

WSU Spokane County 4-H
Large Animal/Livestock Committee Monthly Meeting
April 1, 2019 @ 6pm
Spokane County Extension Office -- Room A

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Scott Wilson, President at 6:05pm.

II. Attendees

Meeting attendance was as follows:

Officers: Scott Wilson--President (North Country), Kyle Cordill--Vice President (Frog Hollow), Trisha Brash -- Secretary (Hustle & Heart)

Members: Tanner Gerdes (Frog Hollow), Stacy Carpenter (Bits N Spurs) and Greg & Cami Utech (Greenacres), Kate McCloskey (County Extension)

III. Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes were independently reviewed by members in attendance from last month's meeting. MSP to approve meeting minutes as written. Motion passed via roll call vote.

IV. Officer/Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given by Trisha Brash as written and emailed by Matt Himlie our residing treasurer in his absence. The current balance in the committee account is: \$1,709.16 in checking (including checks written but not yet cashed) with the following transactions:

- Deposits: \$205 YQCA Door Registration & \$800 Jensen Ranch Door Registration.
- Withdrawals/Payments: \$243.83 Reimbursement to Paul Kuber for YQCA Meat (previously voted/approved), \$105 Jensen outhouse reimbursement (previously approved by email vote), \$350 to Jensen Ranch for rental (previously voted/approved), \$283.78 Jensen Lunch reimbursement (previously voted/approved).
- Jensen Ranch P&L: Jensen costs were \$738.78, Jensen Door Registration was \$800. Kate stated that there is a nominal fee still outstanding for insurance covering the event and that we are also pending about \$800 in payment from Brown paper ticket which will be confirmed next meeting & final numbers to be presented.

No information was written on the savings account nor was there any indication of transactions or change. Last reported balance on March 3, 2019 was \$69.03 in savings.

Going forward there will now be a check request form and a cash counting form used for future transactions to keep better records.

MSP: to approve treasurers report as given. Motion passed via roll call vote.

V. Old Business

Agenda Item #1: Super Saturday Review

Discussion: Kate had survey reviews and will forward them out to the committee and keep them on file to be considered when planning begins for the 2020 event.

Conclusion: Further discussion and review to be had in October or November.

Action Item(s): Kate to forward and file survey results from event.

Agenda Item #2: Jensen Ranch Event Review

Discussion: 125 youth were paid/registered for the event. Survey reviews that were in were read and discussed. Major considerations from the surveys:

- Hands on is greatly requested. Ability for participants to practice themselves with live animals. Needs to be more interactive.
- Better qualified clinicians in some areas with increased knowledge, ability to engage audience and better presentation/communication skills for the setting.
- Make sure clinicians are considering their audience and that it is kept age-appropriate.
- Move the event to later in the year for weather
- More space for the classroom settings. In the morning space was an issue and in some areas for the afternoon animal demonstrations. Also having the space to separate out age/experience would be ideal.
- Consider options for a smoother lunch situation. Possibly have everyone bring their own sack lunch to help limit the time to set that many people served and to reduce burden of time and planning effort.
- Having a class for parents

Conclusion: This event has grown in popularity and participation to the point where we are outgrowing the current Jensen ranch facility. Content, agenda and additional planning to continue once research is conducted for a possible alternate facility that can accommodate fulfillment of some of the survey suggestions. Kyle, Tanner & Kate will be looking into some other locations that could potentially accommodate suggestions.

Action Item(s): Kyle, Tanner & Kate to research alternate facilities and report back at next meeting. Then further future planning to continue.

Agenda Item #3: Vet School Tour

Discussion: Attendance is lower than expected and we'd ultimately like to see it much higher but there is the Purple Ribbon Preview that a number of livestock you will be attending the same day that could be affecting attendance. Much discussion was had on what the specific requirement would be to cover fuel expense/stipend and if ice cream of drivers should be paid for or not. Additional discussion on if additional adults should be required to pay the same \$20 registration fee or not.

MSP: Drivers do not have to pay a registration fee and will have their ice cream paid for and drivers of vehicles with multiple youth (with additional youth than their own family) may request a fuel stipend after filling out a reimbursement request form. All other adults to pay \$20.00. Motion passed via roll call vote.

Conclusion: All members are requested to promote this event to increase registration. Additional adults in addition to the drivers will need to pay the \$20 registration fee. Drivers may request a fuel stipend of \$30 if they are driving a multi-passenger vehicle with additional youth besides their own family members.

Action Items: Reimbursement request form and/or a Check request form the Matt has provided to be required for fuel stipend to be paid.

Agenda Item #4: Jr Livestock Show Judging Contest

Discussion:

- **Packets:** Packets need to be assembled for the contest. Kate will be connecting with Gary to order more score cards. Packet assembly days will be April 12th and April 26th during the Livestock judging practice days.
- **Rotations/Rotators/Tabulators:** We need a minimum of 6-8 rotators to help facilitate the rotations. Greg & Scott volunteered. We are hopeful that Matt and Erica Whitmore would be willing to do so also. Additional people to help with this are still needed that are willing to help take control of the situation as needed and be sure to speak up in order for our 4-H youth to be able to take full part in the necessary judging activities. Volunteers with attention to detail are also needed in the scoring room to help with tabulation.
- **Awards:** Trisha presented the cost and basic examples of the buckles and asked for a reimbursement of \$565.00 for the 6 judging buckles. Confirmation was received that Utech's and River City Auto body would be splitting the cost of the buckles and would be writing checks to the Large Animal Committee. **MSP: to reimburse Trisha for the cost of the buckles in the amount of \$565.00. Motion passed via roll call vote.**
- **FFA Cooperation:** Kate presented that she had talked to Mr. Perleberg to help facilitate in the cooperation of FFA students with our 4-H youth participants. Perleberg is to address the topic of letting the 4-H youth in to judge and also had concerns about too many youth in general being in individual rotations. Suggested more rotations to help resolve past challenges.

Conclusion/ Action Item: Remind the FFA advisors to explain the process and need to let the 4-H youth in too at the beginning of their contest when they gather for direction. Score cards need ordered.

Agenda Item #5: Record Books & Recognition

Discussion:

MSP: Considering the current time to table this topic until the next meeting. Motion passed via roll call vote.

Conclusion:

Action Items:

Agenda Item #6: Q & A Buttons

Discussion: Trisha has done research on button production and make recommendations to Gary on a company to use. Gary was researching enrollment numbers from last year to make a determination on the number to order. Trisha emailed again today to follow-up and is waiting to hear back. Buttons should arrive within 10 days of ordering. It was brought up again that we should have something like a stall card that the kids can hang and use with the corresponding logo designed for the buttons. Trisha has this in process.

Conclusion: Buttons are in process and pending county extension ordering them once an appropriate number to order is determined.

Action Items: Trisha to follow-up with Gary again and Kate has already sent him a message checking in too. Trisha to finalize and forward to county extension the Q&A Stall Card.

Agenda Item #7: Committee Support/Advertizing for Sale of Animals

MSP: to extend the meeting up until 8:30pm for discussion of additional business.

Motion passed via roll call vote.

Discussion: This was a continuing idea from that March meeting but Kyle brought up the consideration that we have seemingly lost many of our corporate buyers as compared to years past at the local livestock sales and that although there may be encouragement for these youth to "pre-sell" their animals there is a lack of buyers and he believes one of the main reasons is that that general public has a lack of understanding on how or where to even begin. He proposed that we have a committee to begin a social media advertising campaign to help educate the public and to even potentially connect interested buyers to youth with animals available for sale. Tanner shared examples of how this looks via the Davenport Livestock Boosters social media account and how they showcase/feature different youth in their community and allow for buyers to contact that youth directly for support or to purchase their animal.

After much discussion and questions on the true scope and intent on the depth and how it would work, how youth would be prioritized for featuring the sale of animals, if there was restrictions from the county or state on how involved we could be in the financial exchange, how involved in coordination process start to finish and many others. It was agreed by many that there is a need to public education and we could possibly start with an education campaign via social media and Kate brought up the concern of starting a Facebook or social media page that eventually gets forgotten about or isn't updated according to county policy as it would be a public page. As we began winding down to our extended time Scott asked Kyle to type up a detailed proposal/vision to be shared with the group via email so that ideas and concerns could be considered at the next meeting after everyone had a chance to process it.

Conclusion: While it is generally agreed upon that there is a lack of understanding in the public arena how to purchase an animal from a livestock show and that supporting the kids that have animals that run through the auctions but there are questions about the best way to approach it.

Action Items: Kyle is to email a written proposal to Scott which will be forwarded to the group for further discussion at next meeting.

VI. New Business

Agenda Item #1: Treasurer's Request for Debit Card

Discussion: Trisha presented this idea in Matt's absence and due to how things have evolved a debit card to pay for things like the belt buckles an any other such items in the future would be helpful in some circumstances. Debit cards are allowed by the 4-H rules and other county-wide committees have them for their accounts.

Conclusion: **MSP: to have one of the account signers order a debit card to be used on an as-needed basis. Motion passed via roll call vote.**

Action Items: Kate and Matt to coordinate on ordering a debit card.

VII. Announcements

- **Next Meeting:** to be held on our consistent first Monday of the month (barring a federal holiday) which is **Monday May 6th @ 6pm at the Extension office.** This will be the date despite being the first Monday after Jr. Show.

VIII. Adjournment

Seeing that all planned business was attended to and we are at our MSP extended time a MSP was made to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor via a roll call vote. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Action Items & Significant Motion's Summary:

<i>Action Items Summary</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
✓ Super Sat & Jensen: Kate to forward and file survey results from event.	Kate	Not Determined
✓ Jensen: Kyle, Tanner & Kate to research alternate facilities and report back at next meeting. Then further future planning to continue.	Kyle, Tanner, Kate	May 6th Meeting
✓ QA Buttons: Trisha & Kate following up with Gary on getting these ordered	Trisha & Kate	April 5th
✓ Committee Sale Support: Kyle to type up proposal to go out to committee for further discussion at next meeting.	Kyle	May 6th Meeting
✓ Debit Card: to be ordered by one of the account holders to have to use as-needed	Matt & Kate	ASAP

<i>Significant Motion Summary</i>	<i>Pass / Fail</i>
✓ <u>MSP: Drivers do not have to pay a registration fee and will have their ice cream paid for and drivers of vehicles with multiple youth (with additional youth than their own family) may request a fuel stipend after filling out a reimbursement request form. All other adults to pay \$20.00. Motion passed via roll call vote.</u>	Pass
✓ <u>MSP: to reimburse Trisha for the cost of the buckles in the amount of \$565.00. Motion passed via roll call vote.</u>	Pass
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Submitted to the committee by Trisha Brash -- Secretary.

Committee Review/Approval Date: _____

Secretary Signature (following approval): _____