

**Meeting Minutes September 13, 2023**  
**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	Bobbi Steiner	Prickly Pear 4-H	
Big Sky 4-H	Karyn Hamilton	Red Mountain	
Birdseye Hi Altitude		Silver Creek Stock	Becky Rouns
Bits and Bridles		Silver Spurs	Kristy Brown
Canyon Creek Stock		Sleeping Giants	Julie Petree
Farm Kids		Sweet Clovers	Erin Weisgerber
Gold Nuggets	Jana Gruber	Wild Roses	
Golden Livestock		Worth Yer While	
Last Chance Livestock	JoEllen Wood	406	Jessica Bushnell
Montana City Mavericks	Michelle Ostberg		

<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	Eran Saunders		
Big Sky 4-H	Aubrey Saunders		
Canyon Creek Stock	Tanner Grady		
Canyon Creek Stock	Katie Grady		
Independent	Bill Sullivan		
Sleeping Giants	Michelle Eckhart		
Extension	Emily Scruggs		
Extension	Lexi Foust		

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Motion/Recommendation</b>
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<b>Call to Order/Pledges</b>	Bill Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pledges were led by Tanner Grady.	
<b>Minute Approval</b>	The minutes from the June meeting were approved.	Michelle Ostberg moved to approve the minutes. Jana Gruber seconded. Unanimously approved.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balance – \$48,000 approx. (Checking account balance)</li> </ul> <p>Livestock:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balance – \$149,000 approx. (Checking account balance)</li> </ul>	
<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</b></li> <li>• <b>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>• Club Profiles email to Emily or write it out and give it back to her.</li> <li>• Open House – a couple of clubs have signed up. Would like clubs that are accepting new members.</li> <li>• New workshops coming soon –Plans to do a series starting with a Club Leader Workshop on 10/19 at 6 p.m.</li> <li>• Talking about fundraising and activities.</li> <li>• If you plan on a cap for your club, it needs to be represented in your bylaws.</li> <li>• If you are having any leadership changes in the club, please let Emily know.</li> <li>• Opportunity for club members 14+ to go to Fall Leadership training if any members are interested. It's about \$180 10/20-10/22. Members can sign up now and will roll over once you re-enroll. The last enrollment is on the 6th.</li> <li>• Club Awards – thank you for the checklist, will do away with it next year since it doesn't seem to be helpful. If you want to compete for a club award, submit it by 9/30. Next year, we will use another way that doesn't use that checklist. Feel free to submit ideas to the office.</li> <li>• Remind youth that awards and scholarship applications are due next week. There have been no applications for several.</li> <li>• Volunteer award nominations are due at the end of the month as well.</li> <li>• New 4-H year starts on 10/1. Please don't enroll before that.</li> <li>• Open House is Oct 8 from 1-3pm</li> <li>• New Family Orientation 10/12 at 6pm BHB &amp; 11/4 @9am Ext Office</li> </ul> <p>Outdoor Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good meeting last week. Talked about after-action review about fair and sale. Good laundry list; minutes will be published. Will start working toward making some changes as they move into the new year. Will start with Beef, looking at doing some things a bit differently. Then swine and sheep and goats after.</li> <li>• Have some superintendent vacancies, but there are nominees.</li> <li>• At the Oct 2nd meeting every club gets 1 vote at the outdoor meeting.</li> <li>• Daisy Feight for Dairy</li> </ul>	

- Karyn Hamilton for Goat
- Becky Graham for Horse for 1 more year
- CJ Lassila and Lexie Edwards Poultry
- Michelle Eckhart for Rabbit
- Swine Katy Grady and Brandon Dearing as Co Chairs, or Jamie Bright and Rob Pentecost. Still able to nominate from the floor.
- Closure of barn, allowing traffic in and out of the barn was discussed.
- A lot of discussion about operations and timing.
- Also talked about the sale – the add-ons, will make some changes there.
- Looking at the lunch, consider doing a breakfast or dinner after the sale, etc.
- Passed a rule change that will be brought up later in new business.
- Decisions are made at the outdoor meeting, if you want a voice, you need to be there. It is open. All who want to participate are encouraged to attend.
- One change was made – the outdoor chair used to be a co-chair, now it will be a single chair, David, in another year or two, will be up for election.

Indoor Committee:

- Meeting next Wednesday

Youth Council/Ambassadors:

- Meeting for Ambassadors this Sunday; Youth council, send reps to the meetings; every club should send representatives.

Foundation:

- Met last Wednesday, reviewed fair, reviewed sponsorship letter to come out in November, tossed around fundraising ideas for tent or other things. Building committee request- what can the foundation help with? What can the foundation sponsor or support? Requesting input from us.

Clubs:

- N/A

Building Committee:

- Meeting right after this. A couple of things possibly in the works, Fairgrounds is looking at proposing a large project to include a new sports center, exhibit hall, arena, with that, we have been asked to participate with our building development plans. If they get a MIL Levy, we may be able to participate.
- Potentially looking at extending the roof north to enclose the grass on that side. To be used at fair, could potentially store items in the off-season.

Awards Committee:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet 10/2 right before outdoor.</li> </ul> <p>Record Books Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee will meet – Bill will put out a time and date later. Will look at the requirements for record book fair entry and finalize it for Fair book by January.</li> </ul> <p>Nominations Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The positions that are open this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vice President (Jana Gruber),</li> <li>○ Secretary (Jenne Caudle),</li> <li>○ Youth Rep x2 (Rebecca Gruber &amp; Madi Caudle),</li> <li>○ Foundation Rep (Michelle Eckhart)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Will be voting in Oct. Each club gets 1 vote.</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</b></li> <li>• <b>Concessions</b></li> <li>• <b>Camp</b></li> <li>• <b>Nominations</b></li> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>	<p>Fair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No issues with camping spots.</li> <li>• Fair Reports – question about concessions – Sale (outdoor) overall was positive, the tents are good. A few grumbles about the injured pig getting sold, may not have looked good. Kids being able to control their animals in the sale ring. Some parents were cleaning without kids present, some pigs had no water.</li> </ul> <p>Concessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report given with final numbers. Discussion about what we can do for other fundraising.</li> </ul> <p>Camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming was fun. Bus was long and hot. Went well, 13 camp counselors, transition was good. Almost 60 campers went. Was a lot of fun.</li> </ul> <p>Nominations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See above in committee reports</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>National 4-H Week</b></li> <li>• <b>New 4-H Year</b></li> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>	<p>National 4-H Week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct. 1st-7th, Taco Johns to do a 4-H Spirit Night on the Thursday of National 4-H week to do a fundraiser. 50% profit. – was mentioned that we should start with different options. Emily will work on contacting businesses and setting them up. Another idea is to have a family fun night at the BHB, games and stuff if people are interested.</li> </ul>	

	<p>New 4-H Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New 4-H Year Enrollment Packets – Lexie is passing out. Sign up post cards, letter to everyone, club info sheet, all due by last business day in Oct. the sooner we can get the details, the sooner the website will get updated. Needs Sept. bank statement &amp; 1% fee, needs to be submitted too. Building use form. Visual arts fees \$10, Welding \$65, window display contest, enrollment sheets, club handbook, family handbook. Premium money from anyone who didn't pick it up.</li> <li>• Proposal for mandatory workshops coming from Outdoor. Redefining what is required of market kids, and market at fair. Motion and rule change – In the outdoor proposal, each member must attend 2 workshops per the market area to enter the animal at fair. So for every species will be 2 required. A workshop is an educational exercise led by a project sup. It will be up to the sup to determine specifics of the workshop. That means that every project must have workshops. Every livestock sup, market, will be affected. Beef, Swine, Goat, Sheep, Rabbit, poultry. There must be enough workshops for each project, for each kid to have at least 2. The weigh ins would count. An overall outdoor workshop would count for all species. There will be ample opportunities for kids to participate. Those project workshops will be enough from when it starts to June 15th, when fair entry ends. Can be held before animals in hand. Passed unanimously by outdoor sups, there will be no wiggle room. This will be a positive change for fair.</li> <li>• Policy Proposal -Rental/Lease of Bill Hamilton Building and 4-H Equipment by outside entities (see handout for specifics).</li> </ul> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	<p>The proposal was read and will be sent out to clubs to vote on at the Oct. Council meeting.</p> <p>The proposal was read and will be sent out to clubs to vote on at the Oct. Council meeting.</p>
<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Council – Oct. 15 – Life Covenant</li> <li>• Indoor Meeting – Sept. 20 – BHB 5:30 pm</li> <li>• Foundation Meeting – Oct. 4 – Lewis and Clark Library 5:30 pm</li> <li>• Outdoor Meeting –Oct. 2 – BHB 5:30 pm</li> <li>• Council Meeting – Oct. 11 – BHB 6:00 pm</li> <li>• Awards Committee – October 2 – Extension 3:30 pm</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.</p>	<p>Aubrey Saunders moved to adjourn the meeting. Jana Gruber seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.</p>