Kent County 4-H Small Animal Developmental Committee – **GOATS (GDC)**
Thursday, October 23 @ 6:30pm
King Building @ Fairgrounds

Members Present – Nicole Rinks, Blue Ribbon Riders; Marni Slagell, Blue Ribbon Riders; Sam & Elizabeth Baartman, Alto Countryside Kids; Leanne Dysard, Lowell Livestock, Wanda Vandefifer, Lowell Livestock, Jim Vandefifer, Lowell Livestock, Stephanie Grinage, Alto Active Achievers; Kim Mebert and Keegan and Kelton Mebert, Alto Active Achievers; Laurie Blough, Alto Active Achievers and Tena Bartholomew, Boondockers

**AGENDA**

1. **WELCOME** -Laurie Blough opened the meeting and everyone introduced himself or herself.

2. **SECRETARY’s REPORT** (Tena)
   - A. Minutes were passed around from last meeting and were accepted unanimously.
   - B. Election of 2015 Officers – tabled until end of meeting or until next meeting because Wanda has a speaker coming at 7pm.

3. **TREASURE’S REPORT** (Leanne)
   - A. Current Checking Account Balance – $768.45 (with $471.87 earmarked for the Sparta Goat Show)
   - B. Current Savings Account Balance – $713.64
   - C. There were questions about the goat soap monies as have yet to be deposited. Attached is Leann’s Report.
   - D. The Lowell Open Goat Show report was submitted.
   - E. An email from Beth Parker was submitted via email and entitled, “Cash Flow Statement” from the Sparta Town & Country Days Goat Show
   - F. To get a jump start of the year, Leann and Wanda ordered Explorer Gift supplies from Jeffers and received a good discount. They spent $471.82. Attached is report. In addition, Wanda and Leann ordered the trophies for the Lowell Goat Show and the ones for KCYF 2015 as well. While everyone was supportive of getting things in order early, Tena questioned if we should vote on this amount because it was a large amount. Wanda did not think so. She said if there was a problem, the person (people) could come and talk with her. (Please note, Tena asked this because the some of the policies at her church that have to do with getting a vote when the amount is greater than $100.) No report attached for the trophies.

4. **Superintendent** (Wanda)
   - A. Wanda has several changes she is working on with the fair book. Changes include times with check in, a goat showman meeting on Sunday evening, wording in the fair book, and market goat changes (including ewes and raising minimum weight to 45 lbs.).
   - B. Guest Speaker was Jon Bieneman, President of KCYF. He shared there is a dialogue regarding the Developmental Committees versus Departmental Committees. The major
concern is the superintendents. Superintendents are accountable to the fair board and not to the Extensions Office. The superintendents are responsible to the fair and not to the Extensions Office. The fair board would like to have Departmental Committee overseen by the KCYF. It would bring more accountability into the planning of the fair.

5. **Discussion regarding Proposed Change in Committee Status**
   A. After Jon left, Wanda asked that we continue on this discussion of the proposed change.
   B. Questions were asked about 4-H. The emphasis stated that no one will ask any club or family not to join 4-H. 4-H is an honorable club and many have been involved over the years.
   C. Much discussion followed.
   D. DECISION OR VOTE tabled until the topic is further studied. Two members of the GDC have asked that the repercussions of this decision to be researched before a vote/decision be made.

6. **FAIR 2014...review and comments/recommendations for 2015**
   A. One of the most positive or exciting parts of the goat barn was the number of exhibitors showing. The goat program is growing!
   B. While Wanda had shared many of her updates, there was some more discussion regarding the logistics of fair. These included a possible gate for entry and exit into the show ring, a show schedule that lists milking classes after showmanship classes, splitting large classes, Barn Duty and Show Helpers.
   C. Record Books need to be updated, but tabled until a later meeting

7. **EDUCATIONAL CLINICS/MANDATORY MEETING**
   A. Soap Making was extremely successful and well liked. Not only was it educational, but also profitable. Our goal is to make 500 bars next year.
      1. Stephanie has begun to research costs for materials and times for making the soap.
      2. Tentatively, we would like to have 2 events in March, April and May where individual clubs could participate.
      3. Jim made a motion to appropriate funds to purchase materials ($350 estimated). Leann seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
      4. The GDC has asked Wanda to find out if a “gift basket” could be placed into the Thursday auction at KCYF 2015. Wanda would like as many kids in the auction ring as possible.
   B. Mandatory Meeting – Wanda plans to hold it in March or April at the fairgrounds.
8. **LOWELL 4-H AND YOUTH GOAT SHOW** – tentative dates are June 13 or June 27

9. **SPARTA TOWN & COUNTRY DAYS GOAT SHOW**

   A. Cash Flow Statement

   **Cash In**
   
   Donation Northern Physical Therapy – Sparta $300.00
   Bartholomew Family Donation $75.00
   Registration and Pen Fees $507.00
   Total Cash In $882.00

   **Cash Out**
   
   Judge Fee - Mr. David White $175.00
   Ribbons - Action Awards $235.13
   Total Cash Out $410.13

   Net Cash Balance $471.87

   B. Despite the results of the show, Wanda has asked the GDC to focus on one show.

   1. Two people strongly voiced that the Sparta Show took away from the Lowell Show.
   2. Two openly voiced their support because it was beneficial for the kids. It included the northern part of Kent County and was just before fair.
   3. Hard feelings are there because others came to one meeting and pushed the vote through to have this second show.
   4. No decision or vote was made.

**NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the King Building in Lowell**

3 out 4 approval with minutes on the meeting.