use the show arena for kids to walk their steers in before the show. We will need to change the rule to allow kids to use the show arena to get there steers familiar with it. We also need to state that the arena is NOT to be used for feeding, grooming, or tying them inside the arena. It was also discussed that we need to cover the remaining \$50 for the show arena.

For carcass evaluation we need to use the state guidelines. If Steer Merit is a tie, then go to price/cwt. If that is a tie then go to cut ability to get your ranking. Jeff S made the motion and Dora-Jean B second it. Motion passes.

Election of officers for the 2009-2010 year were held. The officers are as follows: President~Carla Tihista, Vice-President~Jeff Sather, Secretary~Christine Remmich, Treasurer~Kurt Voss. Justin F made the motion to elect these officers, Dora-Jean B second it. Motion passes.

We decided to keep the same Livestock Superintendents as last year. Beef~Justin F & Jeff S Horse~Jodi D & Jillian See Swine~Bruce Glennie & Kurt Voss Rabbit/Poultry~Jessie Shanklin Cat~Shirley Siefert Dog~Renae Shipp Sheep~Carla T & Grace P. We need to pay the leader membership dues for the superintendents that are not affiliated with a club. Grace P made the motion, Dora-Jean B second it. Motion passes. The 2010 fair date is August 7<sup>th</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Montana State 4-H is requiring all leaders and volunteers to have a background check done. Valley County 4-H Council has agreed to pay the \$12 fee.

4-H animal & horse permission forms need to be filled out for ALL animal projects. Helmets are required for all speed and English events. All other events are optional. We reviewed the age requirements for fair and need to match them to the State age requirement rules. Kurt V made the motion, Justin F second it. Motion passes. We decided to include breeding beef and dairy to the prejunior showmanship. Grace P made the motion, Jeff S second it. Motion passes.

Market Beef tagging date is set for December 13, 2009 @ 1pm in Hinsdale and 3pm in Glasgow.

### **2009-2010 LIVESTOCK BUDGET**

We need to ask 4-H Council to pay for NILE trip. We also need to ask the fair board about fixing the exhaust fan in the beef barn. We could possibly find grants to apply for. We will submit our budget to the 4-H Council.

### **2010 FAIR**

Fair book changes need to be in by February. Jodi Dix has a few changes for the horse judging.

- A) ALL classes count for high point individual~includes hunter hack, costume, etc.
- B) Yearlings will show at lunge line, trail, and halter
- C) Top of class is 10 points and will ONLY be given if there is completion in that class. Blue 8 points, Red 5 points, White 3 points

Justin F made a motion to accept the changes for the horse show. Jeff S second it. Motion passes.

Carla T was wondering about adding an egg judging contest or doing a workshop about judging eggs. We will discuss more at the next meeting.

Discussion about when to shear sheep. Shearing at tagging is the rule now. Some people would like to wait until fair to shear. Was decided to leave as is.

Rate of Gain contest was discussed. It was decided that a member may have only one animal per project in the rate of gain contest. Exhibiting the animal at fair is NOT a requirement for the rate of gain. Grace P made the motion, Dora-Jean B second. Motion passes.

### **NEXT MEETING**

January 21, 2010 @ 6pm