

Livestock Committee Meeting, October 3, 2022

In attendance:

Jeremy England, President	Caitlynn Poser
Leslie Long, Secretary	Allison Smith
Josh Stroh, Vice President	Wyatt Schultz
Cody Ream, 4-H extension agent	John Uecker
Larry Haegenbuch	Mason Schultz
Charlie Ahlgren	Ed Mack
Cory Poser	Johnnie Schultz

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

Minutes: Cory moved to accept the minutes, Charlie seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

Finance Report:

As of today, checking: \$57,723.24

Sound system: \$4,674.68

Restricted (Awards): \$4,638.53

Checking Outside Other: \$48,410.02

Discussion: Use some money to build more pens, and a rack for panels

Old Business:

1. Policy changes- these were due at this meeting, they were read through and some discussion about them. They will be posted for all to read before the next meeting where they can be voted on by members and leaders.

2. Next Year's Judge- Names were brought up for possible livestock judges. Last meeting Cody told members of the judge selection committee from past years to go ahead and start contacting high-caliber judges. Cody will contact possible judges

3. Fair schedule- The extension office has a proposal for changing the fair schedule. There was another proposal also for schedule change. This has been a discussion because of some people not following the rules for release times and others following the rules, etc. Enforcing this and the "buddy" animals has been hard, so there has been discussion of changing schedules a bit.

It was brought up that the fair board is looking at all aspects of the fair, not just what the livestock people want. The fair board is trying to offer better of everything at the fair, the commissioners are looking at they are giving 4-h the use of the facility for free. The commissioners look at money. People complaining about 1 extra day of fair; this is a teaching program, not set up just so kids can sell an animal and leave.

\*Cody Ream will check with processors about the possibility of changing the pick-up time for livestock, as one of the proposed changes is to the schedule, which the fair board would have to approve.

4. Scale- We asked John Uecker to share his professional opinion on the current scale in the livestock pavilion. John said the scale is in good working condition. But, we must make sure the deck is free of any encumbrances. If we can make

sure there is no interference from the decking wall, such as the metal being bent or a rock stuck in there, it works well. The livestock committee discussed needing to build something around the scale to protect it. John, Cody and others will clean around the scale before the fair next year. Josh brought up that there should be a print out of the weight or the weight should be visible by all.

5. County Breed Show- One of the proposals was to have a county breed show for lambs. This is included in the policy changes.

#### New Business:

Discussed putting on livestock clinics, such as the one Josh Stroh helped put on last year. Josh will check on the possibility again. The committee would like another high-quality clinic, and the livestock committee could help pay for it.

New Officer Nominations- Cody had a list of people he wanted to contact about being more involved, and others named names. Cody will call these folks to see if they are interested. It was discussed that these people would need to come to all meetings and be engaged. Leslie said she can be secretary again if no one else volunteers.

#### Special Items:

Cody will check with meat processors about carcass contest on the rail. He will also ask about picking up animals Sunday instead of Saturday, or later in the day on Saturday.

Allison asked the committee about not doing the buyer's plaques, but doing a colored picture on paper that they can hang in their business. We said yes.

Next meeting is set for Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.

Meeting was adjourned by Jeremy, Larry 2nd

#### Items for next meeting:

More pens purchased

Lead-up to the scale, surrounding scale "Pen"

Ultrasound or carcass contest on the rail?

Photographer

Clinics

Judge