

**LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 8, 2023, 5:00 P.M., BILL HAMILTON BUILDING**

Karyn Hamilton, Luke Duran, Janet Cerovski, Joe Munis, Lisa DeWitt, Patricia (Trish) Williams, Kathryn Dunkleberger, Michelle Eckhart, Erin Weisgerber

The meeting was called to order by President, Joe Munis.

Note – need to send minutes since last may to Lexi; also to Luke

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Trish Williams noted that Erin Weisgerber’s name was incorrectly spelled in the previous minutes. Karyn Hamilton moved that the minutes, with the name corrected, be approved. Luke Duran seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Janet Cerovski reported that the Foundation’s ending bank account balance is \$66,373.46, with an available balance of \$51,863.05.

Janet reported that \$10,102 have been received from the sponsor letters, and an additional \$2,100 was received today to deposit, and she has been contacted by two other sponsors wanting to donate \$500.

Postcards (75) were mailed out as reminders to sponsors from whom we have not yet received a response.

As approved in the previous meeting \$5,000 has been transferred to the 4-H Council budget.

Janet has contacted the State Foundation office regarding our request for a report on the investment account.

Joe Munis reported that he was contacted by Capital Sports who would like to do something a bit different above a single sponsorship. Joe will meet with them and discuss how this can be done, and report back to the Foundation.

Amazon is getting ready to close the AmazonSmile account. It was not bringing in enough money/business.

**Director Nominations for Community Member**

Karyn Hamilton nominated Patricia (Trish) Williams nominated to fill the Board opening for Community Member. This nomination was unanimously accepted.

**Council Report**

Michelle Eckhart reported on the January 11, 2023, Council meeting. The major topic at the meeting was the exhibitor handbook changes. The group went through the rules to revise, modify, and/or update language, including how youth members get help for animal shows. Recordbooks will no longer be

required to be checked prior to fair entries. A new fair entry class was created for recordbooks for review and award. The theme for the fair will be “Red, White and Blue Where Dreams Come True.”

#### **Accountant for Foundation and for the 4-H Council**

No volunteers have yet been found to act as account for the Foundation and the 4-H Council.

#### **Montana Shares/Sponsor Report**

Additional sources of fundraising were discussed:

Montana Shares was tabled until next year. Michelle Eckhart is trying to track where her donation through Montana Shares went.

Greater Helena Gives – Kathryn Dunkleberger will pursue how this works.

Target Circle. With the loss of AmazonSmiles, Kathryn Dunkleberger will work to get the Foundation included as an organization that can be contributed to through purchases at Target.

Sponsorship forms. Janet Cerovski requested that the Foundation update the sponsorship forms in June or July.

#### **Website input for January and February – Luke Duran**

The Foundation will work with Luke Duran to put meeting minutes, a list of board members, and a list of sponsors on the Foundation website.

#### **Sponsorship of tents at the Fair**

Lisa moved that the Foundation contribute \$1,000 as a sponsor for the rental of tents at the Fair. Joe Munis seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **Revisions to the Foundation By-Laws – tabled until the next (March) meeting.**

#### **Scholarship Committee formation**

Scholarship application needs to be updated. Janet Cerovski volunteered to revise the form and distribute the revision for comment and approval, and then will ensure that the application form is available for use. Janet Cerovski moved that the number of scholarships from the Foundation be changed to three in the amount of \$1,000 each, and the application deadline be changed to May 1. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

#### **DONATION**

Luke Duran presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 from the Kountry Bumpkins 4-H Club. This club has changed its name to “Prickly Pear 4-H Club.”

Received \$1,000 from the Kountry Bumpkins 4-H Club. Name changed to Prickly Pear 4-H Club

Secretary

Lisa DeWitt

