

**Livestock Committee Meeting
September 17, 2013
Greenwood High School - Library**

Present:

Kolinda Otten, Trina Schmelzer, Dean Schmelzer, Candy Turnquist, Keith Eibergen, Keith Wucherphennig, Mitch Malm, Melvin Abel, Wendell Attoe, Grant Koski, Cindy Kolzow, Terry Sischo, Rich Meyer, Tom Meyer, Jim Micke, Chris Smith, Harlan Hinkelmann, Terry Byrne, Eric Eibergen, Jerry Micke, Dale Drinsinger, Kevin Lindow, Mike Lindow, John Galen, Peter Galen

The Livestock Sale Committee meeting was called to order by Grant Koski at 8:05 p.m.

The secretary's report was read by Cindy Kolzow. A motion made by Kevin Lindow and seconded by Harlen Hinkelman to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

The treasurer's report was reviewed by Cindy Kolzow. Current balance in checking is \$6430.71. Motion made by Keith Eibergen and seconded by Kevin Lindow to approve the report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Beef - Wendal Attoe shared the changes the beef committee decided upon. Rules clarified on the dairy steer which needs to be 100% of one of the major dairy breeds or a cross between the dairy breeds. A Normandy breed is considered a beef animal. The fitting and showing clinic will be at the Attoe farm. Date TBD. Mark Zee will be the instructor. Also, classes will be added for steer calves with the same age groups as heifers.

Sheep - Terri Sischo reviewed the changes determined by the sheep committee. A class will be added to the fair book for a pair of market lambs. One exhibitor will need to own both lambs. The weigh in will be on May 10th from 10:00 to 13:00 at Heartland Coop in Greenwood. Next year exhibitors will need to pre-register. It will also be required for exhibitors to bring a copy of the vet inspection papers for animals purchased out of state. Another rule was added: to sell a lamb in the sale the lamb must also have a rate of gain of 0.5 lbs./day. The education session will be April 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Loyal High School.

Swine - Grant Koski shared the swine weigh in will be on April 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the County garage in Loyal. The swine clinic will be June 17th at 7:30 at the fairgrounds. Weigh in at the fair will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 8/6. The MAQA class will be sometime in March or April.

The swine committee is looking into a digital scale at the fairgrounds and replacing the current scale. They potentially have someone willing to donate monies towards a new scale. Discussion held on who actually owns the current scale and if we could sell the scale. No one present knew who owned the scale. There were no objections from the members present to look into options with regards to the scale.

Poultry - John Galen reported the initial weigh in will be done by June 29th. Exhibitors will need to make an appointment with John to have chicks weighed. This process is being changed as chicks should not be taken away from the brooster at that age. Also John will ensure the phlorum testing is done correctly. In addition at initial weigh in chicks will be marked differently because the current banding process is not working. Metal bands will be placed on the chicks at the final weigh in. Fair weigh in will be on 8/7 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. The meat show will be on Friday at 8:00. Chick day next year will be in late May or early June. Vital Plus will be coordinating this.

This year an exhibitor may weigh in up to 10 birds or a family may weigh in up to 10 birds, all as floaters. At the final weigh in exhibitor must decide which two birds they will weigh in. To sell in the sale, exhibitor must also show in showmanship. Educational dates TBD. John is also looking at starting a poultry quiz bowl which would count as two educational points.

Rabbit - Cindy Kolzow read the notes from Kimberly Mertens on the rabbit committee. The rules were reviewed with the following changes. The exhibitor will need to own their rabbit by May 15th. All market rabbits that qualify are able to sell. Grand and reserve must sell unless the same exhibitor owns both animals. Then the grand rabbit must sell. A total of 8 rabbits maybe weighed in by one exhibitor at initial weigh in or a family may weigh in 8 rabbits as floaters. Then at final weigh in exhibitor must designate 2 animals. Initial weigh in date will be June 28 from 9:00 to 11:00 at Heartland Coop. Fair weigh will be on Thursday from 8:00 to 10:00. Discussion held by the committee on doing rabbit showmanship on Friday. No decision made yet.

Business

Livestock Sale - Discussion held on what went well and areas which need attention. Overall, the general consensus was the sale went well as planned. One concern brought up was some of the potential buyers did not receive their letters before the fair with the details of the sale. As a general rule the letters were sent out about 10-15 days before the sale. It was also suggested that exhibitors should check with their potential buyers before the sale and see if they have any questions. On another note, it was suggested to have additional help with the movement of the pigs during the sale. Two more people would have been helpful.

Sound System - Discussion held on the new sound system. Items still needing to be tweaked include: a speaker needed in the beef barn, one outside the building by the parlor, show ring speaks needed to face east and west too, and microphones used were old and had shortages at times. It was also suggested that the superintendents have some training on the use of the sound system. Any specific needs for the sound system should be given directly to Wendall Attoe.

Livestock Banquet - Around 350 people were served at the livestock banquet. Lamb was donated by one of the buyers and additional meat was purchased by the committee. Overall, the banquet went well. Future suggestions include inviting the fairboard members to the banquet, setting up the show ring differently for all to see during the awards ceremony, additional help for serving the food, and possibly adding cheesy potatoes to the menu. It was also suggested to use the Livestock Show banner as a backdrop for the awards ceremony and to send a thank you to Todd Schmidt from the Clark County Press for the providing news media coverage.

Supreme Showmanship Contest - Much discussion was held on the dress code for the supreme showmanship contest. Kevin Lindow moved to clarify the dress code in rule number 27 to all youth exhibiting in the market sale, supreme showmanship contest, and livestock showmanship should wear a collared shirt, jeans with no holes, and hard soled shoes. Motion seconded by Rich Meyer. Further discussion ensued. Question called by Dean Schmelzer. Motion passed.

It was suggested to have a display jacket for the winner of the Supreme Showmanship contest at the fair. Then allow for the winner to provide the correct size needed and that jacket be presented at the banquet.

Educational Sessions - No issues with the educational sessions in the past year. See above notes for dates set for 2014.

Rock Creek Market - Discussion held on potential concerns with market weights of animals sold at the Rock Creek Market after the fair and the significant difference from fair weights. Issues seem to only surface with lambs.

Fair release time - Discussion held on release of market animals at the fair. Hewitt's Meats would like to be in at 3:00. Further discussion held on trucks and trailers on the fairgrounds on Sunday afternoon. Wendall Attoe volunteered to take the concerns to the fairboard at their next meeting on October 21st.

Carcass Show - The committee again suggested to have the beef and swine ultrasound results available at the carcass show.

Election of Officers - Cindy Kolzow's term is up for election. Wendall Attoe moved to nominate Cindy for the executive committee. Motion seconded by the group. Chris Smith moved to close nominates and cast a unanimous ballot for Cindy. Motion seconded and passed.

Announcements - Sara Gronski shared the new enrollment process for 4-H leaders and volunteers which is online this year. Anyone wanting to sign up tonight online, Sara will work with after the meeting.

Recognition - Grant Koski shared a thank you note the livestock committee received from a new buyer this year. Cindy Kolzow shared a thank you note from the Sheri Bogseth family.

Chris Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Lindow seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted by,
Cindy Kolzow, Secretary/Treasurer