



## Asotin County 4-H Leader's Council Agenda



**November 14, 2022 in Boyd Hall**

**Call to Order 6:30 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance & 4-H Pledge**

**Reading of Mission Statement**

**Reading or disposition of minutes and correspondence.** Minutes passed unanimously.

**Announcements & Special Guests:**

Keegan Heath went to the American Royal Livestock Judging Event with Kati Brown (unavailable due to a basketball event). Keegan came to send thanks from he and Kati for the Leader's Council support. He reported that it was a great experience as he felt he grew as a competitor as they do things very differently in other states. He competed in numerous categories including steers heifers, lambs steers, and swine. He competed in 10 classes of judging, 6 with reasons.

Other states put a lot in their livestock judging They had the highest quality of animals that Cami Brown had ever seen. He did another round of all of this on-line as well. "It's really fun and will take some time. Might be overwhelmed but it's totally worth it!!" There are lots of great opportunities including \$1000 scholarships. Top teams were offered international scholarships to compete. Blazers ties etc. were the attire.

Mark added that the 22-23 state competition will be held in June at the Grant county fairgrounds in Moses Lake and that there are also great prizes at the state level.

**Reports of Officers**

**Treasurer's Report:** None at this time

**WSU Extension**

- 4-H Enrollment is open through November 15, 2022 for participation in the 2023 Asotin County Fair. Cloverbuds 5-7 years old, Juniors 8-10 years old, Intermediates 11-13 years old, and Seniors 14 to less than 19

years old. Age is as of Oct 1, 2022. \$35 enrollment fee, scholarships are available. Tomorrow is the cut off date.

- Request for 4-H Enrollment Scholarships and AVISTA funding. Mark mentioned that there are some scholarships available and we have some money from Avista from 2021 and that would be a great expenditure of funds.
- Givepulse. One mentioned that she hasn't gotten anything so Janine will be making sure that everyone is getting the information.
- Asotin County Spooner Family Endowment Grant Application for Clubs. Charlene and Linda Bailey worked for the College of Ag and created an endowment with about 4% of interest annually. One of the things they would like to do is to offer a 'mini-grant' for club projects etc. There is an application that will be sent out. The family wants to be directly involved in the process. They are looking at a deadline of Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **Farm Service Agency Youth Loan Program-** contact Ransom Sapperlee at the Spokane FSA office for additional information. For families that need it – well utilized in Grant County – if a family needs some extra support such as feed, price of animal, etc., they provide low interest rates and possible building of credit for youth.
- **Will send application to everyone**

**Fair Board update-** Nicole Triplett : The Fair Board just finished up with their fundraiser and thanked Leaders Council for their basket donation They have a couple of things still out, but this one is the best one they've had yet! They announced Kenzie Smith as the 2022/23 Queen who is finishing up responsibilities with the LC Saddle Club and will fulfil her duties at the end of the month.

Nicole also emphasized that the fundraiser isn't just for the rodeo as it supports the fair as well. They allocate entertainment and grounds care etc. They really appreciate all who attended it to make it such a success.

**Wreaths Across America takes place Dec 17<sup>th</sup>.** Nicole also reported that they have some youth from their 4-h group that is going and put wreaths on veteran's grave sites at Vineland Cemetery. They put out a guestimated 1200 wreathes last year. Please contact Nicole for more information.

**Standing Committees:** No reports available

## Old Business:

- Livestock Judges for the 2023 Asotin County Fair:
  - Sheep and goat judge last year was Alyx Cory and Andy Barth was suggested as a back-up.
    - Cami made a motion that Alyx be first choice and that Andy be second for judge. Motion passed unanimously
  - Swine- Lisa Baser judged in 2021. Andy Barth was suggested as a back-up.
    - Cami moved that Lisa Baser be first choice and Andy be second. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Beef- Need new judge. Nick Nelson Judged in 2019 (pre-COVID). Blake Foraker, new WSU Meats Specialist was discussed and is also hosting a meats clinic in march.
    - Blake was nominated to be first choice and Nick as second choice. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Large Animal Round Robin- Jan Busboom judged in 2021 & 2022. We usually find a judge that can judge four species and ask someone local to judge horses. They get a small stipend and mileage for their time. Michael Coley was suggested and is local. Colby mentioned that Round Robin is judged very quickly with little time spent with kids and thought in that instance, Michael would be a good choice.
    - Cami moved that he be asked 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark will also ask Mr. Landrus if there is a good choice for 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Constitution and By-Laws Update: The committee is still ironing out the fine details but have really done a lot of great work on it.

## New Business

- Weigh-in and tag dates for the 2023 ACF
  - Steers- Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8-9 am
  - Swine- Saturday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup> - Not sure of time yet. Discussion ensued
  - Sheep and Goats- Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 to 9:00
- 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Field Day Dates
  - Sheep and Goats- Saturday, March 11 at the AC Fairgrounds.
  - Beef- Saturday, March 25 at the University of Idaho Livestock Pavilion.
  - EJ is still working with Alyx to have a swine field day in March!
- 2023 Know Your Government Program- February 18-20<sup>th</sup> (Saturday-Monday/ President's day weekend) in Wenatchee. Theme is "Think Before You...." and

emphasizes Social Media communications. Mark mentioned that there are some cool agriculture tours and processing plants if they want to leave early.

- Blake Foraker is going to do a meats clinic on Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> up at WSU. More info will be available as we approach that date.
- Cami mentioned that the Clarkston FFA will conduct its ninth annual “Stock the Trailer” food drive event Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Clarkston Albertsons and Lewiston Winco parking lots. They are asking for non-perishable food products and personal care item for the Asotin County Food Bank. They will also be collecting Christmas gifts for kids aged newborn to 17 years of age in the foster system.
- There is no longer a vaccine requirement for any volunteers.
- Hall of Fame and Leader of the Year Celebration has been rescheduled to a future date to be determined.
- Motion made to adjourn and passed unanimously.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season  
Everyone!

**Next Meeting:** Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Boyd Hall