

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Leader's Council

Meeting Minutes October 10, 2018 5:30 PM @ BHB

Club Name	Member Name	Voting	Club Name	Member Name	Voting
Big Sky 4-H	David Hamilton	No	Farm Kids	Emily Beveridge	No
Big Sky 4-H	Josie Hamilton	Yes	Farm Kids	Greg Beveridge	No
Big Sky 4-H	Jenne Caudle	No	Farm Kids	Lloyd Tangen	Yes
Big Sky 4-H	Karyn Hamilton	No	Foundation	Jay Bodner	No
Big Sky 4-H	Sean Maharg	No	Golden Livestock	Denice Harris	No
Birdseye Hi Altitude	Avory Gardipee-Ferron	No	Golden Livestock	Olivia Harris	Yes
Birdseye Hi Altitude	Brendon Brewer	Yes	Golden Livestock	Becky deMontigny	No
Birdseye Hi Altitude	Chad O'Shea	No	Kountry Bumpkins	Dora Lindner	No
Birdseye Hi Altitude	Randi O'Shea	No	Kountry Bumpkins	Laurie Sullivan	No
Birdseye Hi Altitude	Rylie Gardipee-Ferron	No	Kountry Bumpkins	William Sullivan	Yes
Birdseye Outs & Abouts	Michelle Gransberry	Yes	Last Chance Livestock	Carmen Diehl	Yes
Canyon Creek Stock	Andrea Corbally	No	Montana City Mavericks	Michelle Ostberg	Yes
Canyon Creek Stock	Cash Corbally	No	Silver Spurs	Dawn Schneider	Yes
Canyon Creek Stock	Katie Grady Selby	No	Sleeping Giants	Kathy Swanson	Yes
Canyon Creek Stock	Lisa Grady	Yes	Sweet Clovers	Casey Peck	Yes
Extension	Kara Tangedal	Joined via phone	Treaters & Feeders	Daisy Feight	Yes
Farm Kids	Bonnie Jones	No	Treaters & Feeders	Lisa Miller	No
Farm Kids	Casey Jones	No	Wild Roses	CJ Lassila	Yes

Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Recommendation
Call to Order / Pledges	David called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. Becky deMontigny led the pledges.	
Minute Approval	The minutes from the September meeting were approved.	Bill Sullivan made the motion to approve the minutes as they stand. Michelle Ostberg seconded the motion. Discussion was requested three times. The motion was unanimously approved.
Treasurer's Report	Michelle gave the treasurer's report. There is \$5,024.68 in Council and \$39,057.78 in Livestock. Reminder that checks are now void after 90 days per the note on the checks. This is so we are no longer carrying old checks on the books. Please remind members to cash their checks. If they want to keep the check, please bring it to the treasurer	

	to be voided. If a member lost a check, please let the treasurer know so that the check may be voided and a new one issued.	
Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor • Indoor • Ambassadors • Foundation • Extension Office Report • District 6 • Clubs • Other 	<p>Extension Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kara joined us by phone from an extension agent conference in Ohio. She did not have any updates for the meeting. <p>Outdoor Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Committee held their meeting on Monday the 8th. • Elections took place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dairy Superintendent – Daisy Feight ○ Horse Co-Superintendents – Peggy Bartmess and Jennifer Scoles ○ Swine Superintendent – James Schneider ○ Beef Superintendent – Casey Jones ○ Poultry Co-Superintendents – Lexi Edwards and C.J. Lassila ○ Overall Co-Superintendents – David Hamilton and Sean Maharg <p>Indoor Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dora reported on Indoor Committee as the outgoing Overall Superintendent. • The last meeting was a review of fair. • County Events are also in the process of being scheduled. • Elections were held <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overall Superintendent will be Michelle Ostberg ○ Cloverbud and Exploring Nature Superintendent positions are open. <p>Ambassadors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. <p>Foundation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jay Bodner, President of the 4-H Foundation, reported. • There will not be a Dream Big Raffle this year. They are looking at other options for fundraising. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rebate checks to the clubs should be cut soon from this past raffle. • There is a community member position open on the Foundation board. • Scholarships are being closely looked at. • Annual Meeting will be held on Oct. 30th at 5:30 PM above the Extension Office. All 4-H members are welcome. <p>Clubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No update. 	

	<p>Building Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively engaged with the fair board discussing BHB expansion options. Potentially may expand the BHB to connect to the Multi-Purpose building. There is quite a bit of infrastructure that needs to be upgraded and we could split some of the cost. Scott Cromwell is reworking the design of the building. The footprint will still have to be approved by the county commissioners. 	
<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other 	<p>Operational Guildelines Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft is almost complete. Kara has some updates she would like made. <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-H Open House is October 14th at the BHB. Each club should have representation. Projects should also have representation. 	
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<p>Statement Read by David Hamilton:</p> <p>Before we jump in to the business of tonight’s meeting, I want to first remind everyone what 4-H is about and why we are here.</p> <p>In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.</p> <p>4-H provides a unique and effective model for youth to lead hands-on projects to build confidence, independence, resilience and compassion. The goal is to make sure every 4-H member becomes a true leader - someone with confidence, who works well with others, endures challenges, and gets the job done.</p> <p>Notice the model or goal of 4-H does not mention a livestock sale or a ribbon. Nor is it about the adults. Adult volunteers and mentors simply provide a positive environment for youth to become true leaders.</p> <p>After the outdoor meeting Monday night (for those of you who did not attend, the atmosphere was anything but positive), I asked a few junior superintendents why they did not speak up and if they had, what they would have said. Here are a few of the answers I received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The adults were ridiculous. It would have been a better meeting if all the adults left the room and the kids decided on superintendents. Everyone says 4-H is about the kids, but when kids give their opinion they are always afraid it will make one of the adults mad. Why speak up when you are immediately attacked? I would just be wasting my breath. It’s the adults who set the tone of meetings and the fair, not the kids. 	

Someone said all 4-H kids used to hang out during the fair and have fun. That doesn't happen anymore because the adults don't encourage it and are fighting.

As we begin a new year, we all, myself included, need to look in the mirror and ask ourselves if we are upholding the standards of behavior that we all agreed to when we signed the 4-H Volunteer Agreement. One of those standards is to work cooperatively with youth, families, volunteers, the Extension Service and others in a courteous, respectful manner demonstrating behavior appropriate for a positive role model for youth.

I am sure you all would agree respect and cooperation are behaviors our country is struggling with at this very moment. We have an opportunity to change the future by modeling positive behavior for the 4H youth right here in Lewis and Clark county.

It starts here, and it starts now.

Elections:

- President: David Hamilton
- Treasurer: Erin Weisgerber
- Foundation Rep: Casey Peck
- 2 Youth Members: Becky deMontigny & Josie Hamilton
- There was a discussion about interpretation of the bylaws and that someone must win by 2/3rds of the vote. There was a motion made to amend the bylaws that was later withdrawn to vote by simple majority except in the case of bylaw changes. This is something that would also affect Foundation since Council falls underneath them. Article 2 section 2 will need to be revisited.
- Casey Peck was a write-in for Foundation Rep. She would like to do this provided Foundation doesn't schedule meetings for the one night each month that she is unable to attend. Jay was in agreement. She was voted in unanimously.
- Dora was recognized for the years she has served as Overall Indoor Chair. She is still going to assist Michelle Ostberg as needed.
- See chart below for count of votes by position:

Position	Name	Count of Votes
President	Chad O'Shea	4
President	David Hamilton	10
Treasurer	Erin Weisgerber	14
Foundation Rep – Write-in	Casey Peck	1

Avory Gardipee-Ferron made a motion to approve the youth reps by simple majority. Brendon Brewer seconded the motion. Discussion was called for three times. The vote was approved unanimously.

Casey Peck was voted in unanimously as the write-in for Foundation Rep.

Michelle Ostberg made a motion to remove herself as check signatory and add Erin Weisgerber on the signature card. Dawn Schneider seconded the motion. Discussion was called for 3 times. The motion was passed unanimously.

Youth Rep	Avory Gardipee-Ferron	4
Youth Rep	Becky deMontigny	9
Youth Rep	Brendon Brewer	3
Youth Rep	Joleahanne Parker	0
Youth Rep	Josie Hamilton	6
Youth Rep	Olivia Harris	4
Youth Rep	Rylie Gardipee-Ferron	2

Confirmation of Outdoor and Indoor Overall Chairpersons:

- Outdoor Overall Co-Chairs: David Hamilton and Sean Maharg
- Indoor Overall Co-Chairs: Michelle Ostberg
- See chart below for count of votes:

Position	Name	Confirm	Not Confirm
Outdoor Overall Chair	David Hamilton / Sean Maharg	12	2
Indoor Overall Chair	Michelle Ostberg	14	0

Background Check for New Volunteers:

- Emily Beveridge made a motion to pay for background checks on new volunteers for up to \$500. Josie Hamilton seconded the motion. There was a bit of discussion about only doing this for independent leaders, but the motion was not amended. Discussion was called for 3 times. The motion was passed unanimously.

Review and Approve Council Budget:

- Michelle Ostberg added the \$500 for background checks into the budget.
- Michelle went over the budget on the projector.
- Dawn Schneider made a motion to approve the budget with the addition of the background check funds for new volunteers. Olivia Harris seconded the motion. Discussion was called for three times. The budget was passed unanimously.

Other:

- Items to be discussed as we move forward:
 - Article 2 section 2 of the bylaws regarding 2/3 vote vs. simple majority
 - Making sure kids are more actively involved in voting
 - Term limits on Superintendents – example serve for 3 years, then be voted on again with the possibility to continue on to another term.
 - Require that an Overall Superintendent have been a project superintendent in the respective area (Outdoor vs. Indoor) prior

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	<p>to becoming overall superintendent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consistent voting rules across committees (clubs vs Superintendents) ● Superintendent Workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ October 17th 5:30 – 7:30 PM ○ October 29th 5:30 – 7:30 PM ○ November 4th 5:00 – 7:00 PM ○ November 8th 5:30 – 7:30 PM ○ Please make sure superintendents and junior superintendents sign up for the same workshop. 	
<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indoor Meeting – October 15th – Extension Office 5:30 ● Foundation Regular Meeting – Annual Meeting October 30th 5:30 Extension Office ● Outdoor Meeting – November 12th / Extension Office at 5:30 ● Awards Night – October 28th / BHB 5:00 ● Council Meeting – November 14th / BHB 5:30 ● 4-H Open House – October 14th. Clubs should be represented. 	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.</p>	