

Green County 4-H Goat Committee
Justice Center-Monroe, 11/10/21 6:00pm-7:00pm
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chris and Amanda Swedlund (adult leaders), David Mansfield (adult leader), Briana Froseth (adult leader), Amy (Amelia; member) and Kim Wuethrich (parent), Micki Andrews (member), Levi, Megan and Stacy Leitner (members and adult leader), and Ellen Andrews (4-H Youth Development Educator and parent)

Goat Goals/Ideas Suggested by Committee:

- Farm Tours- Dairy operation, Meat goat operation, 4-H project members operations
- Showing Workshop- showmanship, fitting
- Judge presentation – what they are looking for and expectations; giving reasons; what do you like about your goat; what are your goat's weaknesses
- "walk a goat" day at the fair
- Managerial options available
- Newspaper articles to promote showing goats
- Taste test at the fair – goat cheese, goat milkshakes, goat meat sticks
- Goat whether information – raise awareness regarding short timeframe for caring to market
- Alphorn newsletter- write a short article to educate on goats-managerial option
- Participate in Explore 4-H Day – raise awareness on managerial option for kids in City
- Prep information for pre-fair and post-fair
- Basic health issues – how to tell when goat is sick, prevent being sent home

2022 Green County Goat Committee Goals:

- March/April – **Tour Farm/Cheese Factory** – Fond du Lac – La Clare – travel and attend as 4-H Group
- May - **Meat Goat Workshop** – tour farm, discuss fair prep – pre-fair, post-fair, feeding, fitting & showing – Chris and Amanda Swedlund farm
- Early June – **Dairy Goat Workshop** - tour farm, discuss fair prep – pre-fair, post fair, feeding, fitting & showing – Briana Froseth farm
- Late June – **Showmanship Clinic & Fun Show** – with taste test, hands-on practice, guidance - fairgrounds
- September – participate in **Explore 4-H Day** to promote managerial option, provide hands-on experience

2022 Committee concerns to County Fair & Goat Superintendents:

(continues next page)

- **Required Collars** on the fairgrounds is unsafe for Boer goats with horns. Committee seeks clarification why they are required. Can Boer goats be an exception to the required collar in 2022? Sheep do not require collars.
- **Meat goat auction** – Committee seeks written details on why not all 4-H kids can sell at the Green County fair. If there is a requirement of 10 or more meat goats then this needs to be announced and put in writing. If we reach the level of 10 participants then can everyone sell their goat? Green County Fair needs to start somewhere to begin growth of 4-H kids to show meat goats. If there is no opportunity, then the kids will not spend the time and effort to try meat goats. We need to start somewhere.

- **Penning of goats** as requested by members, every year, result in goats not being penned as requested by members, where large groups are put into small pens, when there is unused space in the barn. Goat committee requests this be resolved for the comfort and safety of the goats, fairgoers that like to see a barn being fully used and can see all the goats better, and the members receive satisfaction of getting what they request for their animals.
- **Better fencing in the barn** – Goat Committee seeks ideas for raising money to obtain better fences

Next Meeting: **January 19, 2022, Wednesday**, Justice Center-Monroe, 6:00-7:00 pm "in person"

Items for next meeting:

- Elect Chair, Secretary, and Financial Secretary at next meeting. Adult leader or member can run. **Consider running for a position!** Share with those who did not attend.

Here are the duties of each:

Chair –

- i. Primary contact with the Extension office and staff
- ii. Arranging and leading committee meetings, as needed through the year
- iii. Notify 4-H staff of committee meetings, so they can be added to the 4-H calendar and Justice Center calendar, if needed

Secretary-

- i. Take notes, and submit committee minutes to Extension within 2 weeks after the meeting

Financial Secretary

- i. Help committee draft and approve a committee budget
 - ii. Keep track of budget and finances, making sure that balances match the records of the 4-H Adult Leaders' Treasurer (see Committee Income & Expense Procedure)
 - iii. Ensure that expenses are either pre or post approved by committee before submitted for reimbursement. Submit expenses promptly throughout year. (see Expense Reimbursement Form)
- Discuss any feedback from County Fair & Goat Superintendents – collars, auction, penning
 - Discuss ideas for obtaining better gates in goat barn at the Green County Fair

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Stacy Leitner