

# September 21st, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

## Cassia County Volunteer Council

Zoom link: <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/84887870437>

Clubs represented at this meeting by someone in attendance either in person or on Zoom: Rocky Mountain Show Club, Shakes & Steaks, Cassia Classics, New View, Redneck Wranglers, Springdale Acres, Wild Bunch, Bovine Beauticians, Cousins & Critters, Dairy Queens, Dudes & Dolls, Backyard Kids, Black Sheep Squadron, Kids N' Kountry, Whatchamacallits, Makin' Tracks, Hillside Wonders, Bowtaculars, Practice Makes Perfect.

Those clubs not represented at the meeting: Albion Patriots, Almo Hustlers, Cassia Creek, Oakley Valley Beef, A to Z, Oakley Valley 4H, Awesome Possums, Young Riders, A Little of This N' That, Jeans N Boots & Country Roots.

Attending from the 4H Office: Rosie Davids, Dena Jarolimek, Tiffany Anderson (online Zoom), Joel Packham, Grace Wittman

Attending from the Fairboard: Paul Marchant & Todd Powers

Welcome: President Ryan Taylor meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Pledges: were recited

Treasurers Report: Amy Blauer: pop booth made \$1597.72 and baskets made \$1505 (2 still to be paid for) Total in account \$14,202.25

Ratify July meeting minutes which were sent out prior- Motion was made to ratify July Minutes by Makenzie Priest. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alicia Samples. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

### General Meeting: New Business:

**Fair dates for next year are August 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Final Fair registration will be May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Thanks to everyone for their hard work at fair and making it a success, even with COVID.

1. Thanks to the Holt family for all of their work in the pop booth. Discussion on clubs that will not contribute by taking a time slot for pop booth, guard duty or do an auction basket. This year the Holt family had to do a lot of extra shifts to cover as clubs didn't sign up. The money from the pop booth is used to help pay for the \$5 membership fee. Because there were times that guard duty at the 4H building wasn't covered, some clubs brought their projects to the 4H office to be locked up. What can be done to help encourage participation? Discussion: 5 clubs didn't participate at all. It was suggested to not pay the \$5 membership fee for those who don't do a shift. It would be hard to track this. It is believed to be an issue with not getting the information to the families. The office tried calling leaders to get them to sign up and participate. The decision was made to monitor it closer next year. Before the July picnic, see who is missing on the sign-up sheet and contact them. Advice was given to leaders to be sure and assign out things like taking care of the pictures for sale cards, assembling baskets, etc to parents and kids to help. All our efforts are appreciated. The question was asked if it was required to do one or all 3, (basket, guarding the building and pop booth). More direction should be communicated to the leaders so they know what is expected.

2. Do you, (volunteer council), want to continue to pay \$5.00 towards the state 4-H enrollment fee for the youth in our county for the 2021-22 year? A motion was made by Alicia Samples to pay \$5 membership state fee from Leadership account. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dakot Wankier. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

3. Enrollment registration for the 21/22 year will open October 4th and enrollment will be through Zsuites. Trainings have been recorded for families and volunteers. For those who are not at the meeting, please come into the office or call to get a sheet of all the projects. These can be entered in Zsuites ahead of time for your club. There are helps available online. Be sure to use them.

Here is the link for Families:

[https://uidaho.zoom.us/rec/share/JE1fAPF8o5zaMYsT3jk\\_Gdiu2YcV70zoi8ZiwMtEocSVsmSoA4VLVYF\\_voZcLCST.Wa0OC2drn908pwJd](https://uidaho.zoom.us/rec/share/JE1fAPF8o5zaMYsT3jk_Gdiu2YcV70zoi8ZiwMtEocSVsmSoA4VLVYF_voZcLCST.Wa0OC2drn908pwJd) Passcode: Wt+3&u&T

Here is link for Volunteers: <https://www.facebook.com/twinfalls4H/videos/310959097466483>

4. 2021 Ambassador Summit, open in 4-H online till September 27<sup>th</sup>. Open to youth who will be 14 years or older as of Jan. 1, 2022. Go to 4-H online to register for the Summit.

5. Onward/Upward Training for volunteers in Boise, October 15-16<sup>th</sup>. Please see flyer.

6. Club financial forms are due prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please take one, if possible fill it out and return it to us tonight. Remember, any income, must be receipted out. The financial form can be found on the Cassia County 4-H website under resources, second bullet. **These are simple to do. Get it done!**

7. Volunteers need to enroll by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Many of you will be needing to do a background check. We will send you an invitation for Verified once you have completed the enrollment process through Zsuites. Background checks are good for 3 years and Protecting Minors will be good for three years as well. **Do it Early!**

8. The County Website and the county Facebook have information for leaders and parents. Please refer to those sites.

9. Family clubs are those that are classified with having less than five members enrolled or fewer than three families enrolled. If you have a family club, as **per Policy and Procedure**, you need to have permission on an annual basis from the office. If your club falls within the family club definition, you will need to call Rosie and request permission to be a family club. **They do have the same deadlines as other clubs.**

10. Slate of officers for October volunteer council. **If someone else wants to nominate other names, they can still do so. The person who is nominated needs to be aware and agree to the nomination. Vote will be done at October meeting. The following are in the presidency at this time:**

Ryan Taylor: President

Dan Gammon: Vice President

Sally Ottley: Secretary

Amy Blauer: Treasurer

**A motion was made by Alicia Samples to keep the slate of officers as is. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by many different people. The vote was unanimous. Motion passed.**

11. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. General meeting at 7:30. p.m.

### **General Specie Meeting:**

1. Report on sale and money withheld from checks. **By Joel Packham**

**A big thank you to our amazing Community! There were lots of new buyers & we had a very strong sale. This year was a record year for the # of animals sold and the highest amount of money spent. Just short of a Million \$. The steer floor price was higher which helped the total amount to be higher. Blue sky \$ was not even but not far off. FYI: Dan Gammon is the representative from the 4H on the Market Sale Committee and Joel Packham & Ryan Taylor are the representatives from the 4H on the Livestock Committee. Be sure to give them any suggestions you may have.**

**Would like to encourage those businesses that weren't at the sale this year. Sam Condie did take around presentation to businesses showing them what the thank you shirts are and what the sale is. The Chamber of Commerce is also showing some interest. It was asked if there is a list the kids could get to send out letters to. It was mentioned that many businesses do not like getting solicited. They get hit up a lot for donations. Some businesses didn't understand that they could use their money with other buyers, or donate it at the end for kids and had to leave the sale and didn't spend any \$. It was noted to update the information flyer to include this information for the future.**

**Money withheld from the checks**

Tshirts: \$7.50

Sale committee fee to Fairboard divided by all youth involved. \$5.60

Beef/Dairy-pay brand inspection fee

Sheep/Swine-pay ck off fee

\$20 sale fee to Sale committee helps pay for the breakfast and advertising.

No youth paid over \$40 to be in the sale.

FYI: Add ons at the end of the sale Dena & Joel assign after the sale is over to the lower end kids. They hide the kids' names so they don't who it is. It was explained that Individual add on money is not allowed as the sale committee is a legal 501C-3 organization and cannot give \$ to specific individuals. It is considered money laundering if you do. Add on money can be added to a group. For example: This year, JBS bumped all steers up to \$3700. Remember that every county has different set ups for their committees and will have different rules.

## 2. Thank you notes/baskets.

PLEASE TELL THE KIDS & PARENTS-TAKE THANK YOU BASKETS TO BUYERS AFTER THE FAIR, NOT AT THE SALE! It is distracting to the buyer and they may be trying to purchase other animals. It is hard if they have purchased multiple animals to carry out baskets to their cars after the sale. Please put on the agenda for July Leaders Council picnic to remind us again. Also sometimes, the actual buyer isn't the one at the sale. They have a representative buying for them. Chuck Skaggs had to deliver several of the baskets himself to the buyers.

The policy is that a thank you note with a stamped, addressed envelope, or a picture of the child with the buyer delivering a thank you gift is required before they can receive their check from the sale. It was reported by the office that there have been several parents/leaders who have complained to the office that this is a hardship on them. The consensus of the leaders at the meeting was: It is not required to take a picture with a gift. But it is required to do a thank you to the buyer. It is not a hard thing to do and it is good for kids to learn how to do it. There is a livestock animal species lesson on how to properly write Thank you cards that would be great to review with the kids. We need to remember that these checks to the kids are a GIFT from a gracious community. The money that is paid to them is WAY above Market value for these animals. It is not too much to ask the kids to put in some effort for what they are given. It was asked if this reminder could also be put on the July agenda next year to review again before Fair.

## Items sent in to be discussed:

### 3. Judges-Superintendents & leaders would like more input on the choice of Judges

It was stated that the Dairy show this year had a bad situation with their judge. She went to the restroom between the shows and overheard kids badmouthing her. They were very rude comments and she felt really bad. But she had to come back to the show and finish despite the situation. Dairy Supt. Roxanne Beck, said the parents of the kids did find out what happened and did have their kids go apologize to the Judge. Please tell our parents/kids to be more aware of the things they are saying.

Some individuals stated they would like to know who the judge is ahead of time as it is part of the education process & they would research what things this judge looks for to purchase their animals for the show. It was stated that most of the animals are picked before the Judge is decided on.

Youth could also research if it was a nationally known judge, what type of showmanship styles the Judge likes and practice accordingly. Some noticed that those kids who listened to the judge at the Goat/Sheep show heard his comment about aggressive showman skills and they listened and paid attention when they showed.

Other individuals disagreed with this as they felt that kids/parents don't need to know. It gives those an advantage that have national contacts and show experience.

Kids/Parents need to remember it is one person's opinion on one day. It's part of showing an animal.

The question was asked to the Fairboard when the Judges are decided on & if the judges could be more species specific. Paul Marchant commented, "for the 47<sup>th</sup> time", if anyone has input and wants to suggest Judges' names, they will take their suggestions. However, people will always complain who the judge is.

It was suggested by Ryan Taylor if anyone has any suggestions for a Judge to send to the species' Superintendent and they will take to the Fair board.

**4. Adjust livestock show schedule-**Remember, we can vote here as Leaders, but we do not have the final say. The Livestock Committee has the final say. This is comprised of 2 FFA, 2 Fair board, & 2 4h reps, (one from the office, Joel, and one from the Board-Ryan Taylor). Ryan stated that as the 4H reps they try to use the input from these meetings to vote how the majority of the 4H leaders/parents want it to be voted. We can recommend things at this meeting, but as the Livestock Committee sets the schedule, we will pass any ideas on to the Fair board that we may have of suggested schedules that might work. It was also recommended to have the superintendents get a proposal together to submit for their species.

**a.No quality shows on Friday-**The 4H office put this on the agenda. It is very difficult to get the lists done for the sale when it's a rush. It is a worry that kids will be missed and parents who are working will not be able to look at the lists if they are working and not at the Fairgrounds. The 4H office would like to ask if there could be no Quality shows on Friday of the Fair to allow them to get the list up on Thursday night and allow plenty of time for youth, parents, & leaders to review and make sure there are no errors. It was mentioned that Swine would be good to show on Thursday morning and we need to be mindful that there is less stress on the sheep if they can go in later in the week. It is hard to balance between the needs of all the species.

The question was asked if the dog show would be disrupted by changing the schedule if they would be represented on the Livestock Committee? The answer was if you have a suggestion put it in writing and get to Joel/Ryan by Mid-October to represent at the meeting.

The question was asked if Sheep/Goat weigh in could be at the same time? The answer was it would be hard to do that, but they could do one right after the other.

**b. Dairy go to a 2-day show-**Dairy Supt Roxanne Beck responded that having the shows held all on one day wiped out the Judge this year and she couldn't even finish with the Fitting & Showing. It's too much for the kids, parents, & animals. Some people complained that the Dairy got to go home after their weigh in on Friday night last year and that they could possibly cheat. National Shows don't even have a weigh in for Dairy animals. It was also mentioned that the Dairy felt some of them needed to go home to make room for other species as there is not enough room at the Fair for all the animals. The Fair board mentioned that a few years ago a past Dairy species Supt. asked to have animals go home and that is why they have done it that way. Supt Roxanne Beck asked to clarify that statement in that this was not volunteered by the Dairy, but they had said they would work with it to help allow more space for the other species.

It was determined that the Dairy at our Fair this past year, would weigh in on Sunday night, have both shows and their sale on Monday, with some staying at the Fair, and some being loaded out. It was brought up that the Dairy industry is a huge part of our County and they should have more representation staying at the Fair. Some Dairy members said they would gladly take their animal's home. It was asked if they could rotate through the species each year of who would stay and who would go home so it wasn't just one species. This wouldn't be able to happen as the other species would still need to be there for the Sale on Saturday.

It was voiced that coming in and staying at the Fair from Sunday-Sunday is a lot to ask as they have businesses/jobs to attend to as well. The consensus of the majority at the meeting was that it was too much to do everything on Monday.

Looking at it in retrospect, if there had been better communication by everyone, the Dairy species possibly could've fit 20-30 more animals in and had 45 total animals at the Fair.

**5. ADG-**Ryan Taylor brought up that in the Dairy species, there some heifers that were gaining 3+ pounds gain. The heifers are getting too fat, having issues breeding up, and not milking when they're going back to the Dairy herds. Some felt it may due to the fear of not meeting the ADG that is required. It was suggested to have the Superintendent lead an education night on how to feed.

Makensie Priest brought up some other issues with ADG. She feels the ADG should be adjusted for all species. Other discussion included: It should not be used as a factor to weed out kids at the Fair. They would like to see the

problem of unlimited kids participating. It is sad when a kid does all the work for the project and gets to the Fair and can't sell their animal as they missed the ADG.

Sheep Superintendent Kirby Sharp said that Floor buyers get penalized after 145 lbs. and they are taking a hit when they are selling them. This year it was observed that there were a lot of heavy chested and over finished sheep at the Fair. It is felt that we are losing the educational aspect of exercise. The animals are being shown in a market show, not at a feedlot. We should want the animals to be in the best physical condition and exercise them more.

The sheep are fed in a short amount of time and will frame up and look bad, but are still meeting the requirements of ADG.

The beef species feel that their ADG is where it needs to be now. It has been adjusted back and forth over the past 10 years and feel it is where it needs to be now to get a finished custom product for our buyers.

The pigs don't have an ADG.

It was brought up that maybe there could be a rate of gain award for those that make the ADG. Don't restrict kids from participating if they don't make the ADG, but give an award if they do. The beef species already have this and the winner had a 4.45 ADG this year. The award is given by an outside source.

Joel Packham reminded that it is important to remember that there needs to be a goal set. The ADG is there so that 120 lb. animal isn't weighed in at the beginning weigh in and only weighs 130 lbs. at the final weigh in. We are trying to help children understand that you have to feed the animal, not just hold it at a weight. Judges are not giving white ribbons out for poorer quality animals as they take too much heat from parents/leaders/kids if they do this.

It was mentioned by Superintendent Sharp, that there was one animal who didn't make the ADG this year, but still got to show in the Fitting & Showing. The judge asked the Supt. if he had missed that animal earlier. He felt we need to evaluate our rule as that animal would've placed high in the Quality and it wasn't even able to participate. It was brought up that if we really want to teach the kids, we should bring back the growth charts. That was met with mixed reviews from the room.

It was also mentioned that maybe there should just be a set minimum weight to reach rather than the ADG. It was suggested in response to this, that if you bring a heavy animal, you would have to maintain the ADG.

Seth Larson did some research and found the requirements for our ADG and days on feed as compared to the University of Idaho figures. According to those figures, the other species except sheep were down by 10% of the industry standard. His recommendation was to consider reducing the sheep ADG so it is like the other species requirements.

Makenzie Priest made a motion to throw out the ADG on every species and go with market standards. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alicia Samples. After discussion above was had, a motion to table this matter until the species could meet to discuss further was made by John Garrard and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Ottley. The motion was voted on by role call of all present and passed 16 votes yes 1 vote no. This will be put back on the agenda for October meeting.

## 6. Days on Feed

a. Weigh-in dates (Get rid of dairy weighing in on Sunday). This was discussed in other parts of the meeting.

b. Weight requirements (Min and Max) This is not set by us, but by the livestock committee.

7. Need feeders in the east side of the dairy/beef barn-Roxanne Beck & Heather Waters asked if this could be done. It was mentioned that they used to have feeders there, but the feeders were removed as they continually had heifers in mangers that were tipped upside down. It was asked if they could put up a hay rack and was suggested to find a group who was wanting to do a project and work with Tab at the Fairgrounds and the Fair Board to get some put in.

8. Ultrasounds for sheep and swine-Joel Packham asked to determine if this was happening as he did not want it said he was requiring it done for his business. It was decided to table the topic, discuss at species meetings, and visit again at October's meeting.

9. Equal Space for market animals-Carrie & Shawn Burton suggested to make it fair across all species. There is frustration for all when some stay home and some go home. Market Animals that represent our county and what it is now founded on should be given priority such as the Dairy. Would like to propose that they evenly space out the animals based on the % entered and size of the animals, such as 20% Dairy, 25% Beef.

a. If dairy is to stay all week, perhaps send breeding home or make more room. Breeding should not have priority over market animals as they are not a terminal project. Point of clarification: Dairy heifers are not a terminal project in that they go back to Dairy herds by those who purchase them.

It was brought up by Beef Supt Lane Schumann to keep in mind that the average weight of steers entered at the Fair this year was 1362 lbs. They will need more room than a dairy heifer.

Each species was asked if they had enough room this year. Swine & sheep had enough room. Goats did not have enough room and were left scrambling to make do. Beef also had to scramble with pen assignments and last-minute changes they were told to make, but they made it work.

It was mentioned that the parking situation needs to be better for youth and their families. It was brought up that parking for rodeo contestants and others is also an issue The Fair board asked who would like to help volunteer to watch the gate and police that?

Comments included that we have outgrown our Fairgrounds. Cassia County is growing and we are packed with lots of kids involved in 4H animal projects. Which is a good thing! We need to voice our opinions to our County Commissioners and ask them to consider upgrading and expanding our Fair grounds. There is a separate organization that is a 501C-3 called the Cassia Fair Foundation. It is separate from the Fair Board and they would welcome anyone that can donate time or money to help improve the Fairgrounds.

Shawn Burton volunteered to be on a committee to help get the grounds expanded. Makenzie Priest volunteered that she has names of individuals that would donate money to do so.

WHAT WILL WE DO FOR NEXT YEAR TO AVOID THIS?

We need to be better organized. We need to get the word out to the families to get accurate #'s earlier of who will be attending the fair. Then the Superintendents can correspond with the Fair board to assign the space needed. When Record Books come in will give a closer count than just going off of enrollments. (Fair board are given numbers in May.)

10. Rabbit Spares-Dr Thompson said she had thought this might need to be evaluated after a situation happened this year, but had decided it was possibly a onetime thing.

11. Showing spares -Dan Gammon led the discussion that the kids should just have 1 animal to show. It is a great opportunity to have an animal at the Fair. They should choose which one they are going to use. It is unfair to those who don't have the ability to have two animals to show. He found it difficult with the swine this year to make sure the #'s were correct coming into the ring for the Judge. It also created issues to get the extra animals off the fairgrounds because they are not terminal.

Other discussion was made that it is not fair to punish the kids who do the work to raise 2 animals. They can get extra people to help as they have done it at Jackpot shows without issues. It was asked what the difference was in showing one animal vs two if you're completing the project.

Others felt it puts a disadvantage to those who are only showing 1 animal. It comes down to this is a financial situation and it isn't fair to those kids who can't afford it. We should remember that we are raising kids, not animals.

Continued discussion included asking for the definition of a spare animal. It is meant to be a spare, used only if the main animal cannot be used at the Fair. Not as an extra animal that can be placed and kick out other kids.

Is this a room issue at the Fairgrounds as well? Do we really have room for the extra animals? The goat species felt it was fine on their end as they are in same pens as families.

And the last point made was if a judge is seeing a kid multiple times in the ring, it is giving them an advantage and not equal across the board. Each kid needs to pick their best animal and live with that decision. It shouldn't be up to the judge to say which one is the best.

Ryan Taylor urged all to remember that in the end, the decision to show spares at the Fair is up to the Fair board. It is based upon the #'s of the species and not up to us. The Fair board said, the decision will not be able to be made before contracts are signed. They won't be able to make a decision probably until June when they know how many #'s they have. If you have a comment about this, go to your superintendent and voice it to them.

12. Declaration Day for breeding will be June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022-Time is needed to alleviate confusion on how many animals will be coming to the Fair.

13. Folders, shirts and rule books will be given to Volunteers at the July Picnic. The rubric will be accessible from the Cassia County 4-H Web-site.

14. All livestock rules will be posted on the Cassia County 4-H website by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

15. Recommend livestock superintendents-It was agreed that the recommendation from 4H to the Fair board is that all Species' Superintendents remain the same as they have been.

If you have an item you would like to be discussed that isn't on the agenda, please email it to Rosie at rdavids@uidaho.edu for the October meeting. All tabled items from this meeting will be on the agenda for the next meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by John Garrard at 9:35 pm and Julie Garrard 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Motion passed.

### FCS meeting was held at 6:30 p.m.

1. Items to be reviewed:

a. Check in day- Amy Blauer suggested to have judges go ahead and start their judging and then stop them when all have arrived and give them the talk. Most came in this year and went right to judging and had lots of questions that they needed answered because they wanted to get started and didn't wait for instructions. Grace suggested to have a paper with notes to give them that had our instructions on it. (Rosie said that instructions will go out in the mail when we said judges letters out.)

Ribbons need to have the projects written on them so they can be put on correct projects. This was due to the list that was sorted from the program. It will be fixed next year.

Archery had some discrepancies. Rosie will visit with them how to fix.

General Superintendents Sally Ottley & Amy Blauer are on call if needed during days of the Fair.

b. Interviews-continue with interviews? Courtney Abenroth & husband would like to have an interview score sheet and sponsor an award for top interview. Work with superintendents to get questions they can ask for the different projects. These can be posted on the website so kids can prepare ahead of time. We don't want it to be a stressful thing for the kids.

c. Sewing Showcase- Great job in including all the different projects such as crochet, quilting, leatherwork. It brought up the numbers from 8 to 26 this year. Everyone felt like we should continue including all the projects. The kids like to show off their projects as well. It was recommended to have other 4H kids help them with items like the quilts instead of adults. The location was also good and the issues with the contract have been worked out for the future.

d. Quiz bowl- This was fun to do and seemed to work well doing it before the Awards Ceremony. It was suggested to have more kids involved instead of the adult division. The Awards Committee can be setting up while the Quiz Bowl is happening.

THANK YOU TO THE AWARDS COMMITTEE. You did a great job!

e. Judging day-

Questions/Concerns:

\*\*Should Judges be tasting the food for cooking projects? With covid concerns, they don't have to. We would like them to open the sample provided however and look at texture, etc. Amy/Sally need to address if we will have them do a separate sample for the judges in the future. Rosie will look at the requirement sheets and see if it needs adjusted.

**\*\*Handwork from our Heritage. Does it need to be updated to clarify that a story and report are both needing to be done.**

**\*\*Should the kids be marked down if their story is too long. Requirement says 1-3 pages. No markdown!**

**\*\*Judges saying they question if the kids are doing the work. If the leader, parent, & kid are signing the record book, we are taking their word that it is a completed project.**

**\*\*Does it say anywhere what the requirements are for recipe cards? Do they need to be in a certain color ink or on a particular size of card? It was determined this is not a requirement anywhere. Can include it on judge's sheet for their information so they don't mark down the kids.**

**\*\*Kids in projects with different ages/skill levels.**

The discussion was made that an 8 year old isn't going to do the same work as a 16 year old. We saw that this year with the Quilting projects. Would like to have them be judged in age groups. We had passed in years before that if they've done a project, they can't go back down a level. But if they are advanced, they can go up and not do lower levels.

May have to review how to do this with shooting sports projects.

A motion was made by Amy Blauer that where applicable we will judge the kids according to age groups such as Jr, Intermediate, & Senior. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Holt. 6 Clubs that were present voted on it. It was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **2. Projects that need to be updated/found**

Legos needs updated.

Need another division for cake decorating.

Ceramics-update the pieces required.

More hunting/Shooting sports can be done as we have Trained leaders!

Think of ideas of how to make the projects fun rather than just going through the requirements. Like the Monster Mash Cookie Activity!

Kids have expressed interest in doing Welding & Blacksmithing. These could be under Self Determined. Need to be at least 12 years old.

Taxidermy could be done under Self Determined. There is also a section in the Hunting project with it. Need to be at least 12 years old.

**3. FCS Record Book-Who likes Record books? It's a stress for those doing multiple projects and all agreed we would probably get more participation if the record book was simpler. The way they do it at Minidoka and Twin Falls counties was brought up. Some of our families were doing 42 books for all the projects they took. Some ideas were brought up of what a simpler version could include.**

**\*For judges, if there are multiple projects how would they judge the books? You would do 1 primary book that contained a total experience of all projects taken, the activity log for all projects, the service project, and expenses listed per project. The judge would get the different project page, manual, checklist for the project. There would be an index in the front for the judges to find what they were looking for.**

The check list for the project would still have to come in.

You would still do 6 meetings for projects like Shooting sports & Livestock. The meetings for the other FCS projects could count together, so they didn't have to do 6 for each project.

Judging may have to be adjusted to Saturday, decorating booths on Thursday and enter on Friday.

One judge would do the Full Portfolio Book. The individual page would go to the Project Judges.

Individual page would include:

Goals

Demonstration

Life Skills learned

Issues/Difficulties

How did I do?

Have it be PDF fillable-possibly put a link on Zsuites or say go to Cassia County Website.

Portfolio would include:

Overall goal for 4H

Most projects have a manual to turn in as well.

Rosie suggested that we move forward now to be able to get everything set by Dec 1<sup>st</sup> when kids will start doing projects.

A motion was made by Kimberly Harris to pursue simplifying our record books. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Carrie Burton. Vote was unanimous by the 6 clubs represented at the meeting. Motion passed. Rosie said that we will meet with the FCS superintendents to move this forward.

4. Volunteers do Monster Mash Cookie activity-ran out of time. Maybe next time!

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sally Ottley.