

Clark County Livestock Sale Committee Meeting
March 20, 2014

Present:

Grant Koski, Keith Eibergen, Eric Eibergen, Terry Byrne, Kevin Lindow, Harlan Hinkelmann, Mel Abel, John Gutowski, Wally Bogseth, Tom Meyer, Dean Schmelzer, Dale Drinsinger, Sheri Jacque, Jerry Micke, Jessica Thomas, Candy Turnquist, Wayne Artac.

The Clark County Livestock Sale committee meeting was called to order by President Grant Koski at 7:35 p.m. at the ADS building in Greenwood.

Secretary's report was presented. Kevin Lindow moved to approve the secretary's report as written. Dean Schmelzer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cindy Kolzow gave the treasurer's report. Current checkbook balance is \$5,599.11. Moved by Kevin Lindow and seconded by Harlan Hinkelmann to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Beef

Melvin Able shared no changes with the beef project. He reminded everyone we are adding two classes of junior and senior steer calf classes for this year.

Sheep

Cindy Kolzow shared sheep updates. Sheep educational session set for Thursday, April 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Loyal High school. Also, a new class is being added this year: pair of market lambs. Both lambs must be from the same exhibitor. We are still in need of a judge for the county fair.

Swine

Grant Koski provided updates. Due to the PEDv virus, the state vet has highly recommended cancelling all spring swine weigh ins. The pigs will still need to be ID and ears notched. This year youth will need to provide pictures of pigs: a side view and front view with the ability to clearly see the ear notches. These will be due to the extension office by 4/19.

In addition, there will be no ultrasound of pigs at the fair due to concerns of transmission of the virus with his equipment. Mike comes directly from other fairs and does not clean equipment in between fairs. Thus, there will be no carcass show or rate of gain for pigs this year. This will be a terminal show as no pigs will be going home from the fair. The designation forms for pigs will need to be changed for this year.

Rabbits

Kimberly Mertens provided a written report for rabbits. There are no changes. The weigh in will be Saturday, June 28th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Heartland Coop in Greenwood. Fair weigh in will be Thursday, August 7 from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. The market rabbit show will be Friday, August 8th at 8:00 a.m.

Educational sessions offered this year will be April 7th at the ADS building at 7:00p.m. and June 11th at the Mertens farm in Thorp at 7:00 p.m. The latter class will be a Butcher Rabbit clinic.

Poultry

Jessica Thomas provided an update. All butcher birds will be wing banded this year. Educational sessions have been set.

New Business
Carcass Show

Discussion held on the possibility of a carcass show for pigs and beef. Since the swine committee decided not to ultrasound pigs, neither will the beef be ultra-sounded. Harlan Hinkelmann will speak with Tom at Hewitt's Meats on the feasibility of having swine and beef in the carcass show.

All in attendance agreed 45 minutes carcass show classes are good.

Sound System at Fair

Discussion held on the sound system at the fair. Jim Smagacz will be meeting with the Selk Electronics rep in a few weeks to test the equipment. Wendal Attoe and others will be in attendance to assist with the needs.

Livestock Banquet

Cindy Kolzow will be checking with Peggy Erickson to see if she will be able to chair the banquet. If she is not able, we will need to look for other options for an outside group to serve the meal.

Scholarships

Scholarships are due April 10th to Cindy Kolzow. Grant Koski, Cindy Kolzow, and Jean Campbell will review applicants.

Livestock Photos

Herman Seebandt has resigned from taking photos of the livestock sale participants. Many thanks to Herman for the many years he has taken the photos. The committee discussed types of recognition for Herman at the upcoming banquet. Cindy Kolzow volunteered to do the photos of exhibitors for this upcoming year.

Cleaning pens

Grant Koski shared all animal chairs were asked to attend a recent fair board meeting. Discussion held on having youth clean out pens/stall at the end of the fair. Per the fairboard it cost \$18,000 to set up and clean up the fair. Much discussion held by the committee on how to operationalize this due to animals waiting for truckers to come. Further questions asked on what has been the communication from the fairboard and what is happening to the environmental fee that is collected. Grant will follow up with Lori as to what has been communicated to UW-Extension. Cindy will follow up with Randy Meyer. No decisions made. It is suggested this be done on a voluntary basis this year.

Motion made by Harlan Hinkelmann and seconded by Chris North to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cindy Kolzow
Secretary