



Cassia County 4-H Volunteer Council

7:30 p.m., Cassia County Commissioner's Chambers, 2nd floor

General Meeting Agenda Topics

1. **Call to Order:** President Dan Gammon
2. **Pledges & Introductions** **Were said**
3. **Minutes – Ratify:** (October minutes can be found on Cassia County 4-H Website): Kimberlee Harris **Motion to approve-Sally 2nd-Erin Voted and passed**
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Sarah Somsen **\$15,752.80**
 A question was asked about the portion paid for enrollment fees. The enrollment fee is \$20/youth (plus livestock fees). The council pays \$5/youth so that parents only pay \$15 (plus livestock fees) for their youth to participate.
Motion to accept-Janet 2nd- Sally Voted and passed
5. **Reports:**
 - a. 4-H Program Coordinator: Dena Jarolimek **Office is understaffed. Please be patient as they are learning and training new people. Dena wants to visit every club this year. Please send her your meeting schedules so she can find a time to come say hello and get to know your club.**
 - b. Fair Board: Paul Marchant **Nothing from fair board**
 - c. Fair Livestock Committee: Ryan Taylor **No report from livestock comm.**
 - d. Market Animal Sale Committee: Dan Gammon **Have not met yet**
 - e. Spring Break Classes: Dena Jarolimek **Not sure if they will have them this year. If they do, they need volunteers to teach the classes. (Will also need help with summer classes.) Usually have 1 day class for cloverbuds. 1-2 Days for older kids. Most classes can have up to 12 kids. If you have ideas and/or would like to teach, please contact the office.**
 - f. Cooking 101: Grace Wittman **6 week course offered at the office. Also have new grillmaster and floraculture curriculum available.**
6. **Unfinished Business:** NA
7. **New Business:**
 - a. 2023 DSA: Dan will present to Sarah Somsen (Write up is in folder. there is a plaque and jacket to give her.) **Thank you Sarah for being an awesome 4-H leader!**
 - b. Elevate Teen Retreat: March 22-24, 2024, on the Albion Campus. This is for youth ages 13-18 as of January 1, 2024. Registration fees are \$80 until March 1 and then go up to \$100. All meals, snacks, lodging, and materials are included in this fee.
 - c. ZSuite Enrollment – Volunteers and youth need to get enrolled and pay their fees. Leaders we have multiple youth just hanging out waiting to be made active because they have no club leader. Also, the office has had multiple new families call wanting to get involved but with very few active club leaders we have no place to send them. **If kids haven't been assigned a club, Dena tries to find the closest place to where a youth lives. She contacts the leaders first to see if they have room for**

more kids. The leader can then contact the parents to see if schedules will work, etc. for youth to join that club. The max your club can take is the max you feel you can accommodate. You can close your club, but once it is closed that is permanent.

- d. Band App: The office will be moving over to the band app for all communications concerning 4-H. This includes texting. It is free to download the app and there is a QR code you can scan to ask to join the group. (see document on table) If texting is the method of communication, the extension employees could be forced to turn over their personal devices in the event of a legal situation. By switching to band, in the event of a legal situation, sign-it credentials could be turned over without giving a phone for an undetermined amount of time. There is still a way to send communication to individuals through the app if you need to communicate with the office and not everyone (just make sure you are sending to an individual instead of the whole group). Leaders can also still call, e-mail, or stop by the office if needed.

e. FCS:

- i. Awards Committee – Thank you to Brianna Nilsson & Linda Holt for taking this on the last few years. We appreciate all your hard work. A new committee is being formed. Three individuals have already stepped up, but we need 2 more. Let the office know if you are willing to help.
- ii. New Archery Volunteers – Request for funds to reimburse training enrollment costs: Seth & Erin Larson attended archery training in Eastern Idaho on February 9. Would volunteer council like to reimburse them for the registration costs? The cost was \$100 per participant. Motion to reimburse-William 2nd-Tom Voted and passed
- iii. Record Books: Youth will complete one full FCS record book for one project. If they are doing more than one project they will include all expenses, all activities and do one whole 4-H experience story in this first book. For all other projects youth only need to complete the goals & how did you do, and demonstration. Then to complete the record book for the other projects they just need to copy the expenses, activity log and story.
- iv. Project Check lists & Requirement sheets: If a project has a skills checklist that checklist must come in with the record book. To ensure that you have the most current documents: checklists will be on green paper and project requirement sheets will be on brown paper. If you get the papers from the office they will be correct (the color of the paper helps you know that). If you print from the internet, please make sure you get the right year.

f. Livestock:

- i. Specie Requirement Changes (highly encourage a representative from each club attend this meeting as changes have been made to all species)
 1. Swine: fair weigh-in requirements; Minimum 230 lbs. and Maximum 330 lbs. No ultrasounds this year.
 2. Dairy: fair weigh-in requirements; ADG: Holsteins 1.40 lbs., Jersey 1.05 lbs. & Crossbred 1.20 lbs. All dairy heifers are required to have a legible bangs tattoo by final weigh-in. Also, due to circumstances last year we have changed the wording for fertility checks: everything now states heifers will be palpated to see if sexually intact & have all of their reproductive organs. It will no longer be

called a fertility check.

3. Sheep: no ultrasounds this year.
 4. Turkey: Poults must be hatched between April 15 – May 15, 2024. Fair weigh-in requirements; Toms – Minimum 23 lbs. and Maximum 35 lbs., Hens – Minimum 18 lbs. and Maximum 30 lbs. A market pen will consist of 2 birds of either sex.
 5. Goat: Days on feed 67. Weighing in one week earlier.
 6. Rabbit: Days on feed 58. Weighing in one week earlier.
- ii. Record Books: As per the Executive Committee: Livestock Record Books will be judged again starting this year. Species will not be judging their own books. They will be judging other species books. A clear rubric will be handed out. If a book ends up as a white it will be turned over to the office and the youth will be given a chance to correct the book. It will be an automatic red ribbon. If they do not take the opportunity to correct the book it will remain a white ribbon, which means no showing or selling. Questions were asked about whether judging should be mixed so some from that species can explain specie-specific questions the judges might have.
- iii. Sale Runners: As per the Executive Committee. More help is needed with both the Dairy & Saturday sales. A sign-up sheet will be created like for the pop booth and guard duty. Every livestock club needs to participate. There will be 7 one-hour time slots with 6 youth each hour (will work with youth's sale times). It was recommended that we find vests for the youth to wear while helping so they are easily recognized by the buyers. Youth must be over 12 years old and above. Clubs can sign up to take their turn together. 1st hour of sale (royalty sale) probably only needs 2 runners. Alesha has vests that she is willing to donate for the kids to wear so they stand out to buyers. Some leaders would like a copy of the paperwork the kids take to the buyers so they can review with runners before. In Twin, kids run their animal's invoice to the buyer as soon as the animal sells so they can shake the buyer's hand (family members help move animal so youth can do that). However it is done, make sure they get the buyer's phone number.
- iv. General Livestock Information:
1. Livestock information is on the table tonight and will be added to the Band app.
 2. Livestock agreements are ready to go. If the club leader calls the office, they will get a packet ready for your club of all active youth.
 3. Beef: registration deadline is Friday, March 1, 2024. Youth must be enrolled on Zsuite (FFA youth must sign up with Advisor), all fees must be paid, livestock agreements must be signed by youth & parent/legal guardian and Bill of Sale or Idaho Brand Inspection must be turned into the office. Beginning weigh-in is Saturday, March 9, 2024, at the Burley Livestock yard from 7-9 a.m.
 4. Horse: If we have 6 youth sign-up, we will hold a 4-H horse

show. If not, we are working with the fair board to come up with another alternative. Sign up by May 10th (or sooner) so the office knows if they need an alternative.

Congrats to Tawnya Tracey for being elected as Idaho 4-H Volunteer Association president.

8. Items for next month's agenda: