

So when you're cold  
from inside out  
And don't know what  
to do,  
Remember love and  
friendship,  
And warmth will come  
to you.  
Stephen Cosgrove



## Can't Beat This

Teton County 4-H has used the Weatherbeater for roughly four decades. The Weatherbeater Board are tremendous in their support of 4-H, as we have never paid any rent in all those years. Did you know that your family can buy a membership to the Weatherbeater and that membership would help pay for things like heat, electricity and water to the building? Also, the Weatherbeater Board holds an annual fundraiser. If you would like to learn more or contribute, please contact Jeff Salmond at 590-0112 or [jeffsalmond@gmail.com](mailto:jeffsalmond@gmail.com).

## Market Beef Info!

Please watch your mail in the next week for information specific to market beef, such as the market animal agreements, registration and ear tag instructions. Please note, if you have not registered for 4-H, you will not receive this packet. Please help us operate efficiently by registering for 4-H in early October if you plan to participate in 4-H livestock programs.

## Meet Me in January...

The Livestock Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14 in Fairfield at the New Life Church. All committee members are invited to attend, as well as any guests. Committee members are Todd Banner, Carson Crary, Danelle Crary, Dusty Crary, Josh deVos, SalinA deVos, Clayton Forseth, Karen Forseth, Madison Irons, Mark Major, Elexis McCann, Craig Moore, Jolene Moore, Brent Roeder, Doug Ulsh, Justyce Yeager and Rusch Yeager.

## The Next 31...



**Camp Counselor Meeting    January 7 6-8 pm    Fairfield    Location TBD**



**Livestock Committee Meeting    January 14 6 pm    Fairfield    New Life Church**



**4-H Council    January    Date/Location TBD**

# Meetings

## 4-H Camp Counselors – Planning Meeting January 7 from 6-8p.m. in Fairfield

Thank you to the following 4-H members who have contacted usso that we know they are interested in serving as a camp counselor this summer. (If your name is not on the list and you are interested, call or text Jane at 590-2492.) Madeline Konen, Bellamy Beadle, Jersey Somerfeld, Quincy Holmquist, Presley Holmquist, Golden Holmquist, Trever Severinsen, Myles Allen, Ainsley DeBruycker, Jacob Major and Katie Major. The fabulous Marla Holmquist is back as a camp director, but we could really use a co-director. We would prefer someone who could follow along for a year to two and transition into the director position. This volunteer opportunity can be one of the truly rewarding leadership experiences. If you are interested, but need more information, please contact Jane.

The camp counselor meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7 from 6-8 p.m. in Fairfield with location to be announced. Carpooling from Choteau will be available, just let Jane know you want to ride with her.

## Did You Know?

## We Have the GREEN for your SCENE

### Green 4-H Aprons

The MSU Extension Office in Teton County stores many 4-H owned items and promotional materials.

We now own 30 4-H aprons. These can be borrowed for classes and service events.

There is a set of ten aprons that Heidi Konen is holding for us in the Power/Fairfield area, if that is closer. Call the office if you want to borrow, we often have people going to Fairfield as we try to provide outreach services throughout the county.



### 4-H Flags

We have several 4-H flags available. They get used during 4-H week and fair week and are posted around the courthouse. If you would like to borrow, please let us know. Please contact our office if you need to borrow supplies. Most everything you see used at fair and camp are available for your use.

## iPad Lab supported by Youth Technology Grant from 3 Rivers Communication

We have a lab with 15 iPads available to be used for educational purposes. If you would like to borrow, plan some extra time to discuss with Jane and to make sure they will work for your purposes. Updates and app purchases may need to be managed. If you have decent WiFi, these could be used for doing record books on ZSuites (once state curriculum committee decides if they are going to approve) at club meetings or project meetings.

# Project Meetings

## Archery

Greeting 4H Archers and Parents

I look forward to our time together in January and February learning to be better archers. Here are a few details about the classes this year:

**Where:** Thanks to the Choteau Mormon Church for allowing us to use their gym for our classes. This space will better accommodate our needs.

**When:** This year we will be offering two classes. Beginners will meet at 5:30-6:30 PM and more advanced students will be at 6:45-8:00 PM. However, I will allow for more advanced and beginner siblings to be in the same class so that parents do not have to come twice. I am flexible. We will meet **January 13, 20, 27** and **February 3, 10**. If you have your own archery equipment, please bring what you have. The Teton County 4-H has archery equipment if you do not. I will bring everything to the classes. If you have any questions do not hesitate to text or call me.

Thanks. Jason Asselstine

Email: [jasonassel@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonassel@yahoo.com) Cell #: 750-1342



# Special Events

## In Need, Indeed

The Choteau area food drive did not go according to plan. Due to ice, wind and snow, we cancelled the door-to-door food drive that typically brings in between 1500-2000 pounds of food for the food pantry. The planning committee scrambled to organize back up plans. Thank you to the committee members: Taylor Asselstine, Bellamy Beadle, Cathy Campbell, Kay DeBruycker, Samara DeBruycker, Kyle Haas, Lisa Haas, Matthew Haas, Dillon Harrell and Audrey Hutton. The total food attributed to 4-H so far for the Choteau drive is hovering around half of normal, at roughly 800 pounds. Cash donations around the \$300 mark were also credited to 4-H efforts. We appreciate your enthusiasm serving your community and representing 4-H. 4-H clubs could discuss with their memberships whether they wanted to do a mini-drive with their members or donate funds to their local food bank.



Thank you to the many 4-H members who helped with the booth during the district volleyball tournament and to the planning committee!

## Discount Cards

Remember to ask at businesses to inquire whether they give discounts on 4-H project supplies. Many businesses are very supportive with discounts. Remember to shop at local businesses as they are the ones who support us locally. On a statewide level, Murdoch's has been a pivotal supporter and scholarship donor. Active 4-H members are eligible to receive a discount on show apparel and supplies throughout the year! Ask a cashier for assistance with acquiring a Murdoch's discount card.

**Don't forget to count activities like working the Food Pantry booth towards your Service Learning hours. Also, if your 4-H Club is doing any outreach activities during the holidays, be sure to count those hours as well.**

# Club News

## Spring Creek by Leah Paulson

Monday, November 11, 2019. Nick led the American pledge and Carson led the 4-H pledge. The Treasurer's report was given by Jo Lynn who reported that the Spring Creek and Eager Beaver accounts have been merged for a balance of \$2000. Leah read the minutes of the last meeting. Nick and Payson presented a group game. The Food Bank door-to-door was canceled due to weather, and we discussed how to raise food or money:

- Club challenge
- Monetary donations
- Movie night, with cans as admission
- Pins for Pantry: at bowling alley

Moved and seconded that Pins for Pantry committee (Payson, Nick and RyLynn) would look into renting the bowling alley and starting it. Head, heart, hands and health papers were passed around to determine one thing to do throughout the year for each category. We will vote on activities next meeting. Sign-up sheet for meals and demonstrations was passed around again. Next meeting will be a Christmas party at the Snyder's with games on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. President Matthew Haas adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

## Challenging Champs by Jordyn Stengrimson

The Challenging Champs 4-H Club met on November 3, 2019. Jessica Toeckes led the American pledge and Amara Bodkins led the 4-H pledge. For roll call members said what they were thankful for. Twenty-eight members were present. For new business, we talked about doing a craft table at the Power Christmas tree lighting party. A few people volunteered to work the table and come up with different crafts. Leona Somerfeld told us she would be getting giving tree tags for our club and we can pick them up December 1st. They will be due back to Choteau on December 11. For old business, we reviewed the plan for collecting food for the Teton Food Bank. Jessica Toeckes moved to adjourn the meeting and Cameron Keel seconded the motion. The next meeting will be on December 15 at 2pm at the Power School. The Woodhouse and Stengrimson families brought snacks and we played line tag in the gym afterwards.



Challenging Champs members gathered food for the food pantry.

## Eager Eagles by Alexis Morris

The Eager Eagles met at 6:30 p.m. on October 14, 2019. Trevor Severinsen led the American and 4-H pledges. Secretary Alexis Morris took roll call and read the minutes from the September meeting. Nolan read the treasurer's report stating we have \$609.41; Nolan is still waiting for dues to be paid. Our rotation this year is to clean the Pavilion after fair and cleaning Camp Rotary. The reports were given by Ayden and Waverly. The next cooking meeting is October 22. Madeline Konen also gave a report. Make it with Wool is November 2 in Great Falls. Corey talked about shooting sports. Karen Forseth noted that Livestock Committee has not made any changes yet, but if you have suggestions please submit them now as they are not allowing any changes after December. Remember beef pictures with tags are due the first week in January. Madeline and Justin talked about 4-H camp, and the Extension Office is looking for camp counselors older than 14. Our club is still looking for a Cloverbud leader. Remember to re-enroll by December 1st. Nolan, Ayden, and Luke received awards for their record books. Teton County needs nominations for 4-H Council treasurer and president. Justin and Mrs. DeBruycker talked about concessions and Garage/Bake sale. Ayden moved to have a garage/bake sale in the spring and summer. Mrs. DeBruycker talked about the snack budget for each meeting. Madeline moved for \$5 per family and seconded by Waverly. We talked about adopting a highway and we will clean the highway two times a year. Mrs. DeBruycker gave an update about the hat and glove challenge. Mrs. Stewart is making and sending letters out. This is still in the works. The next meeting is January 13 Faith Bible Youth Hall at 6:30 pm. Nolan motioned and Madeline seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

# Club News Continued

## Old Agency by Dillon Harrell

On Thursday, November 21, we met in the Choteau Elementary School cafeteria. President Bellamy Beadle led the meeting. Trent Taylor let the Pledge of Allegiance and Blake Gunderson led the 4-H pledge. Dillon took roll call which was "What are you grateful for?" There were 16 members present. Dillon read the minutes from the previous meeting and Claire Long moved to approve them, Kale seconded the motion and it carried. Taylor Asselstine read the Treasurer's report and our current balance is \$4206.35. Under Unfinished Business we reviewed the by-laws and talked about executive officers. We changed the attendance by-law to five meetings/service activities per year and that as a club we would pay for member's dues who are in good standing. Charlie Long moved to accept these changes, Kale Gunderson seconded the motion and it carried. Under New Business the Christmas party was discussed. We formed a committee with Kale, Ainsley, Grant, Trent, Bellamy and Charlie to plan it. For the Caring Tree we will choose two male and two female cards and spend a total of \$200. Trent moved and Grant seconded the motion which carried. Teton County is helping to plan Rec Lab this year which will be held in Hobson in April. Members 13 years old and up can attend. Members interested in horse projects can contact Salina deVos. The deadline for those 14 years old and up who want to be Camp Counselors in December 1. Ainsley moved to adjourn, Sadie seconded and the meeting was adjourned.



## Livestock Committee Minutes

**November 19, 2019, 6:30 pm Teton County Courthouse Conference Room**

**Members and Guests Present:** Danelle Crary, Clayton and Karen Forseth, Josh and Salina DeVos via Phone, Ashle, Mike, Alexis and Katy Morris, Todd Banner, Jerob Hatch, Madison Irons, Jane Wolery.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm in the Courthouse conference room by Danelle Crary.

**Minutes:** Minutes from previous meeting were moved to be approved by Ashle. Katy seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance was \$15,023.00. \$592.12 was received for breeding fees, extra sale animals, judge donations. Expenses paid totaled \$3434.13 for livestock judge, power bill, beef check-off, stamps and reimbursement. Current balance is \$12, 200.99. Pork and Lamb board expenses are expected and still need to be paid.

### **Old Business:**

**Fair:** 2020 Fair will be June 22-28 with sale being on June 27. Next fair dates noted. Hog barn updates discussion tabled. Bedding was discussed. No action taken. Tabled to January meeting. Mike Morris moved to set possession dates for market animals as follows: Beef-January 6 with a late date of January 16. Swine-April 6 with late date of April 16. Sheep and Goats-April 20 with a late date of April 30. Katy seconded. Motion carries. Bill of sale was briefly discussed. The office will get paperwork ready and include a few additional explanations this year and hopefully the triplicate Bill of Sale forms, which need completed for every animal unless the 4-H member raised the animal and has the 4-H member's (not family) brand on the animal. No action taken. Assessment fees for market animals will remain the same. Karen moved that any extra market animal assessment will be equal to half of that species original assessment. Mike seconded. Motion carried. Assessment will be due according to schedule above. Karen moved to set the Breeding Assessment fees to ½ the market assessment cost per animal. Alexis seconded. Mike moved to amend the motion by adding 'unit' after 'animal'. Katy seconded. Amendment passed. Main Motion now reads: Breeding assessment fees will be ½ the market cost per animal unit. Motion carried. Breeding fees will be due with fair registration. Some of the discussion around both motions included that the livestock committee has many of the same expenses for all animals such as facilities (pens/panels), bedding, advertising, judges' fees, insurance, etc. The main thing that would be different would be shipping, thus ½ the cost. The committee was concerned about not making fees a hardship, but also covering expenses related to hosting the event. Carcass evaluation was discussed. Ranchland Processing in Butte and Tizer Processing in Helena were suggested. No action taken. Set up was discussed. No action taken. Advertising costs were discussed. Council has paid ½ of the cost of livestock ads for around 15 years. It was felt that once the livestock committee reviews their budget they could take on paying 100% of livestock sale related advertising. To be discussed again at next meeting. Work left on corrals discussion moved to a later date.

**Accounts receivable:** Collecting fees on additional animals was discussed. In the past, the office has either had to collect prior to or following fair. By having additional (beyond market) animals pay the flat rate of ½ upon entry this issue will be resolved.

**New Business:** Ear tags for 2020. Should be some extra or Jane will purchase. Processing tabled to January meeting.

Audrey Hutton sent proposal for an additional steer as part of her breeding project. Presently the rules do not seem to allow for such, but more clarification is needed. Jane will contact Audrey to either present her proposal at the next meeting or to send a letter with more detail about the request. Tabled until January. Corporate invites, buyer registration stickers and members approaching buyers' discussed. It was agreed without motion that we could provide, "I am a registered 4-H supporter" stickers for buyers at fair. It would help members identify the buyers among the attendees at the sale. It was noted that many 4-H members invite businesses that are part of state or national corporations. For those invitations and authorizations to make it to the local contact, members really need to be sending invitations in February or March. It was noted that livestock project leaders, club organizational leaders and the next ag agent should try to educate members in terms of timelines on inviting potential buyers to attend the sale. No action taken. Jane noted policy change from MSU affecting office signing contracts. No action needed. LQA was discussed. Committee members to bring ideas for LQA to January meeting. MAGIE livestock and meats mentioned. Jane reported that Brent Roeder is working with interested 4-H members on meats evaluation.

First draft of Constitution and By-Laws read. Corrections and changes will be discussed at January meeting.

Preliminary budget also distributed. Any changes needed will be brought before committee at next meeting.

Officer elections: Danelle nominated Karen to continue as Secretary. Clayton seconded. Ashle moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Karen. Karen voted in as Secretary. Ashle nominated Todd as President. Katy seconded. Karen moved to cease nominations. Todd voted in as President by unanimous proclamation.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2020 at New Life Church in Fairfield at 6 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

# Training

## Shooting Sports Trainings

### Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Schedule 2019-2020

#### Trainings

December 6-7, 2019 – Flathead County Fairgrounds, Kalispell, MT – See 4-H Website

December 13-14, 2019 – Fallon County Shooting Facility, Baker, MT – See 4-H Website

January 3-4, 2020 – Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds, Helena, MT – See 4-H Website

#### 4-H Shooting Sports Matches 2020

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Competition</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Kalispell	12/2/2019 - 2/19/2020	Archery, Rifle, Pistol	<a href="mailto:fc4hsspostalmatch@gmail.com">fc4hsspostalmatch@gmail.com</a>
Helena	1/18/2020	Archery, 3D Archery, Rifle, Pistol	<a href="mailto:lc4hss@gmail.com">lc4hss@gmail.com</a>
Kalispell	1/25/2020	Archery, Rifle, Pistol	<a href="mailto:fc4hsspostalmatch@gmail.com">fc4hsspostalmatch@gmail.com</a>
Shelby	1/25-26/2020	Marias Fair Invitational	<a href="mailto:bentley@3rivers.net">bentley@3rivers.net</a>
Ennis	1/31/2020 – 2/1/2020	Madison County Archery Shoot	<a href="mailto:teacharchery2u@yahoo.com">teacharchery2u@yahoo.com</a>
Baker	1/31/2020 – 2/1/2020	Carter County Shooting Stars Inv.	<a href="mailto:FallonCarter1@montana.edu">FallonCarter1@montana.edu</a>
Great Falls	2/1/2020	Cascade County Archery Inv.	<a href="mailto:cascadecoshootingsports@gmail.com">cascadecoshootingsports@gmail.com</a>
Stevensville	2/15/2020	Bitterroot 4-H Archers Inv.	<a href="mailto:montana4hroots@yahoo.com">montana4hroots@yahoo.com</a>
Fort Benton	2/29/2020	Choteau County Archery Inv.	<a href="mailto:tyler.lane@montana.edu">tyler.lane@montana.edu</a>
Bozeman	3/4/2020 – 3/6/2020	State Shooting Sports Inv.	<a href="mailto:scott.francis@montana.edu">scott.francis@montana.edu</a>
Red Lodge	TBD	Carbon County Invitational	<a href="mailto:Carbon@montana.edu">Carbon@montana.edu</a>
Big Timber	TBD	Sweetgrass County Archery Inv.	<a href="mailto:slannen280@gmail.com">slannen280@gmail.com</a>
Ronan	TBD	Lake County Invitational	<a href="mailto:ed.larson1@live.com">ed.larson1@live.com</a>
Dillon	TBD	Beaverhead County Invitational	<a href="mailto:jsutton@limaschoolmt.org">jsutton@limaschoolmt.org</a>
Livingston	TBD	Park County 3D Shoot	<a href="mailto:sramaro350@gmail.com">sramaro350@gmail.com</a>

#### Qualifiers 2019 - 2020

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Competition</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Logan	10/12/2019	Shotgun Qualifier – Completed	<a href="mailto:scott.francis@montana.edu">scott.francis@montana.edu</a>
Livingston	TBD	Archery Pre-Qualifier	<a href="mailto:sramaro350@gmail.com">sramaro350@gmail.com</a>
Livingston	TBD	Muzzle-loader Qualifier	<a href="mailto:sramaro350@gmail.com">sramaro350@gmail.com</a>
Livingston	TBD	Archery Qualifier	<a href="mailto:sramaro350@gmail.com">sramaro350@gmail.com</a>

## 4-H Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 Fairfield High School Library

The 4-H Council meeting was called to order by president Michael Konen at 6:10 pm on Tuesday November 5, 2019. In attendance were Michael Konen, Kelly DeBruycker, Madeline Konen, Jane Wolery, Jen Asselstine, Todd Banner, Daniel Asselstine via WebEx and Leona Somerfeld via phone. The American and 4-H pledges were recited. Roll call was a sign in by those in attendance. There were no presentations.

### Minutes:

The previous meetings minutes from April 16, 2019 were printed for each council member in attendance. There was no discussion or changes made to the minutes. Jen Asselstine moved to approve the minutes as presented. Madeline Konen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion proceeded to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

### Treasurer Report:

Jen Asselstine presented the treasure's report. As of 11-4-19:m Checking Account = \$13, 720.13 Savings Account = \$25,603.76 Jen Asselstine stated that the treasure's books were recently audited by Diane Gollehon. She states this happens every two years. Diane stated to Jen that the books were in order. She will need to see the actual cash receipt book from the Extension Office in coming years as another point of audit. Diane did send an email to Jane Wolery with a couple of suggestions. One, if possible, do not have your treasurer or co-signer sign a check written to themselves. Two, to verify deposits are correct, have the Extension staff completing the deposit record, sign the record and give that to the treasurer along with the funds to deposit. This is another safeguard that will ensure that the record is not altered by the treasurer. Jane also states that a new co-signer will need to take over Delaynie Beadle's duty. Currently the signers are Jen Asselstine and Lauren Long. It would be preferred that the new co-signer be from the Choteau area for ease of signing and banking. Further thoughts on a 4-H member or volunteer to be a new co-signer will be discussed in new business.

### Correspondence & Announcements:

The 4-H council received a thank you card from Madeline Konen thanking the 4-H Council for the funds to send her to Fall Ambassador and Teen Leader Training. She states that she learned a lot of valuable lessons about becoming an effective leader and that she looks forward to investing her new skills into younger 4-H members.

### Committee Reports:

Livestock: No report. Have not yet met this Fall

Exchange: See new business

Fair: No report

Awards: No report

Budget & Audit: (Report by Jane Wolery & Jen Asselstine)

Jen and Jane created and printed for all members the proposed budget for 2020 and record of income and expenses for 2019. 4-H year. All members reviewed and any questions were clarified. No large grants are anticipated in 2020.

Textiles: No report

Record Books: (Report by Jane Wolery) The record book committee has not met. Jane asked for any feedback on Zingbooks used by 4-H members during the 2018-2019 4-H year. Jen Asselstine states that Taylor Asselstine used Zingbooks and it went well. She stated that Taylor is not techy, but she liked using the program. The only issue Taylor had was with the use of her Mac computer. Jen states that the communication with Zingbooks support was very helpful. Jane stated that her daughter, Bellamy Beadle, used Zingbooks and used the chat feature when she had difficulty with the program and felt it was helpful. Jane also states that Zingbooks has been converted to ZSuite. It has not yet been decided if Teton County will continue to use ZSuite during the current 4-H year. Jamie Smith is on the state curriculum committee that will decide this, and she is lobbying hard for ZSuite's continuation.

Horse: No report

Communications: No report

**Unfinished Business:** Thank you to Sun River Electric -- Jane Wolery states that she has sent a written thank you to Sun River Electric for the \$3,000 donated grant money during the 2018-2019 4-H year. The grant money will be used to purchase a new PA system that has not yet been purchased. Jane thought it would be nice if the 4-H Council also send a thank you. There was discussion about what kind of thank you council would like to extend. Todd Banner suggested a banner for the sale ring at the 4-H fair livestock sale recognizing Sun River Electric. It was suggested that Sun River Electric may have banners to donate. If not, Annie Olson from Choteau, does print banners for purchase. Another suggestion was to obtain Sun River Electric stickers to be placed on the PA System for recognition. Another idea was to have a picture of the newly purchased PA system, while in use, placed in a printed thank you in the Choteau Acantha and the Fairfield Sun Times. Thank you ads in the papers are about \$45.00 each. Jen Asselstine made a motion to authorize 4-H Council to use funds up to \$250 dollars in order to place a thank you ad, including a picture of the PA system purchased in use, in both the Choteau Acantha and the Fairfield Sun Times. She also moved to approve the purchase of Sun River Electric signage if necessary. Madeline Konen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion proceeded to a vote. The motion passed

unanimously.

**Robotics:** Jane Wolery states that the 4-H Council purchased robotics equipment to appeal to the robotics group. Josh Hill and Ed Garon have volunteered to lead the robotics group. They would like to use this robotics equipment by holding classes/lessons for 4-H members. Jane states that there are a couple of issues. One, it is unknown the number of new enrollments into robotics and that 4-H members may not be aware that the robotics equipment for robotics lab is available. Two, there have been scheduling conflicts between Josh and Ed to try to get a robotics lab meeting scheduled. Ultimately, the discussion will continue on how to publicize the robotics lab and equipment available to 4-H members.

**Council and Livestock Splitting Advertising History:** 4-H Council and Livestock Committee have split advertising costs. 2017-2018 4-H year: \$614 was Livestock Committee split 2018-2019 4-H year: \$707 was Livestock Committee split Jane Wolery suggested that this business be tabled until the Livestock Committee meets and forms their budget that can be presented to council. All council members agreed.

**Other:** None

**New Business:**

Mat Walter, our recent Ag Agent, has taken a position in Lewis & Clark County. Mat's last day in Teton County was 10-28-19. His first day in Lewis & Clark County is 11-12-19. Kelly DeBruycker asked what the process was for hiring a new ag agent. Jane Wolery states that the Teton County Commissioners need to approve hiring a new ag agent and then work will be done with MSU to start the process of hiring a new ag agent.

Action As Needed Based on Committee Reports As stated under the treasurer's report, a new cosigner is needed to replace Delaynie Beadle. Jen Asselstine requests that the member or volunteer be from the Choteau area for ease of signing and banking. Suggestions were made of Bellamy Beadle, Mark or Katie Major and Adelena Long. Jane and Jen will speak to these members and volunteers.

**By-Laws Update (to change terms of offices)**

Jen Asselstine started the discussion with the possibility of changing the by-laws for the 4-H Council treasurer to be able to hold two consecutive terms in office for a total of four years. This would only be for the treasurer position. Jen states that the treasurer position has a learning curve that is usually established in the first two years. There is a lot of paperwork and bank processes that need to be learned. She feels that four years would allow for more success in this position. Jane Wolery has stated advantages and disadvantages to the change in this by-law in an email to 4-H Council on 10-8-19.

**Advantages:**

- Easier for volunteer to commit to two years
- Allows for changes in volunteers, more opportunities and inclusivity
- Eliminates a "status quo" culture
- An outside review/audit of Teton County 4-H Council funds happens every two years between treasurers

**Disadvantages:**

- Continuity of programming goals
- Finding volunteers to serve, which may necessitate officers succeeding themselves.
- Changing treasurers with banks is becoming increasingly time-consuming and to do so every two years can put the financial management of the organization on hold for several months each time
- We typically only meet twice a year now, so officers are just getting into the flow of their positions when elections are required.

**It is suggested that by-laws for officers state:** The president and treasurer will be elected in odd years alternating with the vice president and secretary who will be elected in even years. Officers will hold office for two years and can succeed themselves for a maximum of two terms for a total of four consecutive years in the same office. Other discussion on by-law changes were as follows: Committees: To have line (a.) state: Only those who have properly registered for a committee by December 1 will have the right to vote at committee meetings. Horse Committee: The committee will oversee equine education events, rules, regulations and safety of 4-H horse related events and contests.

**Articles:** To have line item iv. read: Serve in an advisory capacity to MSU Extension Agents in Teton County. A motion was made by Madeline Konen to accept changes as presented in the Teton County 4-H Council Constitution. Daniel Asselstine seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion proceeded to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

## **By-law changes must be read at two meetings before final approval.**

### **Monetary Decisions Needed:**

1. **Aprons--\$140.55** Currently the Extension office has 20 green 4-H aprons. Jane Wolery states that there is a considerable demand in Fairfield and Choteau for the use of the aprons. Jane has purchased another set of 10 aprons for \$145.55. Jane would like direction if 4-H Council should pay for the aprons or the Extension Office. If council decides to pay for the aprons the funds will come out of the advertising budget. Leona Sommerfeld made a motion that 4-H Council pay for the additional 10 aprons purchased at the cost of \$140.55. An announcement will be made in the monthly Teton County 4-H Newsletter where the aprons will be located for use at 4-H events. Jen Asselstine seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion proceeded to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Flags Payment--\$57.30** Jane Wolery has purchased new 4-H flags at the cost of \$57.30 to replace the old, torn flags that usually surround the courthouse during 4-H fair, 4-H week and are also used in parades. Jane would like direction on whether 4-H Council or the Extension Office should pay for the new flags. If 4-H Council decides to pay for the flags it would come out of the advertising budget. Jen Asselstine made a motion that Teton County 4-H Council purchase the flags at the cost of \$57.30. Kelly DeBruycker seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion proceeded to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Cost of 4-H Rec Lab Cards--\$96.00** District 3, which includes Teton County, is hosting Rec Lab this year. Rec Lab will cover this cost.

4. **Sound System Purchase Approval** A \$3,000 grant was received from Sun River Electric Cooperative during the 2018-2019 4-H year. The money will be used to purchase a new PA system. Jane Wolery has asked for consultation on the purchase from Jason Asselstine, Rods Sound and Music in Great Falls, and John Park in Fairfield. Todd Banner made a motion to give Jason Asselstine the authorization to use up to \$3,000 to purchase a new PA system. Madeline Konen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion proceeded to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Food Drive and Every Door Direct—1388 deliveries and \$259.56** The annual door to door food drive in Choteau was cancelled this year due to weather. The food drive is a huge donation to the Teton County Food Pantry. A food pantry donation area was set up at the district volleyball tournament in Choteau to help, but still not as much food collected as would have been had door-to-door collection happened. Jane Wolery brought up the option of a specialty mailing from the post office called Every Door Direct. This would be used to collect monetary donations for the food pantry in lieu of door to door collection. The cost for mailing 1388 envelopes in the Choteau area would be \$259.56. The food drive committee has no funds to compensate. It used to be that the Teton County Food Pantry served the whole county, but that is no longer true because Fairfield now has an established food bank. Discussion was that 4-H Council should not pay for one community in Teton County over another. There was no motion. It was decided that each individual club and community will do what they can to support the food pantries in their respective areas.

6. **Safety Award Vests with 4-H Logo** Jane Wolery is questioning if more safety vests used for highway cleanup are needed and if these vests should have the 4-H logo. Leona Sommerfeld stated that each club can contact the MT Department of Transportation for vests and other highway clean up supplies. She states that each club can keep the vests until they do not need them anymore. It was decided through discussion that the purchase of vests was not warranted and that individual clubs need to be responsible for obtaining enough vests for their club members.

### **Input Needed:**

1. **Letters on Extension Access to Bank Accounts** Jane Wolery states that the Extension Office was authorized on all 4-H accounts, but with multiple ownership changes that practice has not been carried forward. Individual clubs now need to have a letter delivered to individual club banks so that the Extension Office can have viewing, not signature, access to all club accounts. The Extension Office oversees all funds raised or managed in the name of 4-H in Teton County. Wolery will provide a letter to clubs.

## **Input Needed-continued:**

2. **Friends of 4-H Plaques Redesign** Jane Wolery states that the current plaques that were to be given to the friends of 4-H recipients this year (406 Arena & Sun River Electric) were of disappointing quality. Jane presented two metal plaque ideas in the shape of Montana that would also include the recipient's name and that they were awarded "Friends of 4-H". The plaques would be 11x6 ½ in size and would be ordered from HCR which is the same company the grand champion 4-H medallions have been ordered. Jane feels that the newly designed plaques would probably cost around \$20. More discussion included better recognition via the PA system for the recipients during the livestock sale at fair as well as presentation of the newly designed plaques. Todd Banner also suggested giving the recipients something more usable. Since the 2018-2019 Friend of 4-H recipients have not yet received anything in recognition for this year, Jane will move forward on ordering the newly designed plaques. 4-H Council will continue to discuss further options at future meetings.

3. **Moving Exchange Funds to 4-H Council and Closing Account** 4-H Exchange has not been in existence in Teton County for 4 years. The bank contacted the Extension Office and stated that the 4-H exchange account has been inactive. Jane Wolery was going to ask that the money be transferred to 4-H Council and earmarked for 4-H Exchange. However, the week of the meeting a volunteer approached her about the possibility of new leadership for 4-H Exchange. No action will be taken unless the Exchange program does not get underway this year.

4. **Target at Old Sheriff's Office** Jane Wolery states that there is an old archery target currently in storage that has not been used for many years. Jane provided pictures. 4-H Council owns the target and she is looking for input on what to do with the target. There was discussion and it was decided to send pictures and a notice to the Shooting Sports Club first. If they decided that it is not useful to their club, pictures of the target will be put in the monthly 4-H newsletter.

## **Informational Items:**

1. **Camp Counselor New Process:** Interest by 4-H members becoming camp counselors needs to be received by the Extension Office by December 1 so that camp counselor planning meetings can start in January. Marla Holmquist is the camp director and needs a co-director. The co-director would hopefully take the position with the thought of eventually taking over the director position.

2. **State Awards:** Teton County has a long tradition of sending 4-H members to National 4-H Congress and often as State 4-H Awards. Those interested in working on State 4-H Awards or projects for 4-H Congress can contact Jane for more information and she is willing to meet and work with them to get organized. State 4-H Award winners receive an honor trip to National 4-H Congress, that usually only costs about \$300 out-of-pocket

3. **Ambassador Program:** The Extension Office is accepting applications until November 15.

4. **Northwest Farm Credit Services:** Northwest Farm Credit Services has a variety of grants available. Contact Samantha Brooks for more information.

5. **Rec Lab:** Teton County is part of the 4-H District responsible for planning and hosting Rec Lab. It will be April 24, 2020 most likely in Hobson, MT

**Election of Officers:** (President & Treasurer) Nominations were open for the position of 4-H Council President. Madeline Konen was nominated. Nominations were closed. Jen Asselstine made a motion to elect Madeline Konen as president of Teton County 4-H Council.

Leona Somerfeld seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. The 4-H Council proceeded to cast unanimous ballot. Madeline Konen was elected as Teton County 4-H president by unanimous vote.

Nominations were open for the position of 4-H Council Treasurer. Jen Asselstine was nominated. Madeline Konen made a motion that Jen Asselstine continues to hold her office as Teton County 4-H Council Treasurer until Teton County 4-H Council Constitution changes have been voted and approved. Kelly DeBruycker seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. The motion moved to a vote. The motion passed unanimously. The next 4-H Council meeting will be tentatively in January 2020. Time and location to be announced. Madeline Konen moved to adjourn the meeting. Todd Banner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

<b>4-H Council Budget</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
	Proposed	Actual	Proposed
<b>INCOME</b>			
4-H Camp	\$2,500.00	\$2,705.00	\$2,500.00
4-H Youth Education and Travel	\$1,000.00	\$1,154.50	\$1,000.00
Awards	\$5,750.00	\$7,108.47	\$6,000.00
Boe Brothers	\$10,500.00	\$10,542.56	\$10,500.00
Donations/Memorials	\$700.00	\$3,050.75	\$700.00
Dues and 1% Fee	\$1,500.00	\$1,540.74	\$1,500.00
Fair Income	\$700.00	\$707.63	\$700.00
Financial Fee			
Grant and Grant Carryover	\$6,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$6,250.00
Greytak Calendars	\$250.00	\$475.00	\$300.00
Interest Income		\$0.00	\$0.00
License Fee	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
Livestock Judging Income MAGIE			\$0.00
Buyer's Meat and Greet	\$650.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Other Inc.		\$946.00	\$0.00
Transfer from Savings			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,650.00</b>	<b>\$37,820.65</b>	<b>\$30,050.00</b>
		<b>\$27,278.09</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administrative Support Training	\$500.00	\$494.01	\$0.00
Advertising	\$800.00	\$452.60	\$800.00
Ambassadors	\$600.00	\$449.00	\$600.00
Awards	\$5,750.00	\$6,475.90	\$6,000.00
Camp	\$4,250.00	\$3,647.23	\$4,300.00
Donations		\$367.50	\$0.00
Dues and 1% Fee	\$1,500.00	\$1,951.91	\$2,000.00
Exchange			\$0.00
Fair	\$3,500.00	\$4,104.72	\$4,000.00
Grant Expenses		\$728.82	\$3,000.00
Greytak Calendars	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Insurance	\$300.00	\$325.50	\$300.00
Judges	\$800.00	\$1,077.75	\$1,000.00
Livestock Judging Money Used			\$0.00
Buyer's Meat and Greet	\$1,200.00	\$628.36	\$900.00
Youth Travel			
Office Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$146.44	\$300.00
Other	\$100.00	\$1,248.00	\$100.00
Project Curriculum	\$2,250.00	\$1,427.81	\$1,500.00
Volunteer Certification	\$500.00	\$270.00	\$350.00
Volunteer Leaders Certification Shooting Sports	\$200.00	\$180.00	\$250.00
Volunteer training	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Youth Education and Travel	\$3,850.00	\$2,825.16	\$3,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,350.00</b>	<b>\$26,800.71</b>	<b>\$30,050.00</b>

\$23,350.00

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# Proposed 4-H Council By-Law Changes

For a complete constitution and by-laws and proposed changes, please request from the office at 466-2492 or teton@montana.edu.

## Officers

The president and treasurer will be elected in odd years alternating with the vice president and secretary who will be elected in even years. Officers will hold office for two years and can succeed themselves for a maximum of two terms for a total of four consecutive years in the same office.

## Committees

To have line (a.) state: Only those who have properly registered for a committee by December 1 will have the right to vote at committee meetings.

## Horse Committee

The committee will oversee equine education events, rules, regulations and safety of 4-H horse related events and contests.

## Articles

To have line item iv. read: Serve in an advisory capacity to MSU Extension Agents in Teton County.



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# 2019-2020

## DECEMBER

- December 8 Spring Creek Club meeting 5:30 p.m. Snyder home  
December 13 Rec Lab Workshop Proposals due  
December 15 Challenging Champs club meeting 2pm Power School

## JANUARY

- January 6 Market Beef Possession/Paperwork/Photo deadline  
January 7 Camp Counselor meeting-Fairfield 6-8 p.m. Location TBD  
January 13 Eager Eagles Club meeting-Faith Bible Youth Hall FF 6:30 p.m.  
January 14 Livestock Committee-Fairfield New Life Church 6:00 p.m.  
January 15 CWF, LWF, National Conference apps. due

## FEBRUARY

- February 1 MT 4-H Foundation People Partner Grant apps. due

## APRIL

- April 6 Market Swine Possession/Paperwork/Photo deadline  
April 20 Market Lamb & Goat Possession/Paperwork/Photo deadline  
April 26-26 Rec Lab Hobson, MT

## MAY

- May 1 State Award Application Deadline  
May 29 Fair Registrations due

## JUNE

- June 25-30 Teton County 4-H Fair

## JULY

- July 6-8 Pre-Congress  
July 8-12 Montana 4-H Congress  
July 20-22 4-H Camp

## Fair Dates

The Fair is scheduled the last full weekend in June that includes a Sunday.

<b>2020</b>	<b>June 22-28</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>June 21-27</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>June 20-25</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>June 24-30</b>
<b>2025</b>	<b>June 23-29</b>



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