

## Livestock Sale and Show Committee Meeting Minutes - 3/31/15

Present: Rich Meyer, Tom Meyer, Harlan Hinkelmann, Grant Koski, Terry Byrne, Mitch Malm, Chris North, Mel Abel, Ross Roehl, Candy Turnquist, John Gutowski, Ed Hamel, Keith Eibergen, Gary Eibergen, Eric Eibergen, John Galen, Terry Sischo, Dale Drinsinger, Trina Schmelzer, Sheri Jacque, Jerry Micke, Wayne Artac, Peter Galen, Jessica Thomas, Denny Jakobi, Karen Luchterhand, Wendell Attoe, Chris Hollar, and Cindy Kolzow

President, Grant Koski called the spring Livestock Sale and Show committee meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. at the ADS building in Greenwood.

Secretary minutes were reviewed by members present. Keith Eibergen moved to approve the minutes as written and Harlan Hinkelmann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cindy Kolzow presented the treasurer's report. The final balance in the checkbook as of 3/31/15 is \$12,915.46. Harlan Hinkelmann moved to approve the report and Chris North seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Beef report** - Wendell Attoe shared the beef weigh-in went well, but the numbers of animals were down. The beef fitting and showing clinic will be July 7th at the Attoe farm. Also, the fair board approved having an open beef show at the fair this year. This show will follow the junior beef show on Thursday of the fair.

**Sheep report** - Terry Sischo shared the sheep educational session was attended by about 45 youth in March. No changes in the sheep project from the last meeting.

**Swine** - Grant Koski reported the state vet has cancelled all swine weigh-in. All swine exhibiting at the fair will need to provide photos of their pigs including a head shot and side view. The head shot must show the ear notches clearly. Rules have been posted online for exhibitors. In addition there will be no ultrasound of the swine and beef projects this year.

The swine committee decided to close the swine building on Sunday, from 2-4 p.m. at which time the hogs will be loaded out by the respective butcher shops. At 4 p.m. exhibitors will be allowed in the building to take down decorations and clean pens.

All pigs must go to a facility for butchering. No pigs will be allowed to go to a sale barn. The forms will need to be updated to reflect this for the swine.

Chris Holler shared the County Ag Committee wants proof of insurance of all trucks.

**Poultry report** - John Galen shared the planned educational sessions for poultry: 5/9 at Jessica Wolf's place with the topic of mock show and question and answer (Q & A) period; 6/13 at Jessica Thomas's place on selection and judging different birds and Q & A; 7/11 at Jessica Thomas's place on showmanship demonstration and blood testing of birds. In addition, the committee is planning on a trip to Arcadia to tour the Golden Plump harvest facility. Date TBA.

John said all market birds will be wing banded. In addition, the buyer slips need to be updated to include a butcher facility for the poultry which is Hoover's by Dorchester. Otherwise the buyers are giving the birds back to the exhibitors as they don't know what to do with them. John will be taking the birds to Hoover's after the fair.

Lastly, the check-in for the poultry project will also include Wednesday, 4-8 p.m. in addition to Thursday. Poultry and rabbit weigh-in will be on Thursday morning.

**Rabbit report** - Market rabbits will be allowed to check-in on Wednesday, from 3-6 p.m. No other report available.

**New scale** - Discussion held on obtaining a new scale in the pig barn. Several options are being looked at for a new digital scale with prices ranging from \$500 to \$2250. It was suggested to look at how it is certified for weight. Jessica Thomas moved to proceed forward with looking at different scales and purchasing a scale with the final approval being from the executive committee. Ed Hamel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Livestock Social** - Cindy reported there will be no changes to the livestock social for buyers prior to the livestock sale. The scholarship winners will again be expected to help serve the food.

**Livestock Sale** - The speaker system in the sale arena has been fixed. It was tested out recently at a horse auction and was working correctly. We do need to follow up with Jim Smagacz to ensure the speaker is working outside the show arena.

Follow up needs to be done with the fair board to ensure the signage promoting the Clark County Fair has the correct time of the Livestock Sale on it.

The Clark County Holstein Breeders will be putting up two big fans in the show arena to help with air movement.

It was also suggested to follow up with Parks and Forestry committee to ensure the light by the walk in entrance by the milk house (show arena side) is working. It was difficult loading pigs in the dark last year. Also, it was suggested to make sure there is a light by the pig wash rack on the outside of the building.

Discussion held on rotating the beef in the market sale so they are not always in the middle. It was suggested maybe start the sale or at the end of the sale. No motion was made.

**Livestock Banquet** - The banquet will be August 25th at the fairgrounds. Discussion held on who would set up the hall for the banquet as the Forestry and Parks staff is not able to do this. It was decided that each species of youth and adults will rotate by year as to who set up the hall. This year the beef committee and youth will set up the dining hall with participants to be at the fairgrounds by 6:30 pm. Next year will be the swine, then sheep, then rabbits/poultry.

Clean up of the dining hall will be completed by the parents as the youth are picking up their livestock photos in the show arena.

The banquet committee will meet in July to work out the details of the meal.

**Livestock Scholarship** - All applications are due 3/31. This year we are hoping to have a committee member representative attend the scholarship winner's school awards banquet to present the scholarship.

**Photos** - Cindy Kolzow will write a letter to Fleet Farm asking if they would be interested in donating funds for printing of photos. Wendell Attoe confirmed that the photos of the beef exhibitors will again take place immediately after the beef show on Thursday.

**Pen Cleaning** - With all of the youth cleaning pens/stalls on Sunday, it has been noted that skid steers need to be available to push up bedding. Rick Daily is checking into the liability of someone bringing in their own skid steer to assist with this. It was also suggested that the sheep and goats exhibitors can put their pen cleanings in the beef pile.

**Carcass Show** - It was shared again that the content of the educational sessions need to be longer for the carcass show at least 30 minutes. Grant Koski will talk to the carcass judge to ensure this happens.

**Educational Sessions** - Additional MAQA educational sessions have been added on 4/9 in Granton and 5/11 in Greenwood. Also, the Beef judging session being held in Medford will be an accepted educational session. Any youth who attended the UW-River Falls Ag tech days and participated in a livestock event will be counted as an educational event. All educational events must be completed by July 15th.

**Supreme Showmanship Contest** - Denny Jakobi moved that the livestock committee begin to run the Supreme Showmanship contest. Motion seconded by Ed Hamel. Discussion held. The motion was amended to form a committee to work out the details. The motion was passed. The showmanship committee will be Denny Jakobi, Grant Koski, Wendell Attoe, Trina Schmelzer, Ed Hamel, Chris North, and Cindy Kolzow.

**Bred and Owned Award** - No information was available thus no action was taken.

**Herdsmanship Card** - Chris Hollar presented a revised herdsmanship card for judging. It was reviewed by the committee with approval of the new format.

**Area Science Day** - This year the Area Science Day will be 6/30 in Dunn County. The question was raised if we would have any livestock judging teams attending. No one indicated there would be a team.

Wendell Attoe moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by all. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Kolzow  
Secretary/Treasurer