MAB Meeting, October 28, 2020

Zoom meeting called to order by Barbara Wood at 6:04 pm.

Roll Call: Roll was called with 13 people from 5 clubs in attendance: Clover Kids -1; Holland -2; Stampede Creek -4; Tigertown -4; and Agents -2.

Reading of Minutes: A copy of the August 20, 2020 minutes was emailed out in advance of meeting. Each member reviewed on their own. No corrections were made. Staci Sellears made a motion to accept the minutes and Michael Canales seconded. No opposition, thus the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report of financial activity was emailed in advance. No questions regarding report. Report filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

BCYF Report – Michael Canales reported that the BCYF scheduled for February 6-13, 2021 is moving forward according to plan including the food categories. Masks will be required. Entries are being taken now and the deadline will be December 1, 2020. Only credit cards will be taken for entry fees this year to minimize people coming into the BCYF office. No fair books will be printed this year except a few for key people such as superintendents, club managers, etc. The fair board has been making plans for what to do should the COVID numbers go up and they be required to stop normal procedures. Any change will be announced through the BCYF office. Jackie McLaughlin added that the photography upload tutorial is available on the website.

County Council Report: Casin Sellears reported that no in-person meetings have happened. The last meeting on September 16 was held over Zoom but the attendance was not great. At this meeting, they covered club officer responsibilities. The community service for VA Blanket donations has gone well and they are continuing to receive them at the County Extension Office. The next meeting will be November 18, 2020 and the program will be covering state ambassador programs and the community service will be supporting Toys 4 Tots.

4-H FCH Project Coalition: Jackie McLaughlin relayed that the County Food Show/Food Challenge was separated into two nights to try to accommodate social distancing. There are 2 junior, 2 intermediate, and 3 senior entries for the County Food Challenge and 5 entries in each age bracket for the County Food Show. District Food Show and Food Challenge will be December 3 for those that advance to that level. HTYA have been assisting with a virtual Vaping Program through two local middle schools and have created a skit to lead into the program. No one had any additions to report for the FCH projects.

Bell Livestock Coalition: Whitney Grantham has been busy with validations and was unable to attend. Sheryl Long reminded everyone about the Holiday Classic this coming Saturday and that it was one day, two animals per exhibitor to try and minimize quantity for COVID reasons.

New Business:

Chisholm Trail Christmas Ball: Sheryl Long restated that the ball has been cancelled for this year. They have started a letter campaign to all previous attendees and BCYF buyers to request donations. The group encouraged her to include the letter in the monthly newsletter and to send to the clubs or distribute in the weekly email blast.

Hunter's Spectacular: Sheryl Long stated how excited she was at the success of the Hunter's Spectacular this year. She commended the clubs that excelled at the ticket sales and also those that obtained sponsors for the event. Although this is the best Hunter's Spectacular since coming to this county, she reminded everyone that they have lost the money for the Central Texas State Fair and the TSC Clover Sales and so it may still be a lean year. Staci Sellears gave the report of the event which was emailed out in advance and offered the correction of some additional monies being turned in for silent auction bringing its income to \$1,405.00 and the total income then increasing to \$15,820.00. Barbara Wood pointed out on the report that the gun expense was lower this year since only 20 guns had to be purchased rather than the normal 22 which would include guns for the two extra drawings. She relayed that Nocked & Loaded should be included in the sponsor thank yous because the discount they provided was \$2,504.83. This is the first year that the sponsors covered the cost of the guns. Sponsorships exceed the gun expense by \$6,542.98 which included the donations of specific items and product. Joanne Canales relayed that she did not have to purchase any baskets this year but only had to assemble them for pictures. Sheryl Long though the silent auction went well through Face Book but only found a problem with the sorting reverting back to relevant comments rather than most recent comments. No one had any complaints when they were told they weren't the most recent or highest bidder. Only one item hasn't been picked up and paid for yet. A Hunter's Spectacular follow-up meeting will be on December 14th or 15th.

Sheryl Long reminded all club managers events must be operated within Civil Rights compliance with no one being left out. She said that there were no problems regarding this with the clubs but that they have to remind everyone of this annually.

Sheryl Long inquired whether the next meeting should be in person or virtual. The majority indicated that it should be in person with one person supporting virtual. The comment was then made that both could be accommodated.

No further business was brought forward.

Next MAB meeting: January 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Sarah Wood.