

Sanders County 4-H Livestock Leaders

Thursday, July 26, 2007

6:30 pm Fairgrounds

**Present:** Jim Newman, Sandy Newman, Matt Havens, Terry Prongua, Roni Mitch, Dick Williams, Michele McGuigan, Tammy Beerntsen, Traci Salmi, John Halpop

*Minutes Of Previous Meeting; approved as presented*

**Old Business:**

- Barn Patrol; updated list was handed out. Request to send e mail reminder to non-camping families..
- Livestock Project Interview Judges; reviewed updated list from respondents. John will contact judges by phone.
- Show Committees; 2006 committees reviewed and updated for 2007. *Round Robin will change to show seniors (1<sup>st</sup>) and juniors (2<sup>nd</sup>) separately, will use a two minute rotation between species to keep the show moving.*

**Species Reports and Workshops**

**Horse**; a clinic with 2007 judge S. Scott will be held July 28<sup>th</sup>. Weekly (Tuesday evening) riding practices have been well attended.

**Beef**; have been unable to schedule a local hoof trimming. Ron Kummerfeldt had recent surgery.

**Sheep**; Shearing is scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup>, with a clinic at 8 am and shearing by Will Tusick, at 9 am (\$3/animal). A washing and grooming clinic is scheduled for Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm (fairgrounds).

**Swine**; A few members didn't contact the extension office with "A/B" animal selection by shearing date deadline. It looks like there will be approximately 10-12 lightweight pig placed into the "feeder" class.

**Llama Class**; there won't be any 4-H Llamas at the fair this year, there will be Open class exhibits.

**Poultry/Rabbit**; A rabbit workshop was held earlier this month with judge Marla Brown. A poultry workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> (Fairgrounds 6:30) with Fred Proebstel, Dixon.

**Animal Housing Requests**; apparently a few (2) members (unaware) didn't contact livestock committee with requests. Following discussion it was felt 1) the importance of having a representative from each club at livestock meetings (awareness), 2) Housing requests should be received prior to possession of the animal

**Market Sale**; discussed combined costs of administering the sale and underwriting fairground improvements. Funds are derived from withholding sale fee from beef (\$30), swine (\$25) and sheep (\$20). A budget to cover costs and yield ~\$4-\$500 in annual improvements was developed 7-8 years ago. This topic will be revisited in August. Roni volunteered to visit with newspapers regarding sale Thank You ad costs. Tammy/Michele volunteered to handle Buyer Sign-up table.

**Carcass Evaluation**; Will be Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Clark Fork Custom Meats 6:30 pm. Disposable gloves and hats for all viewing. Slaughter order is Swine (Tuesday), Beef (Wednesday) and Sheep (Thursday). Beef will be held at John Holland's ranch, sheep at Newman's till needed. All animals will leave Fairgrounds Labor Day Monday.

**Special Meeting (re: Sheep Project)**: Some of the issues were timing of changes and uniformity of market class presented. Following a good discussion, market sheep will be shown with wool left following shearing day. Following the market animals shown on Thursday, Beca Gunderson will work with members regarding hands-on demonstration prior to sale. This will be hands-on learning opportunity for market members to learn more about slick shearing. Livestock Committee will discuss options for a more formal policy regarding slick shearing this Fall.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm, Fairgrounds**