

Livestock Committee Meeting, September 5, 2024

In attendance:

Cory Poser, President

Mason Schultz

Leslie Long, Secretary

Brad Yaeger, fair board president

Nick Schultz, Vice President

Mike Vanek

Caitlyn Poser

Cody Ream

Josh Stroh

Chris England

Allison Smith

Mardi Schultz (online)

Jeremy England (online)

Johnnie Schultz (online)

Trevor Gervais

Ed Mack

Cory called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Minutes: Nick moved to accept, and Mason 2nd.

Finance Report:

As of today, checking: \$5,745.13

Sound system: \$4,674.73 Josh asked about using this for something else, Jeremy said it was donated specifically for a sound system years back, so has to stay here.

Restricted (Awards): \$4,691.54

Checking Outside Other: -\$3621.14

Mike moved to accept the finance report, Caitlyn seconded.

Old Business:

Scale: North 40 said to just flip the load cell over and it should work...

New Business:

Fair Debrief:

1) Set up: need an aisle down the middle, too muddy on the ends. Brad Y. from the fair board said this caused tension, and it was passed in the winter what the setup in the pavilion would be, and they were not notified of changes. Adults need to lead by example, if it is a rule, it needs to be followed. This is the issue, it had been decided. Brad also said the fair board needs to know by April what the plan is for set up. Then it was discussed to switch pigs to the other end because it was so hot on the end they were on.

2) Super Buckle: Josh said there has to be a different way to calculate, Mike hates it, get rid of it. Show day it adds about an hour. There has to be a better way.

3) Internet auction with Sam from Frontier. Why was it decided 20 minutes before the sale to not do it? Buyers were ready to use it. Allison shared that she and Sam had a conflict, an hour before the sale he wanted her to change some information and she was busy and said she couldn't. Allison is not sure what happened really, but she does not want to do it anymore. We are not out money because Sam had offered to do it for free this time. There were buyers who

shared they did not buy anything this year because of it not being online, so there was some confusion at the last minute.

4) Banners were bought that were not used, beef divisions were not used, as has been the “rule,” passed years ago. Mike said he thinks divisions are pointless for beef, so he did not do it. He said there needs to be more communication with committees and superintendents should be part of this. Leslie shared that this is the problem, things getting changed at fair that have already been decided.

5) Cash prizes. Josh shared that he and his kids liked the cash prizes that were handed out at the end of each market class 2 years ago. Others in the room agreed that their kids loved getting these, then they can use it at fair. 5 deep were paid in market classes and the kids loved this. Nick said to take out less commission (currently 3%) rather than give the cash prize. We discussed again that the cash prizes were when we were told livestock committee had \$40,000 plus dollars, then people shared they are still confused where all this money went?

6) Allison: She liked the green board that was hung on the front of the announcer’s stand. The names/businesses are magnetic and kids could fundraise for that and get their names up on it for a \$200 donation.

7) Chris shared that kids need to clean up after themselves, kids need to be respectful to adults, as there was an issue with distasteful music being played in the barn. She said the processor was happy with the quality of pigs.

8) Jeremy brought up a few items: the show ring needs to be watered more; port-a-cool was being turned off, not sure why; bikes are not allowed and there were still kids riding them, this is a safety issue. Tie-outs for cattle, have a check out system for spots possibly, the kids did a good job cleaning this year. Equipment needs to be run by adults only, safety again. With the wrong animal being processed this year, and other years things have happened, maybe take animals home Friday after the sale if not for sale, or cut the tag out of the non-sale animals, chalk them, or something. Mike brought up putting non sale animals in your trailer for the night so they don’t accidentally get taken. Extension staff said this is ok.

9) Ultrasound was done on the show side, this looks terrible. When the technician was asked, she said no, it had to be done on the show side according to Cody Ream, and he also said they had to be clipped. Discussion: Cody said he did not say this, Mike brought up Billings does not clip to do ultrasound, and there is no reason the ultrasound should not be able to be done on the non-show side of cattle.

Policy changes were then discussed, and those are included in an email to everyone.

Nominations were made and all members of the livestock committee are up. Jeremy and Cory were nominated for president, Josh and Nick for Vice president, and Casey W. for secretary. Cody said people can still nominate into the next meeting.

Lexie Vanek- issue was tabled because they did not show up to the meeting like Cody had told her dad they needed to.

Special Items:

Leslie Long resigned as secretary. She shared that the not following what is in the minutes seems like her time is not valuable and the effort she puts in to take good minutes does not even mean anything. She will not be doing the food for the sale either. With the changing of the pavilion last minute there was not a plan where things were set up for the buyers.

Next meeting is set for: November 12, 2024

Items for next meeting:

Elections

