

Clark County Livestock Sale and Show Committee Minutes
September 24, 2014

At 8:05 p.m. president Grant Koski called the Clark County Livestock Sale committee meeting to order.

Present: Denny Jakobi, Keith Eibergen, Mel Abel, Jerry Micke, Wendell Attoe, Candy Turnquist, Ross Roehl, Thomas Dommer, Terry Byrne, Grant Koski, Harlan Hinkelmann, Tom Meyer, Wayne Artac, Dale Drinsinger, Trina Schmelzer, Dean Schmelzer, Cindy Kolzow, Wally Bogseth, John Gutowski, Eric Eibergen, Jay Olson, Kimberly Mertens, John Galen, Pam Stuttgen, Kevin Lindow, Mike Lindow, Lori Hendrickson, and Chris Hollar

Secretary's report was reviewed. Kevin Lindow moved to approve the secretary's report. Motion seconded by Trina Schmelzer. Motion passed.

The treasurer's report was presented by Cindy Kolzow. Wendall Attoe moved to approve the treasurer's report. Kevin Lindow seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Beef report - Wendall Attoe shared the beef weigh in will be on 1/31 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. with a snow date of February 14th. The beef fitting and showing clinic will be at Wendall Attoe's place on July 7th. The beef committee is contemplating a requirement that all beef exhibitors wanting to sell an animal will be required to participate in showmanship. In addition they are going to ask the fair board about adding bull calf classes to the fairbook. Lastly, they will also be asking to add an open class beef show at the fair to follow the junior show.

Sheep report - Trina Schmelzer reported a new rule to be added to the fairbook that in sheep showmanship an exhibitor may take any animal into showmanship except for a ram. The sheep weigh in will be on May 9th at Heartland Coop from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with preregistration required by 5/8. The sheep educational session will be on March 26th at 7:30 p.m. at Loyal High School. The sheep committee asked to hire their own judge so the show can start on time at the fair. Lori Hendrickson confirmed a sheep judge has been hired for next year already. Lastly, the sheep committee is going to set two gates to make a pen in the dairy wash rack on Thursday morning to allow for a safe area for the sheep to be washed.

Swine report - Grant Koski reported the committee thought that breaking down the market classes into 4 divisions went well for the champion hog selection. The changes with unloading hogs this year went well too. Loading out hogs on Sunday there were problems with cleaning the pens and trailers blocking the road. The committee is going to recommend to the fairboard about closing the swine barn from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday to load out the pigs. Then at 4 p.m. exhibitors will be allowed to take down barn decorations and clean pens out.

April 11th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. will be the swine weigh in at the County Garage in Loyal. The maximum weigh in weight will be 65#. In addition, if the beef committee is in agreement the hogs will be ultrasounded this year.

The committee also is looking at purchasing a digital scale. Discussion held on fundraising, raising the commission on sale animals, and on potential donors to help offset future costs. No decisions were made.

Poultry report - John Galen reported the hatchery age of a chicken is changed to May 15th versus May 1st from last year as to when a bird must be purchased by. Due to the impossibility to sex birds by the fair entry form deadline of July 1st, exhibitors will be allowed to show either 2 pullets or 2 cockerels. Birds will be entered as market bird #1 and market bird #2. The buyer's sale slip needs to have options on it for where to butcher chickens/rabbits and to donate meat. The poultry committee needs to come up with places to donate meat. The poultry weigh in dates and educational dates have yet to be determined for next year.

Rabbit report - Kimberly Mertens shared the rabbit weigh in will be June 27th from 9 to 11 a.m. at Heartland Coop. The fair weigh in for both rabbit and poultry will be Thursday from 8 to 11 a.m. Verbiage in the fairbook needs to be changed as it currently states livestock animals are weighed in on Wednesday. Poultry and rabbits are being brought in on Thursday. Otherwise no changes in the rabbits rules. Jessica Stuttgen and Steven Arch are new members to the rabbit committee. The rabbit educational meeting will be in March.

Livestock Sale - The committee agreed the sale went well other than the speaker system.

Speaker system - Many thanks to Tim Schindler for having a back up speaker system available for the sale. Per Wendall Attoe the speaker system still does not work. Wendall shared he met with Randy Renak and added two more speakers above the roll up doors in the show ring which helped at the recent horse auction. Discussion held on next steps and other companies to work with. We will need to work with the fair board and the forestry and parks committee to resolve this issue.

Shipping slips for buyers and non-sale animals - The fair board has asked the livestock committee to update the shipping slips with verbiage stating the fair board is not responsible for livestock animals while at the fair and once they leave the fair to be trucked. The verbiage the committee agreed to have added to the shipping slips is: The fairboard and livestock committee are not responsible for the welfare of the animal.

Verbiage for general livestock rule #19 is changed to: Once an animal is sold it becomes the property of the buyer. However, the exhibitor has the responsibility of caring for said animal until the end of the fair on Sunday evening. Failure of the exhibitor to comply with the this rule will result in a cash penalty. The fairboard and livestock committee are not responsible for the welfare of the animal.

Livestock Social - The social before the sale went well. The 2014 scholarship winners helped serve the meal.

Livestock Banquet - We served over 350 people. A lamb was donated from the sale and the rest of the meat was purchased from Hewitt's Meat. Two ladies from Neillsville were hired to assist with the meal set up and clean up. The forestry and parks committee set up the dining hall this year for us. However, next year they will not be able to provide that service. Take down worked well with everyone putting the chairs away before the awards ceremony and the parents putting the tables away while the exhibitors received their checks. Using all of the bleachers in the show ring was needed. It was suggested next year the exhibitor and buyer photos be placed on the bleachers during the meal for exhibitors to pick up after the meal.

Tom Meyer brought up that Cindy Kolzow's crockpot was broke during the meal. Grant Koski moved for the livestock committee to purchase a new crockpot for Cindy. Motion seconded by Tom Meyer. Motion passed.

Cindy asked that a committee be formed to manage the details of next year's banquet. Kimberly Mertens and Lori Hendrickson volunteered to serve on the committee. The committee will meet in the summer of next year.

Scholarships - This past year we gave out three \$200 scholarships to Molly Attoe, Rachel Morrow, and Julia Schmelzer. This next year the livestock scholarship will be due by March 1st with the intent of having the winners picked by the spring livestock meeting. It was suggested to have the scholarship presented to the winners at their respective high school awards programs in May by a Livestock Sale committee member.

Photos - This year the photos cost twice as much last year as Herman Seebandt was using film which is cheaper to process than digital. Cindy reported we were able to use the Fleet Farm donation to offset some of the cost and took advantage of a sale at Fleet Farm. She will pursue potential cheaper options next year and possibly see if Fleet Farm would be willing to donate the cost of printing photos.

Pen Cleaning - Discussion held on cleaning of pens at the end of the fair. Each species is recommending more specific instructions from the fair board/forestry and parks committee on where to put contents from the pens/stalls.

Carcass Show - Three educational sessions were provided by the carcass judge. Many complaints were received as the educational content was very short for some sessions (i.e. 10 minutes). It was suggested to go with a different judge for next year and ensure the judge is aware he/she will be providing 3 educational session for at least 30 to 40 minutes each.

Livestock Educational Sessions - Lori Hendrickson asked to the committee to review the deadline for when educational points need to be completed to sell an animal at the fair. The committee agreed to have the date changed to July 15th.

Supreme Showmanship Contest - Mike Lindow shared concerns some of the recent judges have shared with regards to exhibitors lack of knowledge of the livestock projects. Some of the concerns were related to knowledge of rate of gain and feed efficiencies. Much discussion was held on expectations of youth and what is being taught in educational sessions.

In additional, discussion ensued with regards to expected behavior of judges handling of livestock animals during a show.

Barn herdsmanship cards - Lori Hendrickson asked that the committee look at revising the judging forms. Chris Hollar, the new 4-H agent, offered to review the cards and see what other counties have.

New Bred and Owned Award - Kevin Lindow shared he and Anne would like to sponsor a new award for exhibitors who own and breed their livestock animals. This award would be given to a youth in the each of the large animal livestock projects and would include a \$200 award and a plaque. To apply for the award, an exhibitor would need to complete paperwork and go through an interview process. Discussion held. It was suggested that Kevin and Anne bring more details to the process at the March 2015 livestock meeting.

Election of Officers - Grant Koski's term on the executive board is up. It was moved by Cindy Kolzow and seconded by Trina Schmelzer to open the floor for nominations for the executive board. Motion passed. Harlen Hinkelman nominated Grant Koski. Nomination seconded by Candy Turnquist. Mike Lindow moved to close nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Grant. Motion seconded and passed.

Chris Hollar introduced herself as the new 4-H agent. She provided the committee background on her past experiences. Welcome Chris!

Eric Eibergen moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by many present and motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

The executive board met after the meeting and decided Grant Koski will remain as president.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kolzow
Secretary/Treasurer