

4-H Outdoor Committee Meeting- Minutes

November 3rd, 2025

BHB @ 5:00

Attendance: Dave Hamilton, CJ Lassila, Katie Grady-Selby, Lisa Grady, Brandon & Brandi Dearing, Jana Gruber, Michelle & Matt Eckhart, Karyn Hamilton, Laure, Shae, & Bill Sullivan, Beckie Graham, Alyssa Schmidt, Emily Gulick, Melissa Velin. Teresa Converse-Lane

Minutes from October: *Stand corrected with Karyns name spelled correctly.*

Superintendent Reports:

- *Beef – Held first meeting October 19th with 29 kids. We have 68 steers and 22 breeding beef signed up. Chute is back by the scale house. Zsuites activity is required if enrolled in a market project. Matt asked about books and Dave explained it's up to the project sup.*
- *Dairy – Workshop will be held on November 16th on feeds.*
- *Dog – Dog is full with 56 dogs. Not taking any more kids and had 1st workshop with approx. 99% attendance and 77 people. Training for the new year with the next workshop on December 13th.*
- *Goat – Have 10 market, 7 dairy, 2 breeding, and 2 pack goats signed up. 17 total enrolled. Workshop is November 16th on feeds.*
- *Herdsmanship – N/A*
- *Horse – Had 1st workshop last night with more kids than ever. Lots of kids haven't paid and need to get things submitted. Belt Buckles have been sent to Jana to order and will need judges' contract for fair judges.*
- *Livestock Judging – 12 youth signed up with 10 paid. 5 kids attended the NILE, and all placed very well. Tyler LaChere did great, and no one could commit to the MSU days. Mark King from Sweet Grass will be here December 3rd and some plan on attending the Maggie Show in Great Falls in January.*
- *Poultry – Have meeting Friday December 12th. Currently 32 kids have signed up. Book is required for poultry.*
- *Rabbit – 29 kids are signed up and workshop is November 16th on feeds.*
- *Round Robin – N/A*
- *Sheep – 42 kids are signed up and workshop is November 16th on feeds. Parents have been thankful about making workshops on same dates.*
- *Swine – Have 12 breeding and 132 pigs. Workshop is November 16th on feeds.*
- *Extension Report – Ayla is going to nationals for dog. Enrollment is up this year already. Alyssa interviewed 3 candidates and 1 has very good references. Alyssa will report once hired. Kids are asking about books and they are referred to MSU or project sups. QA dates are being worked and will know at the next meeting. 12 people are going to the youth teen leaders. Alyssa explained if you don't have newsletter articles in by the due date they will wait until the following month.*

Old Business:

- *Augusta Workshop- Place holder to discuss after the turn of the year.*
- *QA Dates- Alyssa is working on this and will have dates at the next meeting.*
- *Tracking Spreadsheet- Tracking sheet was sent out to all supts.*
- *Letters- Raffle, Tent, Save the Date Post Cards- Place holder.*

- Time Changes for Book- *Place holder. Will send to all sups to return changes by March.*
<https://www.lccountymt.gov/files/assets/county/v/1/msu-extension/documents/4-h/events/fair/2025/2025-4-h-exhibitors-handbook-final.pdf>
- Panel Update- *Brandon updated everyone that all the steel has been ordered and stored at the school. Work on the panels will begin around thanksgiving.*

New Business:

- Website/Calendar Updates- *Katie gave a printout of all project pages. Sups mocked up and will send to Lexi to make changes on the website. Alyssa updated calendar and should all be updated and live.*
- Signs Update- *Gerald LaChere came and presented a quote to have signs made for fair. The quote was roughly \$1900 and will come back in February with designs and updated quotes.*
- Skip December Meeting- *Everyone agreed to skip the December meeting and will meeting again in January 5th.*

Announcements:

- Outdoor Meeting January 5th / 5:00 @ BHB
- Council Meeting November 12th / 5:30 @ BHB
- Others