

# Cassia County 4-H Volunteer Council

## September 19, 2023

FCS: 6:00 p.m. General Meeting 7:30 p.m. with Livestock to follow

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Welcome: President Dan Gammon

Pledges: **Were led by Krista Gammon**

Ratify July minutes: **Motion to ratify-John 2nd-Carrie Passed unanimously**

Treasurer report: \$20,801.34 **Motion to accept-Sally 2nd-Janet Passed unanimously**

1. Report on pop booth-thank you to the Holt's for taking this on. **\$3,098.09 Income. Thanks to a generous donor who provided the candy.**
2. Report on silent auction basket-thank you to Grush's for helping with the auction. **\$2,030 so far (still waiting on a few baskets)**

General Business: Dates to know, registration deadline for 4-H 2024 is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Fair dates are August 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

1. Awesome fair everyone! The youth enjoyed a great fair due to your efforts. A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated a basket, helped at the pop booth, or helped as guards at the 4-H building. Well done!
2. Do you as a 4-H Volunteer Council want to put \$5.00 toward the state 4-H fee again this year? **Motion to pay \$5 for each 4-Her-Sally 2nd-Krista Passed unanimously**
3. Do you as a 4-H Volunteer Council want to pay for the Volunteer background checks again this year? **Motion to pay for background check for leaders-John 2nd-Sally Passed unanimously**
4. We will let you know when re-enrollment in October can begin. Clubs and projects will be deleted from all accounts so we will need a project list from your club. It would truly be helpful if all 4-H Volunteers can be registered by ~~January 20<sup>th</sup>~~ **February 1st. People are already calling the office looking for clubs.**
5. Please fill out your club financial form and turn it in. If you have received donations or club awards, don't forget to include receipts. They are due back to the office by October 17<sup>th</sup>.
6. 4-H Week is October 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Let's celebrate 4-H. Activity ideas can be found at 10 Ways to Celebrate National 4-H Week. **Theme is "I ♥ 4-H!" This is a great time to promote 4-H.**
7. Tole painting class taught by Amy Blauer will be held here at the office on September 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$5.00. There are a few spots left open. **8 signed up so far. 4 spots left.**
8. Please see flyer for other classes coming up this fall. All will cost \$5.00. If youth are not enrolled in 4-H, they will need to have a completed waiver. **Lots of fun classes. Can do a short project-in-a-day record book and enter at the fair next year.**
9. Slate of officers for the October meeting which will be October 17<sup>th</sup>, FCS at 6:45 p.m. and General Meeting at 7:30 p.m. followed by specie.
  - a. President: **Dan Gammon Motion-Tom 2nd-Sally**
  - b. Vice President: **Ryan Taylor Motion-Kirbi 2nd-Sally**
  - c. Treasurer: **Sarah Somsen Motion-Carrie 2nd-Janet**
  - d. Secretary: **Kimberlee Harris Motion-Linda 2nd-Kirbi**
10. Years of service (~~if we get them back from the State Office~~). **Sally presented the DSA to Dan Gammon with an insightful and entertaining narration. He was awarded a plaque and jacket. Thanks Dan for your years of service to the 4-H youth and program. Yee-haw!**

Specie:

What was "great" about livestock this year?

Seeing volunteers helping youth. Everyone was willing to help. -Rosie

Youth helping other youth. -John

Amazing sale. - Sally

Learned to use the iPad for weigh-ins. - Dena

One day show for sheep-some liked it. - Kirbi

Please remember that we need to be respectful to all. Not just our specie or friends.

1. Tents need to be down on the south side of the sale barn (up against) by 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. Good to have them all down so there is room for animals. They need space to help keep them calm and to keep people safe. It is a bottle-neck area, so we need to help keep it as clear as possible. Where can they put their tents so they can fit their animals before the sale? Maybe use the space by the scales (beef area). Superintendents can talk before and coordinate some of those things.
2. Dairy: Change on weights: Holstein 1.40, Jersey 1.05 and Crosses, 1.20. Roxanne, Brandy, Janet Motion-Carrie 2nd-Linda Passed unanimously
3. Goats: Classes for breeding goats will go by weight. Sarah Somsen Tabled for next month
4. Swine: Remove ultrasound from swine project and put in place a top weight of 350 lbs. with the minimum weight of 230 lbs. remaining the same for final weigh-in. Dr. John Garrard Motion-John 2nd-Krista
5. Swine: Initial weigh-in will be done by clubs. There will be a separate time for each FFA chapter if the participants are not connected by a sibling to a 4-H club. Animals are to stay on the trailer and club leader/parents are responsible for tagging. If a person misses their club weigh-in time, they will be weighed in at the end of weigh in. If the pig looks like it might weigh over the top weight of 125, the superintendent has the right to have the youth take their pig across the scale to make sure the animal is not over the top initial weight. Dr. John Garrard Motion-John 2nd-Krista
6. At all weigh-ins, someone is ~~required~~ requested to stay in the vehicle so it can be moved forward. 7. Names to put forward for Superintendents for 2023/24:

Beef: Lane Schumann

Sheep: Kirby Sharp, but Kirbi has a concern about time with family/superintendent job. Sarah Seymour

Swine: John Garrard

Goat: Sarah Somsen, Brooklyn Somsen

Dairy: Roxanne Beck

Turkey: Wendy Wells, Christ West

Rabbit: Lee Gibby

Facility suggestions:

Move white pole tie down (east of dairy barn) to the south about 10 feet or so to accommodate 2 rows of tents.

Fix end stalls of dairy barn so the heifers can't "swing out".

Finish railroad ties **In dairy barn**

Tie downs (rings) for the heifers so they aren't crawling over each other in the new dairy barn.

Cement pad for the goat pens.

Fix goat pens-pinching, rough edges, and mechanisms to open are hard for younger goat youth to open.

Plugs not working in some of the beef areas.

Problem with some of the gates being locked and vehicles blocking some of the gates so spare animals can't be loaded out. Perhaps signs could be put up, stating "No parking-loading and unloading area only."

Speaker added out by the beef prep area.

**At pig weigh-in the scale underside kept hanging up on one corner. Maybe it needs to be cleaned out underneath before being certified again.**

**New dairy barn could use a hydrant to tie into in order to water animals**

**Misters**

**More garbage cans**

**Some of these projects would make great service projects for youth. If the fair board had supplies and set a day and time clubs could arrange to come and provide manpower to do some improvements. Dan offered to provide some ice cream treats for volunteers.**

FCS:

1. The office will be doing Five Dollar Fridays starting in September. Great time to "Jump Start" projects. There will be a project page that youth will fill out and turn in for the fair. **Talk to the office to sign up.**
2. The award ceremony was very well done. We need to thank Brianna and crew, as well as the people who donated money towards awards. How can we help? Out shopping and find something on sale? **Awards ceremony was amazing! Brianna will put something together for next month.**
3. Interviews-like having set times. Interview questions will be changed as well as the score sheets. **Scheduled times were great.**
4. Sewing Showcase Superintendent and how did it go? **Motion for Amy to do it again-Janet 2nd-Kristina Amy has done a fabulous job the past few years. Having two separate events made it nice for people who came to watch kids.**
5. General Superintendents: **Motion for Amy and Sally to continue as superintendents-William 2nd-Linda Passed**
6. Judging Day: Issue with matching up cooking projects with their record books. On Saturday when people turn in their projects, they need to fill out an extra project tag and leave it with Sarah so when they turn in their food on Monday, Sarah will have the tags ready to go and they will match with whatever was turned in on Saturday.
7. The office will be better making sure youth get the correct, (most up to date) requirement sheets and skills check lists when project manuals are picked up at the office. Do not go to an old University of Idaho website and download sheets we are no longer using. **Search "requirement sheets" on U of I website instead of web search engine.**
8. KYG and Self-determined will have their own separate score sheets to help the judges. **Done**
9. When judges judge cooking projects, the judge is either to taste all the entered projects in that category or none. **Cooking and baking projects where participants make a loaf of bread or a cake in a pan (oatmeal cake, etc) they do**

not need to make two so they can have a piece in a bag. The judges can cut a piece out of the display.

10. Decorated cakes are judged on presentation and decoration. Mixes may be used for the cake but the youth still has to bake it. The county Cupcakes, cookie and edible design cake projects may use mixes. Should be judged on decoration. Judge can taste for icing only. We will fix the rule book on page 15, #2 to read, all food exhibits must have 4 pieces on a plate with an extra piece of candy, muffin, cookie etc. in a separate bag attached to the exhibit unless otherwise specified on requirement sheet. Only judged on decoration and icing flavor. 4 pieces not 6 unless specified in project requirement sheet (i.e. pull apart cupcakes).

11. Entry day-do youth need to have their projects entered by 4:00 p.m. or in the building by 4:00 p.m.? Just in the building. Youth can not control how long the line is in front of them, just when they get there. Maybe we can rearrange the way we run things so there can be a few tables for them by the stage. Interview judging could happen by produce area and benches could be moved to open class area where they have done interview judging.

(Minutes were corrected during the October meeting to correctly state that Linda had 2nd the motion made by William for Sally and Amy to serve as superintendents again.

October 17, 2023)