MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2008 4-H LEADERS’ MEETING
October 29, 2008
Courthouse Meeting Room

PRESENT: Becky Cunningham, Vice President & Happy Hummers
Anne Sheeter, Happy Hummers & Friskey Fleas
Dustin Johnson, Extension Leader
Angie Ketscher, 4-H Leader Premium Livestock
Pat Bailey, 4-H Leader Premium Livestock
Karen Moon, 4-H Leader & Fair Board Liaison
Joanna Corson, Treasurer & Friskey Fleas
Shana Withee, 4-H Agent & Leader
Michelle Tummonds, 4-H Leader Harney Herdsmen
Bri and Bryn Tummonds, 4-H members

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Vice President Becky Cunningham. American and 4-H pledges were led by Bri and Bryn Tummonds.

The minutes of the August 2008 meeting were presented. Karen Moon moved that the minutes be accepted. Seconded by Anne Sheeter, the motion carried.

Treasurer Joanna Corson presented the 4-H Leaders Treasurer’s report, the Regional Treasurer’s report and a recap of the Buyer’s Banquet.

Thank you letters were passed around and read. Leaders were urged to be sure that their members who received trophies wrote and thanked their sponsors. The Leaders’ Association had received only a few. The Happy Hummers and Withee kids were complimented on their thank yous. We still have several market animal checks in the office awaiting thank you letters to Buyers.

The first order of business was Fair Evaluation. We had received a letter from Melodi & Louie Molt with regard to the Buyer’s BBQ. They did not feel that the BBQ was fair to other vendors as it took business away from them, over 1000 dinners were served (not just to buyers) and kids had complained that they had to help when they should be getting their animals ready for the sale. Next year the Fair Board will begin charging 4-H 20% of the proceeds just like all the other vendors pay. Recommended we go back to a holding a buyers appreciation dinner at the Elks after Fair.

Discussion followed and consensus was that it was the best meal served at Fair after a long week of fast food, it was the best opportunity for the kids and buyers to get together, and the majority of the meals provided were to the buyers. Shana will look at the scheduling of clubs to help so that the kids who have animals to be sold first at the auction, will have time to get their animals ready. Independents will be added to list. Order of sale next year will be sheep, beef, swine. Buyer’s Dinner after Fair had little participation in the past. Leaders do not want to change something that works and recommended we stay with the BBQ at Fair.

Start auction at 7 pm. Assign a club to be responsible for coffee and lemonade at Auction. Dustin took care of it this year.

Shana extended a BIG thank you to all the Fair Clerks, Superintendents, leaders and volunteers for all their help during fair. Even the weather cooperated. It was a GREAT fair. Fred Pelroy had expressed the need for “NO DOG” signs in the animal areas. Lots of trouble with dogs not on leash when animals are arriving and during Fair.
Judge evaluations – Dog and Llama judges were good. Beef judge needed more experience and a little more preparation. Horse judge at Fair was good, not the July Judge.

4-H Horse Show – keep on Tuesday. Suggested we share judges with the Great Basin Show in July. We need a new Horse Show Supt. next year.

4-H Dog Show – keep on Wednesday morning.

4-H Llama Show – Propose to have llamas at Fair on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday next year. Will need 1 or 2 stalls. Will take home on other days but have them available for viewing and petting 3 days. Not many kids so far this year.

4-H Rabbit Show – have a roped area to keep people away from tables where rabbits are being judged. A new PA system is needed for announcing. Rabbit club is fundraising to purchase a new cage system for Fair. Present system is worn out.

Ruthie’s Photo Fundraiser was well supported by dog and llama kids. This might be a good club project in the future. Kids really liked the embroidered chairs given as trophies this year. Ice Cream bars were again a success this year. People need to be assigned in advance next year to hand out record books.

Chips were purchased this year by the Fair Board. Not as many chips used as in the past. Excess chips have been stored and are available for next Fair. Recommended we stay with the same fee schedule for next year. Fair Board had asked that a cover of chips be left in the stalls for next year. Consensus was “No” to this request. Put a “No Clean Stall fee of $35” in the Fairbook in LARGE letters for next year.

Llamas were short on panels and panels were not available on time. Problem has been resolved for next year.

Cover needed over pig scale. Llamas should use beef scale, just plug in to use. Old scale is not certified.

Rate of Gain Contest was good. Shows the kids have done their job. Shana expressed her appreciation to Angie Ketscher for sponsoring this contest.

Herdsmanship contest without scores seemed to be well received. What about an award for the best club? Herdsmanship judges need to come around. Goals are to show a safe, clean exhibit. This could be shown on a poster made by the club. It was suggested that sanitizers be available on petting days.

Shriner Thank You Videos and Party – Wednesday of Fair at 8 pm – Sales Barn. This seems to be a good place and time.

Fairground Improvements and Repairs:

4-H PA System needs to be replaced.

Grandstand needed for 4-H arena. Karen Moon working on a grant for this. Funds possibly available from Ford Family, Meyers Memorial Trust and Jeldwen. Palmer will donate removal of old grandstand. Group needs to meet and measure space needed. Shana gave her information previously worked up on this replacement for her use.

Regina Cashen and kids painted the llama shed.

Sheep Club is building a new wash rack back of produce shed.

Beef barns are in need of repair. Poles between stalls won’t hold animals.

Fair Premium Book Changes/corrections due by Jan. 1.

Animals with nose devise not eligible for championship showing – explain reasoning.

Breeding class corrections and standardization is being worked on at this time.
Order of Events – Thursday and Friday – Show order of events.
Rabbit changes – align with State Fair. Ages need correction.

HC Fair SALE Committee met on Oct, 24 at the High School Library. Committee consists of Lee McConnell, Dustin Johnson, Jimmy Zamora, Rob Fisher, President of Stockgrowers and either Dag or Rachel Robinson. They discussed the need to educate members, invite buyers, manage add-ons, encourage more buyers, etc. The next meeting was scheduled for 11/18/08 6-8 pm but date will be changed due to conflicts with other meetings. Auction time is to remain at 7 pm

Becky Cunningham reported that the Malheur Livestock Symposium is held in February. It is a full day and is a kick off of their market program. She has attended with the Llama Club and it is a great day. There are presentations, lots of information available and well worth attending. Kim Talbert puts it together and does a fine job.

We moved into the regular business meeting with discussion of 4-H Achievement night. 62 pounds of food was donated for the food bank which is less than in previous years. We need to make our kids more aware of the Gold Medal applications. We need more to participate. This is an Honor received once in their 4-H career. Requirements are a blue ribbon book, letter of recommendation from a leader, teacher or friend of the applicant and an interview.

Attendance was low and possible change of format, different date and other changes was discussed. There are always conflicts with school activities.

Enrollment packets for 2009 are being made up and will be available soon. Recruitment has been going on at Hines and Slater. Looking for a good date to meet at Crane. Enrollments are due now.

Next Leaders’ Meeting will be Nov. 12 at 7. Awards Task Force Meeting will meet at 6 pm. Will look at rotation of awards. Next year we are looking at hoodies with Champion on sleeve.

4-H Fundraising Dinner is Feb. 28, 2009 at ELKS Lodge. We will need to get on door prize and ticket sales early.

4-H and FFA tagging of Market Steers will be on March 14, 2009. Animals must be tagged at this time to be eligible for the Rate of Gain or Merit and want to show. They can tag 2 animals. This needs to be in the Fair Book. We need a Public Service Announcement that THIS IS THE ONLY DATE TO TAG!

4-H and FFA Market Lambs and Market Hogs will be tagged on June 12, 2009 6-9 pm. There will be people at several locations: Fairgrounds, Crane, Diamond and Drewsey.

Tattooing of breeding projects was discussed. Committee will meet to resolve some problems on breeding projects.

We have 4 lambs left from sale. It was suggested they be kept for next year’s BBQ. Angie Ketscher moved that 4-H purchase the lambs for next year’s BBQ. Anne Sheeter seconded and motion carried. Lambs will be stored at Lee’s.

Upcoming Opportunities:

4-H Horse Bowl quests due Nov. 1

Older 4-H Training and Pizza party to be scheduled. Suggested kids could make tie halters for Fair, neck ropes, have several stations for kids to rotate through. The 4R Recycling has donated metal pieces for halters. Angie will work up design to put them to use.
New 4-H Leader training in December or January. Who needs to come. Let Shana know if you have new leaders.

There will be no Leaders meeting in December. Next election of officers is January 2010.

Community Service Opportunities to put on your calendar now:
Cookies for Summer Reading Program at Library – June & July
Donations for Humane Society, 4-H Scholarship, Food Bank, etc.
Toys for Doernbecher’s Hospital
Baby hats & Blankets for newborns at Hospital
Cloth bags for Dougie Center, Veterans, Hhope
Tie Quilts for Veterans
Fair Clean-up, painting, Sprucing up.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Corson, Secretary pro tem