

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

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Kyle Cordill, President at 6:04pm.

II. Attendees

Meeting attendance was as follows:

Officers: Kyle Cordill--Vice President (Frog Hollow), Trisha Brash -- Secretary (Hustle & Heart), Matt Himlie -- Treasurer (Garden Spot)

Members: Mike Brown (Frog Hollow) Stacy Carpenter (Bits N Spurs) and Greg Utech (Greenacres), Kate McCloskey (County Extension), Tricia Burton (Freeman)

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 Matt Himlie.

- Debit card previously approved has been ordered and received. Checks for the account were also ordered.

- Insurance balance for our past several events is still outstanding and needs to be paid.

MSP: To pay the outstanding balance for the liability insurance that is still pending for our last several events regardless of the amount.

The current balance in the committee account is: \$3,298.70 with one check outstanding putting the calculated balance at \$3542.53. The savings account has a balance of \$69.08.

The following transactions occurred within the last month:

- Deposits: \$2247.50 in total for April
 - \$15 from Super Saturday
 - \$282.50 from Utech Farms for Belt Buckle Sponsorship.
 - \$500.00 from Jensen Ranch late registrations
 - \$935 from Jensen Ranch Brown Paper Ticket Registrataions
 - \$155 from the YQCA Meat Workshop Brown Paper Ticket Registrations
 - \$360 from WSU Vet Tour Event (with Brown Paper funds still outstanding in the amount of \$340.00)
- Withdrawals/Payments: \$658.21 in total for April
 - \$74.21 reimbursement to Kate for ice cream purchased and previously approved on the WSU Open House Trip.
 - \$19.00 for the check order.
 - \$565.00 reimbursement check to Trisha for Livestock judging belt buckles. Previously approved.

	Super Saturday Financial Summary	Jensen Ranch Financial Summary	Vet Work Shop Financial Summary
Income	\$1,018.00	\$2,235.00	\$360.00
Expense	\$329.33	\$738.78	\$74.21
Outstanding	Insurance	Insurance	Insurance & Driver Reimbursement plus \$340 from BPT
Net	\$688.33	\$1,496.22	\$285.79

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

V. Old Business

Agenda Item #1: WSU Tour Driver Reimbursement/Review

Discussion: Kate reported that there were 12 total drivers for the event between LAC and Horse. Kate has calculated splitting up costs relative to their primary project and will be paid out once a check request form is received from the drivers of the LAC kids. Horse kids will be taken care of thru the horse committee.

Review: Feedback includes moving the event off of Mother's Weekend to help with parking and accessibility to some of the venues, more ice cream, more in-depth animal hospital and meat science lab tours.

Conclusion: Drivers who followed the discussion/motion from the April 1st meeting and submit the request form will be paid if they hauled LAC kids.

Action Item(s): Kate to email drivers appropriate information.

Agenda Item #2: Spokane Jr Livestock Show Review

Discussion/Review:

- Super dusty and needed more water in show rings.
- There was no Herdsmanship in the goat or swine barns which was a disappointment.
- Drenching and other types of activity was happening in the lamb barn.
- Lots of adult fitting without any kids present was going on throughout the barns.
- YQCA - wished there was more recognition in the sale ring and getting stall cards up and out. Wished there was signage/public education on what the program is.

MSP: to make 4 banners to be purchased by the LAC to be used for Spokane Co. Livestock Committee member events.

Conclusion: 4-H needs to have a representation by as many as possible at the SJLS annual meeting held Sun. June 23 @ 10am. Each family can become a member and have a vote. If you can't be there in person please send your feedback in writing to SJLS.

Action Item(s): Become SJLS members and if at all possible be at the meeting Sun. June 23 @ 10am. Trisha to work on design and tag line.

Agenda Item #3: Spokane Jr Livestock Show Judging Contest Review

Discussion:

- **Results/Errors:** After an audit was performed of the results it was noticed that there was a significant error in the Junior age division adjusting the top results and prize winners. The audit was performed after the results had been

announced. Gary offered to replace/pay for buckles or plaques as need to the 1st and 3rd place youth that were affected. Discussion to change result announcement to Saturday during the sale, like many other final award announcements, would be a better plan in order to ensure an audit can be performed and potential errors can be spotted before making the results public/official.

There were also many request for having all of the official results posted for review by contestants.

- **Rotations:** Rotations went better this year and the 4-H kids were given a better opportunity to view the animals. There is still some stigma (by some) that FFA is the only important group and 4-H should take a back seat but having strong rotation leaders that will not only advocate for our 4-H youth but also help keep them focused and in line to learn expected protocol while in a judging contest was extremely helpful and better than in past years.
- **Registration/Start Time:** Much discussion was had regarding registration and start time; looking into making things smoother and less likeliness for errors to happen as there was a rush to get everyone into the system. The idea was motioned and then rescinded to no longer even allow same day or late entries.
- **MSP: Next year registration window closes at 10am to help ensure accuracy and on time start & reevaluate this solution after next year.**
- **Oral Reasons/Judges:** there was also much discussion this topic and making sure there were judges set well ahead of time so there isn't any last minute judge lineup and or potential conflict of interest when someone has to step in at the last minute. Our goal/intention needs to be to have 2 judges per age group so we can get thru them faster and have the same judges for everyone in a given age group. Mike Brown requested that securing judges be added to our LAC activities calendar for the future. Setup/facilities was also discussed at length for oral reasons with the goal of limiting distractions and also trying to prevent so many youth from having to wait for such an extended period of time. More is to be discussed and researched in the future but ideas included:
 - Setting up a room with 200 chairs for people waiting to deliver reasons in silence.
 - Facilitating rotations of 50 kids at a time that way they can leave and come back at a certain time.
- **Animals:**
 - Animals in EVERY BARN NEED TO BE NUMBERED. There was an entire class that was seemingly misinformed on which animals were 1-4 in the lamb barn.
 - Animals, particularly in the lamb barn which were on stations, were not to be touch by judging contestants. The unanimous conclusion is that if they are not to be touched then they should at least be seen on the move to appropriately judge the animals.
 - Also in the Hog barn the showmen in the ring were instructed to let the hogs rest and to not walk them around which is very difficult to accurately judge them especially if the officiating judge saw them on the move.
- **Awards:** Some people were pleased with awards while others were quite dissatisfied. The buckles were smaller than expected but our options are limited as there is a significant amount of writing needed on them. Other award options should be considered next year.

Conclusion: Some aspects went better this year particularly with rotations. More discussion and effective planning needs to happen sooner for judges and oral reasons. Animal setup and handling needs some work to ensure consistency.

Action Items: Trisha to design put these items on the LAC calendar to help ensure early planning steps are taken.

Agenda Item #4: Jensen Ranch

Discussion: Kyle reported back with dates/findings that the Spokane Co. Fair facilities are available and March is very full there without any dates available. There were two February dates available for 2020 being Feb. 6th & 23rd. The facility is reasonably priced for what were looking for pricing out to approximately \$450 for the event providing us with the heated Multi-use A (steer show ring @ SJLS).

MUCH discussion and lamentation was had on this. Many concerns of weather, snow removal, cold temps, participation, enough animals available that time of year for our hands-on approach we want to shift to. The group as a whole seemed to have questions and concerns on this regarding snow removal and cancelation policy of the fairgrounds is requested.

The idea that maybe we use Jensen Ranch for 1 more year in hopes of getting a better date in 2021 was also brought up but the March dates at the fairgrounds are annual events so we may have to adjust our dates/time of year.

Conclusion: More info is needed from the Fairgrounds to make a decision. Topic to be tabled until next meeting pending information from the Fairgrounds.

Action Item: Kyle to get answers on snow removal and cancelation

ADDED ITEM/TOPIC: Super Saturday (no an official agenda item - added by default)

Discussion: Following discussion of the date change of the Jensen Ranch event the topic of adjust Super Saturday came up. In keeping with the direction and/or purpose of these 2 key events the LAC hosts the discussion of timing of Super Saturday came up. Seeing as how this event is ultimately more informational (no/low hands on event) and geared toward more toward beginners the idea of having the event *prior to youth getting their livestock for spring shows* during the fall months was discussed. Ultimately yielding a

MSP: to change Super Saturday to Saturday, November 16th.

Conclusion: Super Saturday date changed.

Action Items: Trisha to update calendar and planning for the event.

MSP: to extend the meeting by 20 minutes to finish agenda items.

Agenda Item #5: Support Proposal

Discussion: Tabled for another time. Kyle sent Scott and email to review, collaborate on and forward to everyone but they haven't been able to connect on this yet.

Conclusion: Tabled for another meeting. More to come.

Action Items:

VI. New Business

Agenda Item #1: YQCA Class

Discussion: The LAC is wanting to host a summertime YQCA class since it has been decided that would be a 4-H requirement for the next year. Need to discuss dates and facilitation options.

Conclusion: Need to check dates with Paul Kuber before moving forward.

Action Items: Kate is contacting Paul to schedule a date.

VII. Announcements

- **Next Meeting:** to be held on our consistent first Monday of the month (barring a federal holiday) which is **Monday June 3rd @ 6pm at the Extension office.**

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 8:26pm.**

Action Items & Significant Motion's Summary:

<i>Action Items Summary</i>	<i>Person Responsible</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
✓ Kate to email drivers appropriate information from the WSU Tour trip.	Kate	
✓ If everyone can become SJLS members and attend the June meeting it would be very helpful in implementing changes discussed.	All	
✓ Design YQCA Banners	Trisha	
✓ Trisha design and put these items on the LAC calendar to help ensure early planning steps are taken.	Trisha	
✓ Kyle to check with the fairgrounds on snow removal and cancelation policies.	Kyle	
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<i>Significant Motion Summary</i>	<i>Pass / Fail</i>
✓ MSP: To pay the outstanding balance for the liability insurance that is still pending for our last several events regardless of the amount.	Pass
✓ MSP: to make 4 banners to be purchased by the LAC to be used for Spokane Co. Livestock Committee member events.	Pass
✓ MSP: Next year registration window closes at 10am to help ensure accuracy and on time start & reevaluate this solution after next year.	Pass
✓ MSP: to change Super Saturday to Saturday, November 16th.	Pass
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Submitted to the committee by Trisha Brash -- Secretary.

Committee Review/Approval Date: _____

Secretary Signature (following approval): _____