



Cassia County 4-H Volunteer Council Meeting
3/19/2024

FCS Meeting 6:30 p.m., General Meeting 7:30 p.m. with specie to follow. All meetings in back classroom

1. FCS

- a. Final enrollment deadline is May 10th for all FCS/Misc. youth. The office is looking into having this date be a soft deadline for projects, meaning have any possible project youth may do entered into Zsuite. Other options are being looked at for a hard deadline for final project enrollment. **Parents might be asked to enter projects into Show-works or fill out a google form.**
- b. Expense Records **In Record books-can write N/A on forms if needed (on Income sheet for profit/loss record); kids are not expected to duplicate their work, so they can write "Please see record book" in activity logs of project manuals; Expense record only needs to list items purchased to complete that project and does not need to list on-hand items (i.e. flour or sugar that was used from the pantry, equipment like sewing machines that you already owned), if you only use on-hand supplies for a project you should make a note on the expense record so they judges know the page wasn't just skipped over**
- c. Awards Committee: The awards ceremony will no longer be held during fair week. The committee has met and is putting together a great event after the fair that will include volunteer recognition, FCS/Misc. awards, top livestock record books and other awards. More information will be given out at the April meeting.
- d. July Meeting: We will not be holding a traditional July meeting. We will set a date to meet with volunteers and families to discuss information that applies to the fair. **Maybe FCS at 5:00 followed by food and livestock, at the fairgrounds**
- e. Project check-in day: Youth must be in the door and project ready to check-in by 4 p.m. For every 5 minutes past 4 that project is not at the check-in table ready to go 2 points will be deducted from the projects overall score. **If something catastrophic and out of your control happens that will make you late, call or band message someone from the office to let them know the situation (i.e. stuck waiting forever for a train, car accident/flat tire, etc). Otherwise projects need to be turn-in ready and being turned in by 4:00 to avoid deductions.**
- f. Guard Duty: We will no longer have guards in the building. **Please make sure your club signs up for a pop booth time slot (sign up sheet available in the office). And make sure your club shows up for their time. Someone has to stay and cover for those who don't work the time they commit to fill.**

General Meeting Agenda Topics

1. Call to Order: President Dan Gammon
2. Pledges & Introductions **Pledges were said. Welcome to Sarah Somsen, who is no longer a leader but has a new, long title and is working in the office now**
3. Minutes – Ratify (February minutes can be found on Cassia County 4-H Website or on the Band App):
Kimberlee Harris **Motion to accept: Sarah Seymour 2nd: Amy Blauer**

4. Treasurer's Report: \$13,704.21 Still working to reimburse Seth and Erin Larsen
Motion to accept: Erin Larsen 2nd: Sarah Seymour
5. Reports:
 - a. Awards Committee: Amy Blauer, Chair Has decided to do the awards ceremony after fair so it isn't so rushed for the committee, so we can focus more on recognizing the kids/leaders/etc, and so families have one less thing to work into their fair schedule. Looking at August 26th at 6:30. Location TBD. Might be an ice cream social. Awards will be given as before but will also do Leader Recognition, top livestock, and other awards. Asked for \$750 seed money to start collecting awards when things are on sale. Motion for \$750: Amy Blauer 2nd: Erin Larsen Discussion was opened and Dan pointed out that it might be best to just make the motion for the full \$1500 that was projected to spend instead of coming back later and asking for the rest. Amended motion to increase to \$1500: Amy 2nd: Erin
 - b. State & District Events
 - i. Idaho 4-H State Teen Association Convention (STAC)
 1. June 24-27, 2024 in Moscow, Idaho
Contact office if someone is interested. Scholarship opportunities available. Is for youth who have completed 8th grade or higher.
Great leadership opportunities for youth.
 - c. Fair Board: Paul Marchant
 - i. Tractor Pulls: Is anyone interested in helping out the Fair Board this year? Can use as a club service project to cook and sell food.
 - d. Fair Livestock Committee: Ryan Taylor Was not at the meeting, but they will need a new goat superintendent
 - e. Market Animal Sale Committee: Dan Gammon – Service project opportunity. The sale committee would like to get emails for buyers for the past 3 years. Any older youth interested in doing this please contact the office. Would be calling buyers to update information. Maybe better for older youth to volunteer.
 - f. Office: Grace Wittman, professional development Wants to incorporate development for leaders via a Super-Saturday Education day, at volunteer meetings, or through online links (maybe on the Band app). What will people use? Attendance at the meeting was pretty sparse, so call the office and give your input if you were unable to make it this month.
6. Unfinished Business: NA
7. New Business:
 - a. ZSuite Enrollment: The office has set a hard deadline for volunteers to be enrolled this year. That date is April 15th. If you are not enrolled on ZSuite and have your fees paid by this date you will not be a volunteer in Cassia County this year. (This does not apply to New Volunteers)
 - b. Band App: Please encourage your families to join the Cassia County 4-H group on the Band App. The office will move 100% over to the app starting June 1st for all text messaging. However, you may email or contact the office at 208-878-9461 at any time.

- c. Pop Booth: sign-up is available tonight **PLEASE SIGN UP! Also, during fair, please make sure your club fulfills their responsibilities so others don't have to cover for you.**

1. Livestock

- a. Sale Runners: sign-up is available tonight. Sign-up is set by club. We thought it may be easier to run like the pop booth. Dairy Pool Deadline: April 1st, heifers will be a minimum of \$500, date **the** heifers will be picked up will be announced at a later date. Contact the office to get on the list. **2 clubs/time slot 3-4 kids/club**
- b. Beef weigh-in: Besides being bitterly cold, weigh-in went really well. There were 85 steers total weighed in. **65 kids, down about 10% possibly**
- c. General Livestock Information: All livestock project requirements (weights, ADG, etc.), weigh-in dates and times and fair show schedule can be found in the Band App under attachments and then the livestock folder. Information is also available on the Cassia County 4-H website or in the office. Reminder: most species had some change to requirements so make sure to get the information out to your clubs.
- d. Swine:
 - i. Final registration deadline is Friday, April 5th. Youth must be enrolled on Zsuite (or with FFA advisor), have \$15 member fee & \$8 specie fee paid, livestock agreement must be signed by youth & parent/legal guardian and have a bill of sale turned into the office.
 - ii. From Superintendent John Garrard: As we prepare for our initial Swine weigh-in on April 12th, I wanted to inform everyone that we will be doing things slightly different this year. Our goal is to reduce the stress and contagions to the animals while providing a quick and smooth process for the office staff. To accomplish this, we will set up times for each club and chapter to arrive. You will still come in through the gates off Highland Ave and weigh-in will take place in the alley behind the show barn. As you take your turn, you will be given the equipment to place the tag in your own pig's ear. This year we will be putting the tags in the right ear. If you need help, please have parents, friends, or club leaders available to get this done so we can prevent any cross contamination to the animals. You will still be guessing the beginning weight of your pig. I will look at each pig from outside the trailer. If a pig looks to be bigger than the 125lb maximum, they will be asked to remove the pig and place it on the scales inside of the sale barn which will be recorded as the official weight. **Distinguished Young Women might conflict with this, so be sure to have someone there taking care of the animals if the youth can not.**

The tagging equipment will be placed in a disinfecting solution in between each trailer.

4:00 – Springdale Acres, Declo FFA

4:15 – Cassia Classics, Makin' Tracks, Burley FFA

4:45 – Wild Bunch, Raft River FFA

5:00 – Red Neck Wranglers, Oakley Valley 4-h, Oakley FFA

5:15 – New View

e. Dairy

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- ii. Dairy weigh-in is Friday, May 3rd from 6-7:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.
- f. Final specie registration deadline for Sheep, Turkey, Goat, Rabbit, all breeding projects, horse and dog is May 10, 2024
- g. Fair livestock specie evening: We will not be having the traditional July meeting this year. Instead,
- h. The office, fair board and livestock superintendents are holding a Fair Livestock Specie Night on July 24th at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the fairgrounds and the office will be providing hamburgers or hot dogs, chips and water. General livestock information will be given to everyone and then each species will break into their own groups. This is where all information from superintendents will be given. Thank you t-shirts and fair booklets will be handed out at this meeting.
FCS at 5:00
- i. **Horse project manual will be out by May 1st-it is a pattern book. August 1st class registration deadline (google sheets). Kids need to do showmanship and can then go home or continue in the open show. Contact the office if interested.**
- j. **The executive committee will need to appoint a new treasurer to finish the 4-H year now that Sarah Somsen is a 4-H employee.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Adjourn Motion to adjourn: Sarah Seymour 2nd: Dan Gammon