

4-H Outdoor Committee Meeting- Minutes

April 7, 2025

BHB @ 5:00

Minutes from February: *Stand as approved.*

Superintendent Reports:

- Beef – *Add a weigh in yesterday with 13 kids that showed and only 2 were under 1,000 pounds.*
- Dairy – *N/A*
- Dog – *DIY dog marketing event went very well and had foundation members be the judges. Finished the CCC testing and obedience training in March. We had three workshops with grooming contact trainers and slip leads. Started showmanship and sending contracts for judges. Agility will be moving outside starting in May. Parents are setting up the drill team.*
- Goat – *Will hopefully send the newsletter by Saturday.*
- Herdsmanship – *N/A*
- Horse – *Kids went and branded and vaccinated 261 calves at Troys for a workshop. Will be practicing showmanship coming up. Casey Jones did a workshop on brand inspections and bill of sale for the workshop this month.*
- Livestock Judging – *The last livestock judging contest for the season is April 12th in Missoula. I judging team member will be attending.*
- Poultry – *Had a workshop last Friday night and the next workshop is May 16th. Kids are prepping birds to make sure they are healthy for fair.*
- Rabbit – *Had 1 more kid show up so have about 28 or 29 kids enrolled and will start practicing showmanship.*
- Round Robin – *Contracts have been sent out.*
- Sale – *Look at trying to put the buyers on a screen or white sheet for everyone to display who bought what animal.*
- Sheep – *April 21st is possession, April 25th forms are due, and May 4th is tagging from 1-2 pm with goats before sheep.*
- Swine – *Last workshop is April 13th on showmanship. Needs to talk about what to do next year with how many pigs are entered.*
- Extension Report – *Alyssa introduced herself. Everyone is happy she is here to help! She attended rec lab. Alyssa is looking into a grant to assist with building the pig barn addition we would like. Alyssa is looking at something for volunteer month this month.*

Old Business:

- *Livestock Raffle- Money and items are still coming in.*
- *Livestock Fees for enrollment- This passed anonymously by all clubs at the March council meeting. Council fees will go up to \$10 per a specie for 2026.*
- *Update on workshops- All workshops are going good.*
- *Update exhibitor fair book- Dave and Emily have been working on this and will be posting soon to the website. Alyssa will check with Emily about fair entry access and to make sure all numbers and fair entry is good to open up on June 1st.*
- *Vet Checks- Jana talked to Travis and Bridger Vet is on board. Jana will take care of all things for Travis.*

- Processors E-mail- *Katie will send the e-mail to all processors on May 1st. They will have until June 1st to respond or they will not be a processor at our fair this year. All were in favor of this change. Aaron will be processing everything including sheep and goats this year.*

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New Business:

- Marketing to areas around Helena- *Katie checked into doing some marketing to additional zip codes and an income of \$150,000 or more. It would be roughly \$1500 for a 5/7 post card. Everyone was in favor of helping the kids reach more potential buyers. **Melissa made a motion to spend up to \$1500 for these post cards, Lisa 2nd the motion. All were in favor.** Katie will meet with Alpha graphics on Friday to discuss.*
- Other- *Pig numbers will need to be discussed for next year. Some ideas brought up were first come first serve with payment. All kids must do an indoor project to take an animal. If taking an animal must attend 1 or 2 county events. Limiting to 120 pigs, 40 sheep, 60 beef, 15 goats, 30 chickens. If you don't do an indoor project the current year for fair then wont be eligible for taking a market animal the following year.*

Announcements:

- Outdoor Meeting May 5th / 5:00 @ BHB
- Council Meeting April 9th / 5:00 @ BHB
- Others