

Clark County Livestock Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2016

Present: Wendell Attoe, Mel Abel, Nick Stieglitz, Dean & Trina Schmelzer, Cindy Kolzow, Pam & Jessica Stuttgen, Kimberly Mertens, John Galen, Cindy Hohlstein, Terry Byrne, Harlan Hinkelmann, Ed Hamel, Jim Micke, Matt Jorgensen, Jerry Micke, Grant Koski, Adam Luchterhand, Wayne Artac, Candy Turnquist, Dennis Jakobi, Duane Boon, and Jason Wood.

Grant Koski, president, called the meeting of the Clark County Livestock Committee to order at 8:10 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at ADS Building in Greenwood.

The secretary's report was reviewed. Moved by Matt Jorgenson and seconded by Trina Schmelzer to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Cindy Kolzow reviewed the treasurer's report. The current balance in the checkbook is \$22,618.20. Harlan Hinkelmann moved to approve the treasurer's report and the motion was seconded by Ed Hamel. Motion passed.

### **Reports**

Beef report - Wendell Attoe reported the beef committee will not be giving an overall beef award this coming year. Only rate of gain and live champion awards will be awarded. The beef weigh-in will be 1/28/17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Curtiss. The alternate date will be February 4th. Weigh-in at the fair will be on Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. The beef educational session will be the 1st week of July with date and place TBA. The committee is looking at changing the age requirements for a junior bull calf in the fairbook. This change will be taken to the fairboard for approval.

Sheep report - Cindy Kolzow reported the committee decided for youth to sell in the market sale all participants will be required to show in showmanship. This year we will start with market classes first, then showmanship, and end with breeding classes. At initial weigh-in, youth will be able weigh-in sheep as a family unit versus having a floater animal. Youth then will need to decide PRIOR to weigh-in at the county fair as to which animal is theirs. Sheep weigh-in will be on May 13th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Coop in Greenwood and at the fair on Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. In addition for those youth who want to weigh-in their animals mid-summer, that will be June 24th 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Greenwood Coop. The sheep educational session will be March 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the Bendixen residence.

Swine report - Grant Kolzow shared the committee wasn't able to meet due to the flooding last week in the county and will be meeting next week. The weigh-in will be 4/15 at the County Garage in Loyal from 9 am. - 12 p.m. and fair weigh-in will be Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Poultry report - As of now turkeys will not be a part of the market sale project, unless a project leader steps up to take on that roll. John Galen shared rule changes for the poultry project: exhibitors must pre-pay for their chickens, the meat breed requirement is being dropped, ID's for poultry will be done at initial pick up and wing banded at that time, the home flock must be NPIP or WI approved flock, and if a buyer donates back a bird it may be donated to the livestock banquet or a local food pantry. To sell in the market sale, exhibitors must also show in showmanship as well. Many thanks to John Galen for being the chair for poultry. Cindy Holstein will be the new chair.

Rabbit report - Kimberly Mertens shared weigh-in will be 6/24 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the ADS parking lot in Greenwood. At the fair weigh-in will be on Wednesday, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The market rabbit show will be on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The weight requirements for a roaster will be changed to weigh between 5.5 to 9 lbs due to the RBA standards. Rabbit educational sessions will have 2 available in November and December and one in March. Market rabbit exhibitors will be expected to attend at least one educational session that is rabbit focused.

The rabbit committee asked if the livestock committee would purchase a new scale. It was moved by Cindy Kolzow and seconded by Harlan Hinkelman to approve the rabbit committee to purchase a new scale up to \$75. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

The livestock committee bylaws were presented with the changes recommended from the last meeting. Discussion held. Wendall Attoe moved to approve the bylaws as presented and Denny Jakobi seconded the motion. The motion passed with 19 - yes, 0 - no.

### **New Business**

Scholarships - It was recommended to put the due date for the livestock scholarship at the top of the page on the application form as sometimes when printed the date was cut off. Scholarships will be due 3/15. It was suggested to put information in the newsletter in December about the scholarship. Discussion held on the amount of the scholarship which currently is \$200. Duane Boone moved to increase the scholarship amount to \$500 per scholarship and Dean Schmelzer seconded the motion. Further discussion held. Matt Jorgenson moved to amend the motion to \$500 per scholarship and the committee will award up to 3-4 scholarships per year. Wendell seconded the motion. The amended motion passed and the initial motion passed.

Educational Sessions - Discussion held on the new requirement established this year for all livestock market animal participants to attend a mandatory meeting in November/December to go over the rules of the market sale animal program. Dean Schmelzer moved to remove the requirement of youth to attend a mandatory rule meeting. Harlan Hinkelman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cindy Kolzow provided the committee an update on the MAQA sessions requirements. Currently, at the national level, the American Lamb Board, Beef Council, and Pork Producers are revamping the MAQA educational content and format. It is expected it will be required for all beef, swine, and sheep exhibitors to participate in the MAQA sessions. The new format will be an online class and geared toward the age of the youth participant. At this time, Wisconsin is hoping to implement to new program in March 2017 but is not guaranteeing it will be ready to go. Also, at this time no new materials for the current format of the MAQA sessions are being sent out to counties. It was decided that everyone will need to wait for information from the state which will be provided in the newsletter. There will be no MAQA session offered in December during Christmas break.

Further discussion held on the number of educational sessions required to sell an animal. Denny Jakobi moved and Candy Eibergen seconded to increase the educational requirement to 3 sessions per year per exhibitor. Discussion ensued with the committee stating there are various opportunities available between what the committee offers, local feed companies, FFA, and other counties. The motion passed and for 2017 to sell an animal at the market sale youth will be expected to attend 3 educational sessions.

Livestock Sale - It was brought up about the process on donating animals when a buyer purchases an animal. There were some issues where a buyer donated an animal but the information didn't get to the processor. Several suggestions were brought up. It was decided the executive board will meet with Lori Hendrickson and review the forms and information currently being used and make changes as necessary.

Time of the livestock sale on Saturday was up for discussion. Randy Meyer, fairboard president, shared the fairboard would like to see the sale moved to earlier in the day as the ability to have a successful Saturday night grandstand show is impacted greatly. Much discussion ensued. Wayne Artac moved and Denny Jakobi seconded the motion to leave the sale at 6:30 p.m. A voice voted was done with no clear winner. After further discussion, Wayne moved to withdraw the motion. Denny Jakobi moved to table the discussion to the next livestock meeting. Dean Schmelzer seconded to motion. After further discussion it was decided to appoint a committee to look at the impact of moving the sale to an earlier time. Representatives from the Dairy promotion, horse, rabbit, and dairy committees would need to be involved along with representatives from the livestock committee. Dean Schmelzer, Denny Jakobi, Wayne Artac, Kimberly Mertens, and Cindy Kolzow volunteered from the livestock committee. Adam Luchterhand would from the dairy committee and Matt Jorgenson from the rabbit committee.

Pen Cleaning - No issues

Livestock Social - Cindy reported the social went well. The menu was changed a bit this year with positive results. Many thanks to the Clark County Dairy Promotion committee for donating the cheese curds.

Livestock Banquet - The banquet went well. This year the rabbit, poultry, and part of the swine exhibitors helped set up. Next year the rest of the swine exhibitors will be helping set up for the banquet. Many thanks to the youth group of the Living Hope Church in Neillsville for helping with the food and clean up with the banquet. Their help was a great relief to the livestock committee. A donation of \$100 was given to the youth group to assist with their mission work for their help.

With the banquet being on a Tuesday night at the end of August, many youth could not attend due to several games being played and open houses that night for schools. Discussion held. It was moved by Pam Stuttgen and seconded by Wendall Attoe to move the banquet to the last Wednesday night. Motion passed. Next year's banquet will be Wednesday, August 30th.

Sale photos - No issues

Election of executive board - Cindy's term is up. The seat is open to a representative from the sheep, poultry, or rabbit committee. Dean Schmelzer moved to open nominations. Harlan Hinkelmann seconded the motion. Motion passed. Trina Schmelzer nominated Cindy Kolzow. Wendall Attoe moved to close nominations and unanimously approve Cindy for the open seat. Trina seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Adjournment**

Wendall moved to adjourn the meeting and Pam Stuttgen seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

### **Addendums**

The executive board met after the meeting and officers for the upcoming year will be Grant as president, Wendell as vice president, and Cindy as Secretary/Treasurer.

Swine committee meeting updates - MAQA will not be required this year for swine exhibitors. It will count as an educational point if available. The show will be a non-terminal show for 2017. Exhibitors are asked to have pigs ear notched BEFORE weigh-in. Educational session will in July with time and date TBA.

Minutes submitted by,

Cindy Kolzow, Secretary