

# Redwater 4-H Council Meeting

September 14, 2021

6:30 PM – Butte/Lawrence Extension Office and Zoom

Call to Order

Roll Call

Flag Salute and 4-H pledge

## Members present:

- **Officers and Extension Staff:** Michelle May - Butte-Lawrence County Extension Representative; Mark Heine- President (Lawrence County); Nicole Jones (Zoom)- Vice President (Butte County); Carmen Drieling- Secretary (Butte County); Melissa Dean (attended on Zoom)- Treasurer (Lawrence County)
- **Butte County:** Rebecca Kari, Shawnie Mackaben, Amy Clark, Holly Main
- **Lawrence County:** Mary Pochop, Kindra Gordan, Kristy Eastman
- **Youth Representative:** None
- **Additional attendees:** Shannon Davis, IdaMarie Snorteland

## Secretary's Report

Adjust minutes for shooting sports to say "3 coaches" not sponsors.

Shawnie moved to accept the Secretary's Report and Amy seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

Buckles will arrive November 1- Bill has been submitted

Shawnie made a motion to pay for Maynard buckles- and Shannon seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Need to add the balance and motion to accept report, second and vote.**

## Committee Reports\*

1. Livestock Committee - Livestock Meeting on 8/3/2021 - Nicole Jones gave recap
  - a. Post order to make easier for kids and parents.
  - b. Misty resigned- need rabbit Superintendent.
  - c. Tammy Peterson wants to step down too for meat goat.
  - d. Want someone in office earlier for check-in for shows each day to help assist with open class and getting the show started on time.
  - e. Open class- want fair board to handle in office but superintendent will write up cheat sheet.
  - f. 4H entering with younger youth and for 4H online. Families find it difficult to understand the system. Discussion took place to have superintendent available to help kids and parents for both 4H online and Fair Entry. Need to make sure kids drops animals who are not showing up. Discussion took place on getting the system to work better for users.
  - g. Money for paying Judges. Will be brought up to the fair board. Shawnie mentioned payment should come from more than one source, 4H, FFA and open class.
  - h. Next meeting- October- Want FFA Advisors at the meeting too.
2. Livestock Sale Committee - Shawnie Mackaben gave update
  - a. Stuck in a rut or too much assumption. Sale is optional not mandatory.
  - b. A lot of discussion took place on options.

- c. Setup a meeting to discuss Newell to talk about what happens and get some input.
- 3. Static Committee - Mary Pochop gave update - reimbursement options
  - a. Great turnout with setup for pavilion with both adults and kids.
  - b. Static committee will do better at looking at entries.
  - c. Would like to find a new set of judges, using the same ones over and over.
  - d. Silent Auction had 30 to 35 items. Need to remind kids only one project per kid and if you sell an animal, you don't put a project in the silent auction.
  - e. Need a computer for the technology judge.
  - f. Lunch from food stand worked well for judges to get a meal. There were issues however and discussion took place.
  - g. Need more people on the committee to help out.
  - h. There is a separate checking account for static silent auction. Should just close account in November to make sure checks are cleared and then move funds to Redwater.
    - i. Table until next meeting
- 4. 4-H Food Stand – Group update and discussion
  - a. 12 mugs and/or tumblers- Judges and volunteers appreciated the gift.
  - b. There was a lot of discussion about food stand- Need organization with food stand and enough food for each day.
  - c. Table food stand discussion until next meeting and have a food stand committee.
- 5. Jr. Leaders Report from 9/14/2021- Michelle May gave update
  - a. 15 youth, 4 adults showed up to the meeting.
  - b. New officers- see newsletter on who is who.
  - c. Great ideas and thoughts come up and energetic kids on what to do for the year.
  - d. Point system was discussed at the meeting.
- 6. Shooting Sports - Amy Clark - Fall Activities
  - a. Safety training- Sunday October 3, 1:00 to 5:00- Register in advance
  - b. See newsletter with specifics on safety training
  - c. Lawrence working on continuing this year but need a new building and adult leader. Not taking any beginners for shooting sports.
  - d. Adult instructor training- Discussion took place.
- 7. Awards and Recognition - Kendra Gordon gave update
  - a. Committee gets together to look at recognition applications and make sure requirements are met to approve
  - b. Usually meet for about 2 hours- watch Monday minute if you want to help.

#### **Old Business:**

- 1. County and State Report/Review - Cindy Riley
  - a. Michelle gave report on member enrollment and animals for the fair. No decline in fair for numbers of kids or animals was seen due to Covid.
  - b. County Fair- 1,016 static projects, 52 swine, 109 beef, 265 sheep, 122 goats, 112 horses, 111 poultry, 7 small animals (including a snake) and 17 dairy cattle.
  - c. State Fair- 82 static projects, 2 poultry, 2 beef, 7 sheep and 8 goats. 5 families brought the livestock.
  - d. Membership- 37 cloverbuds, 90 beginners, 97 juniors, 99 senior, totaling 323 4H members. 181 Butte County members, 142 Lawrence County members and 75 adult volunteers (both counties) with 7 waiting for review.
- 2. RYLF- Pitchfork Fondue recap - Holly Main
  - a. Successful event- Sold out tickets a week before event

- b. Had about 50 people who bought tickets which didn't come because of heat.
- c. 8000 dollars given out to support 4H from the money earned.

**New Business:**

1. 4-H Youth - Being able to sell at the silent auction (if donating the monies) and livestock sale
  - a. Usually, can only sell at one auction either the silent or livestock, not both.
  - b. Discussion took place on possibility to allow kids to do both
  - c. It was discussed to have committee meet and discuss new ideas and bring to Redwater 4H Council at a later date.
  
2. 4-H Recognition Event, November 7, 2021 at Besler's Cadillac Ranch from 2-4 PM
  - a. Free of charge for using facility.
  - b. Coming up with a thank you.
  - c. Leaders will get information on what they will do for the event, stay tuned to the Monday Minute and emails from Michelle or Cindy.
  - d. Will have prizes for the "Best dress up" contest- Wild West theme
  - e. Leftover t-shirts will go to cloverbud- Redwater Youth Leadership Fund decided to pay for the shirts to have them handed out to cloverbuds during the awards banquet.
  
3. Fair Board requests greater 4-H youth involvement - trash pickup at the fair, cleaning of the public bathrooms, 4-H office open at 7:30 AM prior to livestock shows
  - a. Bring ideas to leaders meeting and have ideas for board meeting.
  - b. Discussion on having someone paid for bathroom/showers and trash bins.
  
4. Fair Board has requested that 4-H youth construct more double-sided benches and picnic tables
  - a. Kristy McCoy has all the patterns for the picnic tables and benches.
  - b. Woodworking classes can maybe do some of the building.
  - c. Looking at option to have a company build them and find sponsors who will buy them for their brand in the item.
  - d. Michelle will look up cost for building.
  - e. Discussion took place on lumber costs and waiting.
  
5. Election of Officers for next meeting in November 2021
  - a. All officers are good until the following year. No elections this year in 2021
  - b. Two-year terms in the by-laws
  
6. Michelle May - Outreach and Extension activities for the Fall of 2021
  - a. Michelle gave update and look at Monday Minute.
  
7. Deb Kukushka- Record book completion
  - a. Ideas to have a record book award at recognition for best book to get youth interested in keeping records.
  
8. Upper Pavilion Policing- Some projects were damaged this year at fair
  - a. Need individuals to man the static building next year.
  - b. A lot of discussion took place.
  - c. Brainstorm at leaders meeting and bring back to next Redwater meeting

**Upcoming Events**

- \*Redwater Youth 4-H Council Meeting, September 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM
- \*End of the year 4-H reports are due from 4-H Leaders on September 20, 2021
- \*Fair Board Meeting, B/L Extension Office, October 4, 2021 at 6:30 PM - Discussion with 4-H leaders about the 2021 B/L County Fair

\*Western Jr. Livestock Show and Family Consumer Science Show October 5-9, 2021

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Shawnie to adjourn the meeting and Nicole seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**\*Standing Committees:** Livestock Committee, Livestock Sale Committee, Static/YIA Committee, 4-H  
Food

Stand, Jr. Leaders, Horse Show, Dog Project, Awards & Recognition, Scholarship & Trips, Shooting Sports,  
Judging Teams.