4-H Leaders Council Meeting Minutes
Date: September 14, 2026
Time: 6:33-7:51pm
Location: CSU Extension Office
Facilitator: McKenzie Steger
Recorder: Hudson Graham
Attendees: see sign in sheet

Treasurer's Report

- Total balance: $5,609.40
- Earmarked: $1,750 for the Mesa Trailblazers Outdoor Recreation Grant
    - There is no timeframe for the use of these funds. We are getting information for who can access these funds, and what opportunities are available through the Mesa Trailblazers for their use.
- Earmarked: $1,185.50 for the Camel Program Funds
    - These funds are used to support llama/alpaca programming in Douglas County 4-H.

Fairboard Report

- The Fairboard had their recap meeting to discuss this year's Fair.
    - Parking we definitely an issue at Fair, especially Friday night. It affected market sales, rodeo, and 4-H. The fair lost guests and buyers due to parking issues. Fairboard will discuss options for next year.
- L.E.G. Up Grant applications are due before the end of September.
    - Duck and heifer grants are available this year.
    - There will be a preference for first time applicants.

Shooting Sports Report

- County Shoot went well.
- Douglas County performed well at State Shoots so far.
- Hunting and Outdoor Skills, and Western Heritage will take place this weekend.

Horse Steering Report

- Horse Steering Committee met at the end of August and is looking for volunteers to help support the Douglas County Buckle Series as well as Horse Camp. They will be looking for clubs to volunteer for clean up at Buckle Series Shows. Please email Mercedes if you are interested.

Livestock Advisory Committee Report - no report

CSU Extension Office Report

- **4-H Enrollment** will open October 1st.
    - For clubs with enrollment caps - only Returning Members will be able to enroll from October 1st to October 31st. If there are still open spaces, New Members (or members moving from other clubs) will be able to enroll on a first come/first served basis starting November 1st.

    - Returning member deadline to avoid late fees has been changed to December 15th from December 31st.
- **CSU Extension Staff Updates**
    - Welcome to Katy Thomas - Extension Outreach Program Coordinator started in July.
    - 4-H Youth Development - General Projects Specialist - Candidate has been selected, waiting on HR for next steps.
- **CALF Harvest Day - Saturday, September 26th 4-H Volunteers Needed**
    - Shooting Sports Trailer (air rifle and archery) - Help needed from certified SS Leaders.
    - Outreach - Leaders/Adults need to Outreach STEM activities.

<u>Old Business</u>

- County Fair Feedback - please email Mercedes with any feedback.
    - We know there was concern with the schedule changes for animals, but so far, feedback has been pretty positive.
    - Another comment was a request to separate market goats from dairy goats.
    - Some kids needed more help with their animals for showmanship.
- State Fair/State Competitions Feedback.

<u>Other / New Business</u>

- Leaders Council approved funding Achievement Night Awards for:
    - First Year Consumer Science Award
    - Top 4-H Consumer Science Award
    - First Year General Projects Award
    - Top General Projects Award
- Leaders Council will discuss whether to change the scholarships for Club Scrapbook Awards. Keep as cash or consider gift certificates?
- Leaders Council Elections will be held at the next meeting for President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer. Reach out to Mercedes for more information or if interested.
- Next Leaders Council Meeting is October 5, 2026.