

Meeting Minutes November 8, 2023
6:00 PM @ BHB

| Voting Members by Club | | | |
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| Club Name | Member Name | Club Name | Member Name |
| Augusta Livestock | Proxy | Prickly Pear 4-H | Luke Duran |
| Big Sky 4-H | Madi Caudle | Red Mountain | |
| Birdseye Hi Altitude | | Silver Creek Stock | |
| Bits and Bridles | | Silver Spurs | Kristy Brown |
| Canyon Creek Stock | Lisa Grady | Sleeping Giants | Michelle Eckhart |
| Farm Kids | Larry St Clair | Sweet Clovers | Erin Weisgerber |
| Gold Nuggets | Jana Gruber | Wild Roses | Artis Rice |
| Golden Livestock | | Worth Yer While | |
| Last Chance Livestock | JoEllen Wood | 406 | |
| Montana City Mavericks | Michelle Ostberg | | |

| Non-Voting Members by Club | | | |
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| Club Name | Member Name | Club Name | Member Name |
| Big Sky 4-H | Karyn Hamilton | Gold Nuggets | |
| Big Sky 4-H | David Hamilton | Last Chance Livestock | Beau Wood |
| Big Sky 4-H | Jenne Caudle | Independent | Laurie Sullivan |
| Big Sky 4-H | | Independent | Bill Sullivan |
| Canyon Creek Stock | Tanner Selby | Sleeping Giants | |
| Canyon Creek Stock | Katie Grady | Sleeping Giants | |
| Canyon Creek Stock | Lisa Grady | Sleeping Giants | |
| Extension | Emily Scruggs | Farm Kids | Val St Clair |
| Extension | Mat Walters | Canyon Creek Stock | Melissa Velin |
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| Agenda Item | Discussion | Motion/Recommendation |
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| Call to Order/Pledges | Bill Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. Pledges were led by Tanner Selby. | |
| Minute Approval | Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The October minutes were reviewed. | Madi moved to approve the minutes. Michelle Eckhart seconded. Unanimously approved. |
| Treasurer's Report | Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance – \$ 39,859.20(Checking account balance) Livestock: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance – \$ 45,096.98 (Checking account balance) About 4,000 to be transferred from Council to Livestock when reviewing accounts. Not much in outstanding checks. | |
| Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension Office Outdoor Indoor Youth Council/Ambassadors Foundation Clubs Building Committee Awards Committee Nominations Committee Other | Extension Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder to have families sign up as volunteers if they are taking on responsibilities. Reminder for 30 days to pay once enrollment has started. 18 families attended the new family orientation. Club leader workshop held and there is a survey that Emily asks all club leaders to complete. Need more chaperones for events. Must be a registered volunteer. Outdoor Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set all tagging dates for livestock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beef Jan 7 10-12 BHB Swine April 21 9-11 BHB Sheep/Goat May 5 goat 12:30 sheep 1:00 BHB Potential vet checks prior to fair Project emails moving via email. If not getting emails, make sure to contact extension. Project workshop requirements – what counts for the 2 workshops, must pick species, up to superintendents if scale time counts as a workshop, QA workshop will not count as one since it is already a requirement. No outdoor meeting in Dec. Indoor Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project superintendents need to get inventories in Setting up time in spring to clean out all the storage. Maybe in May. Will set a date soon. Youth Council/Ambassadors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elections held Talked about awards – banners, buckles Fair Theme chosen Fall into Leadership Training | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Fall Leadership Training in Billings <p>Foundation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short meeting • Looking for another community member • Sponsorship letters going out to the community • Liked the food fundraisers that were held. Made about \$1,400 from the three nights. Katie Grady is willing to work with Emily to get one set up every month. • Wants to coordinate fundraising between Foundation and Council • Water Fountain has been ordered <p>Clubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canyon Creek Livestock wrote a check for \$2,000 for camp. Also looking at purchasing panels. Spaghetti Dinner will be Feb. 3 at the Community Center. <p>Building Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacing the drinking fountain • Getting a quote to change out the lights on the west end. • Looking at a Big Ass fan for the west side to move air. • Looking at east side to potentially change out to more efficient lighting. Looking at a fan on this side too. • Looking at an overhang and new fence on the north side of the building. Would be able to securely store panels and leave room for workshops in the west end. • Building is completely rekeyed. All side doors are exit only. West end and east end are separate keys. Rollup and upstairs door have padlocks. Procedures of key checkout will be sent out via email. <p>Awards Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Went to youth council to talk about awards • Looking at new banners and buckles <p>Record Books Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p>Nominations Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p>Other: N/A</p> | |
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| <p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections |
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| <p>Elections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Youth Rep |
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| <p>Michelle Ostberg made a motion to</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New 4-H Year • Awards Night • Buyer TY • Fair Theme • Other | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Zoe Schneider • Treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vacant • Indoor Overall Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vacant • Extension Agent Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quickbooks ○ Stockman <p>New 4-H Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Proposal Beef Mandatory Check: Beef kids will need to attend one of the two mandatory dates for kids to show that they can control their animal. This will happen approximately two weeks before fair for that member to bring their market and breeding stock to fair. <p>Awards Night Trunk or Treat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge turnout. Ran out of tables and chairs. • Emily's email encouraged people to attend. • Ambassadors ran it well. Jokes were a hit. • Trunk or treat was a success. <p>Buyer Thank You Letters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation that in order to pick up a sale check, youth must bring their thank you note to the office, stamped, addressed and unsealed. The note needs to be legible. Additional thank you notes would be available in the office for add-ons that members may not know ahead of time. • This would apply to outdoor and indoor auctions. • Another county assigns vendor thank you letters (auctioneer, tents, container, etc.) to clubs. • Buyer gratitude wall is a suggestion. <p>Fair Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H: Building Success <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A | <p>confirm Zoe as the Foundation Youth Rep. Jana Gruber seconded. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Treasurer position is open. Eran Saunders has stepped down. Jenne Caudle and Jana Gruber are filling in for right now. Erin is assisting with desk level procedures. Right now a new treasurer is not being sought as kinks are worked out.</p> <p>Indoor Overall Chair is vacant as Eran Saunders has stepped down. Karyn Hamilton moved to confirm JoEllen Wood as the Overall Indoor Chair. Madi seconded. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>Michelle Ostberg moved to add the Extension Agent, Emily Scruggs to the bank account and signatory card and to remove the individual that has resigned, Eran Saunders. Also to add Extension Agent, Emily Scruggs, to have access to Quickbooks. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>Policy Proposal Beef Mandatory Check. Motion passes (10,2)</p> <p>Erin Weisgerber made a motion that youth will need to furnish a legible thank you(s) written out to their buyers to the extension office prior to receipt of auction check. The letter must be stamped, addressed, and unsealed. The extension office has final say and may ask for a rewrite of a thank you letter before check is issued. Jana Gruber seconded. Unanimously passed.</p> |
| <p>New Business</p> | <p>Indoor Display:</p> | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Display • Budget • Other | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BHB or Exhibit Hall • Exhibit hall is air conditioned. Food lasts longer, more foot traffic. Livestock educational would remain in the BHB. This could open the BHB for 4-H use during fair. Could potentially do an indoor silent auction fundraiser and maybe do a silent auction for the 4-H indoor instead of a live auction. <p>Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council would need to cover about \$3,000 more than what the income was. • Outdoor projects except horse and dog will be under Livestock rather than Council • Recommendation is to not go to Foundation for funds this year. <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A | <p>The BHB or Exhibit Hall decision is tabled for the indoor committee to decide and return to council with a decision.</p> <p>Madi made a motion to approve the budget. Jana seconded. Unanimously passed.</p> |
| <p>Announcements</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Council – Nov. 19 – Life Covenant • Indoor Meeting – Nov. 15 – BHB 5:30 pm • Foundation Meeting – Dec. 6 – BHB 5:30 pm • Outdoor Meeting – Jan. 8 – BHB 5:30 pm • Council Meeting – Dec. 13 – BHB 6:00 pm • Awards Committee – TBD | |
| <p>Adjourn</p> | <p>Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.</p> | <p>Jana moved to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Ostberg seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.</p> |
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