

## **Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee and Program Annual Meeting**

October 19-21, 2018  
Colorado State Fair Grounds

Volunteers Present: Gerry Ekberg, Jack Stuart, Michelle Butterworth, Tom Vetter, Ryan Hudson, Freddie Kiefer, Tom Lasich, Troy Taylor, Steve & Dacee Villyard, James Irsik, Scott Barber, Jennifer Roberts, Shane Roberts, Tom Coffield, Margaret Marr, Janet Larrick, Andy Larrick, TJ Goss, Tim Karp, Toni Lambeth, Jeff Lambeth,

4-H SS Ambassadors: Garey Lillard, Logan Klein, Andrew Littlefield, Riley Smith

State 4-H Office: Sam Lowry, Connie Cecil, Trent Hollister, Marilyn Lasich

Extension Agents: Aimee Kanode, Morgan County; Christine Schinzel, Lincoln County; Carla Farrand, Garfield County; MJ Fisher, Pueblo County; Curtis Utley, Jackson County; Kali Benson, Elbert County; Mick Livingston, Kit Carson County; Rebecca Raven, El Paso County

Friday, October 19, 2018:

Sam called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm. Sam started the meeting off by thanking everyone for all their hard work throughout the year. From the bottom of Sam's heart, Thank you!

Aimee lead the group in the American Pledge. Michelle lead the group in the 4-H Pledge.

Connie Cecil led the group in curriculum discussion. Connie reviewed the enrollment in shooting sports from 2004 to current. The paperwork had numbers of youth enrolled in SS: 4,244 for 2017-2018. The top chart has then enrollment broken down by disciplines. Curriculum PRU group would like for WH enrollment to participate in Fashion Revue. On the back of the sheet Connie reviewed the state fair exhibits for State Fair: 2018 257 Display Board /278 Stand Alone exhibits. Connie passed out State Fair Syllabus for shooting sports. Discussion was held about the size requirements for stand-alone from county to state. Connie suggested that maybe look at creating a tip sheet for Shooting Sports. Stand-alone discussion about recycled items from shotgun shells, rifle shells, etc. Connie suggested that we think about making a shooting sports décor. Maybe we look at changing how we judge the project. It was suggested that we treat the judging as it comes. Larimer County Tip Sheet: <https://www.lc4hss.org/>

Committee possibly look at creating a judge's guidelines for shooting sports projects.

Michelle & Marilyn gave a report for National Teams. Michelle reported the results from the 2018 Nationals. Colorado placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the sweepstakes. 39 states participated in National Shoot. Marilyn reported on the funding for the National Team from the Carl H Bernklau Charitable Lead Trust.

Sam reviewed the Shooting Sports Competition results. Sam reviewed the survey results from participants. 2017 response rate was 10%, 2018 response rate was 12%. Sam reviewed the rating scale.

Saturday, October 20, 2018

The group did introductions. SS Ambassadors led the group in pledges. Mick and kitchen crew were thanked for all the great food.

Sam did an update on National Curriculum update going to a module set. At this time there is not a National training scheduled. The state has some money set aside to send a few people to train. The National training in NM that Colorado and NM hosted was one of the most attended and best training that has been held in a long time. Colorado will look at the possibility of hosting the National training in 2020 at the Whittington Center in NM. Sam will make sure that by hosting that Colorado will have some benefit for hosting.

The group gave an update from the Iowa training. Ryan gave a brief update from the cross trainings. Margaret said that it was a good training. She had lots of STEM.

Our state trainings are very important to refresh people, train new people. Our trainings have come a long way and we are giving the 4-H leaders what they need to run a line and educate the youth. Sam said that our state training if expanded to 40 hours would rival the National SS training.

Sam talked about planning our State Trainings around facilities that are available. Sam will be working ahead on the planning and proposing dates for future training. Registration deadlines will close 2 weeks ahead of time. Coordinator training will only be offered at trainings that host all disciplines. RSO training will be offered separately.

Agent training: Michelle – Agents had a lot of great questions. Felt that it was important that they were trying to educate themselves. Freddie – Lots of good discussions, lots of great questions. Safety was important. Carla & Jerry – Agents and Administrative Assistants want to take trainings. Troy – Great questions. Many want to take a full training. Sam, Carla & Trent still need to debrief to see what we need to finetune for future trainings. Sam covered minimum standards, working with media, working with volunteers, grants, handling transfers of firearms, etc. Questions were asked related to how we got agents there, purpose of training.

Trent: Jean is in China to talk about 4-H programming. One of the projects they have discussed is shooting sports. Jean wanted to tell the leaders thank you. Trent as an agent did not commit the time to be certified until this last year. His biggest mistake was not getting certified his first year. The agents will probably be attending trainings over the next several years. Welcome them with open arms. As a work team you are consistent and at a level that is above and beyond. Trent as a volunteer specialist can assist with ideas on how to work better with different individuals. Trent is also here to provide support to volunteers. The agents are spending less and less time with programming and volunteers are providing the programs. Other programs look to 4-H Shooting Sports because we are certified in programming. Livestock individuals are looking at how to grow certified leaders. Work being done within horse and livestock areas to provide leader training.

State 4-H Policy Updates – we look at them annually. One thing that will be more known will be combat simulated sports policy. Pages 9-12.

Discussion was held around the website. It will get better. Discussion was held on the demographics for leader. Discussion was held around Agents and involvement.

Shooting Sports Ambassadors gave their presentation.

The group broke at 10:20 am for first shot fundamentals in Western Heritage, Pistol & Archery.

The group reconvened at 12:45 pm to review financials presented by Marilyn.

Gerry reported that everything has been working well. Gerry reviewed the notes in the folder. The ending balance for the CSS checking account is \$8,571.87. Martin recommends that we increase the seed money from \$1,500 to \$2,500 for 2019. It has been recommended that we establish funds to start planning for funding trailers.

James moved to follow the recommendations for the trailer fund that Martin presented starting this year. Troy seconded. Motion carried.

Ryan moved to increase the seed money fund for 2019 from \$1,500 to \$2,500. James seconded. The group had discussion. Motion carried.

James moved by acclamation that Jeff Lambeth be appointed Executive Committee Vice Chair and that Martin Telck be appointed Executive Committee Treasurer. Tom Lasich seconded. Motion carried.

The group reviewed the constitution and bylaws. The group reviewed sub-committees. It was suggested that we may need a communication sub-committee.

Trent and Carla reported on the Extension Shooting Sports work team. This team is agent driven.

State Contests:

Registration: Sam reported that we are in year 3 of the change for registration. The self-squadding function has eliminated some of the challenges of squadding groups. Registration is working. 4-H Online will be updating around November 2019. Overall contests were awesome!

Orion Report: Steve reported that Orion was at all sites. Scores were going out faster and more accurate than the past. Orion does not need internet to function. This was an issue in the past. Possible look for an extra system for Junior Hunt.

Archery: Tom reported that this year was the easiest year. Scoring went well. Having support from the Orionites was helpful. 3-D is getting easier. Kids had fun.

.22 Rifle: Gerry reported that rifle went great. Counties self squadding with one gun and 5 kids sharing. Volunteers stepped up to run the line. Fremont and Elbert county provided help for running the line. It was suggested that you leave someone behind to run the lines. Adopt a range.

.22 Pistol: Freddie reported that event went great. Freddie shared a story about finding a solution for 14-year-old who's pistol broke. Target wise they are using a target without the names. They are letting youth take targets as they have known influence over the score on the score card.

Air Rifle & Pistol: Tom reported that Boulder County ordered a time clock. Kids could should see how much time was left for each relay. PA system was an asset to make the day go easier. Shoot went well. Douglas County stepped up to assist.

Shotgun: Ryan reported that they dealt with weather and other issues. However, they pulled it off in 2 days. Sam reported that 2 days worked. We will have a 2-day contest. The range changes staff consistently. Everyone got to shoot. Exhausting explaining to coaches about the rules over and over. Bob from Garfield approved targets..... Registration forms worked better.

Muzzleloader: First year that a parent or coach was not in confrontational area. Education needs to happen for squadding to have more than one county on each line. Kids do not know how to score.

Archery contest is changing venues for 2019. Sam is looking for more of a determination of

- Keep archery contest in the Pueblo or Colorado Springs Area?
- Keep archery on the same weekend?

Suggestions:

- Possibly accommodate contest and storage?
- Program should have access to supplies when needed
- Tom V. volunteer to store equipment in a trailer at his place
- Asked about Arena option? At this time it is not available during our current weekend.
- Asked about Carnival grounds? Too much movement on grounds
- Parking lot north of Event Center? Too much activity and movement
- What is the least disruptive to moving it to a possible place? Same weekend or next weekend?
  - Keeping it the first weekend
  - Springs has a balloon festival the same weekend of shotgun
  - Family weekend at Air Force Academy
- Insurance question does it matter what type of facility we can use?

Committee recommends that Archery happen the same weekend. A sub-committee of Shane & Jennifer Roberts, Tom Coffield and Tom Vetter. The closer to the event center or Pueblo West.

Rulebook will stay the same for at least another year. Ten-yard target scoring for Archery. All proposed minor edits must be emailed to Sam.

Rochelle Platter, Colorado 4-H Foundation Executive Director: Rochelle has been in the office for 6 months. Rochelle's goal is to visit each county and get to know what we have going on in each county. The 4-H Foundation Director also is part of the Colorado State Fair Foundation. Rochelle has spent 12 years with funder and donor management. Rochelle thanked everyone for their commitment. We are giving vision to all the youth of who they can become. Research that

University of Minnesota published Who becomes successful in life. What are the markers for that success? The number one predictor in a young person being successful was that they had a caring adult who took interest in them. 4-H has done an impact study that shows the caring adult in the life of the member is a marker of success. One way in which you can help the program grow as leaders, as you are in the community you may know what businesses, families may assist us with growing the foundation for shooting sports. Who does Rochelle need to talk too? Currently we have one STEM trailer and our goal is to have 5 trailers that can move around the state.

In Colorado, Shooting Sports is the largest project. Livestock is the second largest. We are part of the afterschool programming for many communities. The 4-H Foundation funds 1/3 of the costs for youth to go to many leadership events. It is about the kids. Rochelle would like for the shooting sports leaders to partner with the Foundation to help keep the future of the Shooting Sports program growing.

Logan and Andrew took the group through a STEM exercise for Shotgun velocity.

Equipment Committee – Gerry reported that we would need to look at a 40' trailer open for archery Another trailer for 3-D targets. Look at trailers at Dale O'Donnell's place. Training trailers. Jack has refurbished the Western Slope trailer.

Training – Tom report that we need Western Heritage for Pueblo & Rifle. Hunting/OS will be needed for Rifle. Agents in the group talked about a training tip sheet for new families with safety and equipment.

Campout – Group met and will work over the next year for a location. Insurance was talked about.

State Contest – Michelle reported that group discussed Archery scorecards. Steve will work some magic with the scorecards. Ryan has a problem at shotgun with squads showing up for their scheduled times or get rid of the shoot times. Shotgun came up with ideas for scorecards. Hunting/Outdoor Skills qualify at YHEC for National Shooting Sport Championships. Western Heritage is an invitational.

First goal for 2019 is the range for archery contest.

Review 17-18 goals

- Utilize Orion and improve Orion
- Archery Scoring - updating
- Rulebook Revised - Completed
- Agent Training – First one in the books

### **18-19 Goals**

1. Find Archery Contest Location
2. Archery Target Trailer for backers
3. Refining Scorecards for Orion
  - a. Archery

- b. .22 Pistol
4. Refresh/Recertify - Training program for recertifying leaders – (Long Term) (Executive Committee)
  5. Adopt a range – Volunteer Help for Contests (Registration)
  6. Increase Vendors at Contest Locations
  7. Investigate location for 2020 National Training
  8. Instructions for uploading certificates in 4-H Online
  9. Tips Sheet for Shooting Sports

Sam would like to thank each of the volunteers, leaders, ambassadors. In the spirit of saying thank you.

Special Recognition:

- Garey & Riley – Certificates for Outstanding Shooting Sports Ambassadors
- Katie Torrence – Certificate for Outstanding Shooting Sports Ambassador
- Martin Telck – Always is there and willing to do! Certificate
- Scott Butterworth – No task is too big or small! Certificate
- Michelle Butterworth – no task is to big or small! Certificate
- Tom Lasich – Thank you for all that you have and are willing to do! Certificate
- Troy Taylor –Appreciation Certificate
- Tim Karp – Been around since lead was invented! Certificate of thank you!!! Happy you are here!
- Toni Lambeth – Goes above and beyond! Trains military outside of normal! Thank you!
- Jeff Lambeth – Goes above! Thank you
- Janet Larrick – On task and on track! Thank you
- Freddie Kiefer – Thank you!
- Mick Livingston – Thank you for all he does for 4-H, Shooting Sports!!
- Marilyn Lasich – Thank you!!

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.