

LEWIS AND CLARK 4-H FOUNDATION

Meeting Minutes, August 15, 2021

Bill Hamilton Building, 4:30 p.m.

Attendees: Zoe Schneider, Bev Schneider, Janet Cerovski, Lisa DeWitt, Joe Munis, Lindsey Volpe, Kathryn Dunkelberger, Michelle Eckhart

The meeting was called to order by president Joe Munis at 4:30 p.m.

Janet Cerovski moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Bev Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Janet Cerovski presented the Treasurer's Report. There was not a lot of change since the last report; income from the facemask fundraiser went up, as Kountry Bumpkins brought in \$740. No expenses came in. Upcoming expenses will include costs for sponsorship signs in the BSB (7@ \$35 ea.). The only other thing outstanding is Alayna Patten's scholarship (\$500) which has not been requested yet, nor has she requested her Wacker scholarship. Janet has been working to clear up the checks received from Blue Cross/Blue Shield through their CyberGrant program. Several of these have been written out to the Montana 4-H Foundation, which would mean the state foundation so these will need to be reissued. Janet noted that Last Chance Livestock who uses the BHB for its meeting has not yet donated for a sign so Janet will tell/ask for \$300 for sign.

Michelle Eckhart presented the Council report. The last Council meeting focused on fair preparations. Michelle noted that no Senior recognition occurred at the fair this year, likely due to lack of an organizer. After discussions on how this could be remedied in the future, and how the Foundation could assist in this, it was agreed that the Foundation should send appreciation letters to all graduating Senior members. Lisa DeWitt will take care of this task.

Zoe Schneider suggested that to help recognize seniors, during the livestock sale, reserve spots in each breed for seniors – like maybe after grand and reserve. After discussion, the group agreed that this is a good idea and encourage Zoe to bring it up to the livestock and sales committees.

Fair Report - Janet Cerovski reported that the livestock auction was a record-setting auction - \$600K plus – and that the indoor auction went really well too. All reported that the advertising done prior to the fair was really good, and that the dog drill team was exceptional.

Old Business

Facemask fundraising - Janet Cerovski moved that, in light of the new facemask mandates coming out, the Foundation continue facemask sales, dropping the cost each to \$5. Bev Schneider seconded this motion, which passed unanimously. Lisa DeWitt agreed to put a writeup together for the newsletter, and to check on the supply at the Extension Office. According to our records and the deposits made, The top three selling clubs for this fundraiser were Kountry Bumpkins (\$740); Gold Nuggets (\$652); and Silver Spurs (\$520). These clubs will receive incentive checks in the amounts of \$200, \$150, and \$100 respectively.

Fishing Derby – Joe Munis reported that this will likely be down to 2 due to fishing restrictions. Will be hard to set dates due to current hoot owl restrictions, and it is hard to predict how the rest of the

season will go. When we go to do this, someone should go on coffee break (Guy Rainville and a couple of kids, perhaps) to advertise. We are still on track, though, to have a derby, perhaps the 3rd week in September and 2nd week in October.

New Business

Michelle Eckhart noted that she received information from Matt stating that the MT 4-H Foundation is hosting a networking session and would like to have 20-25 current 4-Hers/alumni attend to talk about 4-H experience. No specific dates have yet been set, but the event will be held in Helena. Once lined up, then further information will be coming. Contact Matt in the Extension Office if interested.

Nominations – The Foundation will soon need to have elections, and it appears that there will be one opening for a 4-H Leader. Lisa DeWitt will draft an announcement for the 4-H newsletter.

General discussion was held about the next meeting date. Since weekends are difficult, the meetings will be changed to the 3rd Thursday of each month. As there is no 4-H Extension Agent, the Extension Office is not available for meetings after hours. With that, the group decided to meeting in the Lewis and Clark Library until such time that shooting sports is done and the BHB is open on Thursday evenings.

The next Foundation meeting will be on September 16, at 6:00 p.m., at the Lewis and Clark Library. The main topic of the meeting will to be set goals for the coming year.

Lisa DeWitt, Secretary