

# Lewis and Clark County 4-H Leader's Council

## Meeting Minutes September 8, 2021

### 6:00 PM @ BHB

<b>Voting Members by Club</b>			
<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Member Name</b>
Augusta Livestock		Last Chance Livestock	Michelle King
Baxendale Beavers		Montana City Mavericks	Michelle Ostberg
Big Sky 4-H	David Hamilton	Red Mountain	
Birdseye Hi Altitude	Randi O'Shea	Silver Creek Stock	Becky Rouns
Birdseye Outs & Abouts		Silver Spurs	Kristy Brown
Bits and Bridles		Sleeping Giants	Isaiah Isaakson
Canyon Creek Stock	Katie Grady	Sweet Clovers	Michelle Eckhart
Farm Kids	Larry St. Clair	Treaters and Feeders	
Gold Nuggets		Wild Roses	C.J. Lassila
Golden Livestock		Worth Yer While	Trudy Moffett
Kountry Bumpkins	Luke Duran	406	

<b>Non-Voting Members by Club</b>			
<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Member Name</b>
Big Sky 4-H	Jenne Caudle		
Big Sky 4-H	James Schneider		
Canyon Creek Stock	Lisa Grady		
Extension Office	Lexi Foust	Sweet Clovers	Erin Weisgerber
Extension Office	Mat Peterson-Walter	Worth Yer While	Hadassaa Moffett
Independent	Laurie Sullivan		

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Motion/Recommendation</b>
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<b>Call to Order/Pledges</b>	James Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Pledges were said as a group.	
<b>Minute Approval</b>	The minutes from the July meeting were approved.	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balance – \$ 17,490.76 with \$3,700 in outstanding checks</li> </ul> <p>Livestock:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balance – \$ 18,431.50 with \$472,000 in outstanding checks</li> </ul> <p>Approaching end of fiscal year please get all check requests in by Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> so that checks are cut prior to Oct. Please deposit checks that have been cut.</p>	
<b>Committee Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Extension Office</b></li> <li>• <b>Outdoor</b></li> <li>• <b>Indoor</b></li> <li>• <b>Youth Council/Ambassadors</b></li> <li>• <b>Foundation</b></li> <li>• <b>Clubs</b></li> <li>• <b>Building Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Awards Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Nominations Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>	<p>Extension Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New year packets after council meeting for club leaders.</li> <li>• Checks still in the office for livestock and indoor. Cash for premium money in club packets</li> <li>• New 4-H year starts in Oct.</li> <li>• Still need nominations for superintendents and council positions. In need of many project superintendents. <a href="https://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/adult-resources/learn-about-volunteering.html">https://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/adult-resources/learn-about-volunteering.html</a></li> <li>• Fall leadership training cannot register until 10/1 and must register by 10/13.</li> <li>• Ron Schatz and Canyon Creek Livestock awards generally have few applicants. Please talk to club members about these. <a href="https://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/member-resources/guides-and-forms/scholarships-and-awards.html">https://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/member-resources/guides-and-forms/scholarships-and-awards.html</a></li> <li>• 4-H award applications due last business day in Sept.</li> <li>• Window display contest forms and photos due Oct. 4. Submit via email with pics for Lexi to add to social media</li> <li>• Hay bale contest forms are in leader packets.</li> </ul> <p>Outdoor Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting next week. Separate sales meeting will be held later. Meeting with buyers and discussion of processing.</li> <li>• Looking for project superintendents</li> </ul> <p>Indoor Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met for fair review. Working on compiling results.</li> <li>• Working on budget at the next meeting.</li> <li>• Lots of volunteer positions open, about 50% open.</li> <li>• Sept 20 at 5:30 will be the next meeting then will change meeting dates due to building use conflict</li> </ul> <p>Youth Council/Ambassadors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need a youth council sponsor to facilitate meetings</li> <li>• Junior superintendents need to sign up between Oct - Dec</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awards night 11/7</li> </ul> <p>Foundation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met August 15</li> <li>• Discussed fair feedback</li> <li>• Senior recognition needs some help per discussion at the meeting. Maybe allow seniors to sell their livestock first. Indoor seniors may not have been represented. Public disappointment about animals being gone Saturday night. Maybe get the word out that animals will leave if continue to load out on Saturday night. Maybe a sign for the public warning about animals.</li> <li>• Masks for sale \$5 each. Fundraising winners have been determined. Country Bumpkins, Golden Nuggets and Silver Spurs won.</li> <li>• Potential fundraisers still in the works.</li> <li>• Sept. 16 6:00 at Library for next meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Clubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New club in Lincoln, Red Mountain. Please try to schedule some of the project meetings via TEAMS so the outlying members are able to attend.</li> </ul> <p>Building Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signup to keep the building clean. <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c44aaa82fa2fb6-bhbcleaning">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c44aaa82fa2fb6-bhbcleaning</a></li> <li>• Livestock wash rack water was still running.</li> <li>• Padded chairs stay around the tables. Chairs with hard seats are to stay on racks. If needed put away on racks when done.</li> </ul> <p>Awards Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct. 5 the awards committee will be meeting.</li> <li>• Apps are due the last day of Sept.</li> </ul> <p>Record Books Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Books due Sept 13 to club leaders.</li> </ul> <p>Nominations Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council positions are still open.</li> </ul> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fair Review</b></li> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>	<p>Fair Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall the fair went very well. Few disappointed individuals. Indoor displays well attended as well as outdoor.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety issues in barns.</li> <li>• Timing issues on scheduling. Photograph timing was an issue</li> <li>• Dog schedule worked well with other projects</li> <li>• Senior rabbit showman that also did beef there was a conflict, so swapped class order</li> <li>• Rabbit agility competed with indoor auction</li> <li>• Kudos to the extension office and indoor sup to the indoor flow and setup</li> <li>• Indoor layout was really good as well as judging</li> <li>• Indoor numbers were way down. About the same amount of exhibits, but fewer exhibitors.</li> <li>• Some people mentioned the fair entry fees were too much. Other parents heard some grumbling but it didn't keep them from participating.</li> <li>• Some people had an issue with the fair timing thinking it was the week before</li> <li>• Next Year's Livestock sale is 7/30/2022</li> <li>• Setup the kids really helped. Many were very willing to help throughout fair. If you ask, they will usually help. Getting the kids involved was really productive. The more they help, the more interested they are in the process. Brought the kids together.</li> <li>• Kudos to Matt for really stepping up to help out at a difficult time. Lexi also really stepped up. Matt said the volunteers really step up to help out.</li> <li>• Nice to see judges from state level coming to the county.</li> </ul> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	
<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nominations</b></li> <li>• <b>Open House</b></li> <li>• <b>Club Packets</b></li> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>	<p>Nominations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominations were taken from the floor. Need any additional nominations by Oct. 6</li> <li>• Vice President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jenne Caudle</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Michelle Eckhart</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Junior Rep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Abigail Gruber</li> <li>○ Rebecca Gruber</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Overall Outdoor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ David Hamilton</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Open House:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct. 10 live open house at BHB 1:00-3:00</li> <li>• Looking for clubs and project leaders to be available to talk to families about 4-H</li> <li>• There will be an AKC event the same day at the multi-purpose building</li> <li>• Luke will design a poster. Maybe add the poster to window displays</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Window displays Oct 3-9</li> <li>• Maybe see if there is a volunteer that is willing to coordinate open house this year and subsequent years</li> <li>• Ambassadors have been tasked with going to speak to every club. Luke will ask them to outreach to volunteers about open house coordinator and project superintendent.</li> </ul> <p>Club Packets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After meeting</li> <li>• Encourage club members to go online to review the monthly newsletter. Number 1 source of information.</li> </ul> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fair checks cannot be handed out until the majority of the money has been received. The buyers have 30 days to pay invoices. Third week in August might be reasonable expectation to start writing checks. The emails and phone calls to the extension office are taking time away from other tasks that still need to be completed. Concerns about graduating seniors needing the money for college. Issues with waiting on pictures. Pictures and checks should go out together in an ideal situation. Need some expectation management. This will have further discussion. People also need to cash the checks in a reasonable amount of time. Other fairs mail the checks 30-60 days later. Information from the checks and premium money needs to go in record books.</li> </ul>	
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Council – Sept. 19 – BHB 3:00 pm</li> <li>• Indoor Meeting – Sept. 20 – BHB 5:30 pm</li> <li>• Foundation Meeting – Sept. 16 – Library 6:00 pm</li> <li>• Outdoor Meeting – Sept. 13 – BHB 5:30 pm</li> <li>• Council Meeting – Oct. 8 – BHB 6:00 pm</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.	