

Livestock Committee Meeting Minutes
3/22/17

Present: Terry Sischo, Chris North, Melvin Abel, Ron Roehl, Mitch Malm, Keith Eibergen, Rich Meyer, Tom Meyer, John Gutowski, Pam Stuttgen, Jessica Stuttgen, Terry Byrne, Erik Statz, Carla Byrne, Harlan Hinkelmann, Ed Hamel, Mark Becker, John Galen, Trina Schmelzer, Dean Schmelzer, Jim Micke, Jerry Micke, Sheri Jacque, Wendell Attoe, Candy Turnquist, Denny Jakobi, Mitchell Heman, Jason Wood, Grant Koski, Adam Lucherhand, Wayne Artac, Shane Verhulst, Cindy Kolzow

The Clark County Livestock Committee meeting was called to order by president, Grant Koski at 8:05 p.m. at the ADS Building in Greenwood.

The secretary's report was reviewed. Harlan Hinkelmann moved to approve the minutes and Pam Stuttgen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The treasurer's report was reviewed with a current checkbook balance of \$21,438.74. Keith Eibergen moved to approve the report and Pam Stuttgen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

It was moved by Wendell Attoe and second by Jim Micke to allow for increase funds available for the thank you ads for the buyers for the newspapers up to a full page ad. Currently, we have been limited to \$75 per ad and are struggling to obtain a decent size ad in the papers for that price. Discussion held. Motion passed.

Beef report - Wendell Attoe shared the beef fitting and showing clinic will be July 11th at the Attoe farm being at 7:30 p.m.

Sheep report - Terry Sischo reported the sheep educational meeting will be this Monday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the Bendixen farm.

Swine report - Grant Koski shared he will be attending the webinar meeting Thursday night, 3/23 with the Pork Producers and the state vet. If there are any changes he will share with the committee.

Poultry report - John Galen shared youth need to order chicks through Galen by April 17th at approximately \$1.50 per chick. All chicks will be picked up on May 26th at 5:00 p.m. in which there will be an educational session as well. Another poultry educational session is being planned as well. Details TBA.

Rabbit report - Welcome to Jessica Stuttgen as the new superintendent for market rabbits! Jessica shared there have been 2 educational session already and a third one planned for 6/6 at the Matt Jorgenson's place at 7:30 p.m.

Old Business

Livestock Sale time - Grant reported about the two meetings held with fairboard members and other representatives from the horse, rabbit, sheep, swine, beef, dairy, and dairy promotion groups. Discussion held on the possibility of changing the livestock sale time and the impact on the rest of the fair and shows. It was decided to leave the sale time at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

New Business

Scholarship - Cindy Kolzow shared the livestock scholarship applications are due March 31st. So far only one has been received. Cindy shared she is looking for someone to replace her on the committee as she will have a son applying for the scholarship. Trina Schmelzer volunteered to be on the committee in place of Cindy.

Educational Sessions - Cindy shared the update from the state on the new format of the MAQA sessions. The new format will go into effect for 2018 and will impact all exhibitors showing any species of animals. The new format will be available online or in a classroom setting. The program is geared to 4 different age groups ranging from 8-21 years of age. The content will change from year to year and has a 4 year cycle. More information to come in the fall.

Processing of livestock sale animals - Hewitt's Meats notified the livestock committee a few weeks ago that they will no longer be able to host the carcass show and take animals from our market sale. Several committee members spoke with local butcher shops in and out of the county. Much discussion held on what to do with the approximate 160 animals from the sale and then the non-sale animals, specifically the swine, beef, and lambs. The committee decided to move forward with Pinter's Packaging Plant in Dorchester, Martin's Meat Processing in Withee, and Smith Brother's Meats in Colby as the major facilities to take the majority of sale animals. In addition Augusta Meats in August and Custom Meats in Marathon will take the remaining 20-30 head. Grant Koski will confirm with Pinter's, Martin's, and Smith Brother's. Cindy will follow up with Custom Meats.

Non-sale animals will need to be taken home after the fair unless the exhibitor has made prior arrangements with a butcher shop and plans to ship it to a sale barn. The committee was able to obtain help from Custom Meats in Marathon, Crescent Meats in Cadott, and Augusta Meats in Augusta to take non-sale animals provided the exhibitors has made arrangements at least a month in advance of the fair. Pinter's, Smith Brother's, Martin's and Hewitt's will be able to take non-sale animals about a 1 week after the fair if the exhibitor makes prior arrangements.

The committee decided to send a letter to exhibitors notifying them of the changes in the carcass show venue and date and the issue with non-sale animals. This letter will need to go out within the next week as the swine weigh-in is coming up. In addition a letter will be sent to last year's buyers sharing with them the changes in where sale animals will be processed and asking for their feedback on where they might potentially want their meat processed. Cindy will draft these letters and send to committee chairs on Thursday for review. The intent is for the letters to be sent early the week of March 26th. Cindy will also draft an article for the 4-H newsletter identifying the changes.

Carcass Show - Pinter's has agreed to host the carcass show for the lambs on a one year trial basis. However, they would like it to be on Wednesday, August 16th. We will have two educational sessions with tentative times of 7:15 and 8:00 p.m.

Livestock Sale - No other issues identified which need to be addressed other than bidder slips and buyer sales slips will need to be updated with the changes discussed above.

Livestock Social - Cindy will chair the event. She is looking for help prior to the sale and after the sale with serving food. Stuttgen family volunteered to help. It was also discussed about where to obtain the meat from. Cindy will look at different options suggested.

Sale Photos - No changes identified from current process.

Supreme Showmanship Contest - Wendell is working to obtain a judge. Discussion held on the amount of money the committee will put towards to the jacket the winner obtains. It was moved by Terry Sisco and seconded by Rich Meyer to put \$100 towards to cost of the jacket. This would also include the price of the embroidering. Motion passed.

Livestock Banquet - The banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30th at the Fairgrounds. This year the swine exhibitors of the last half of the alphabet are expected to help set up for the banquet.

Other Business

- The April fairboard meeting on the 17th will be at the fairgrounds and the board is doing a walkthrough of the grounds. The board is requesting a member from each species be present at the meeting. Committee members volunteered to present for the meeting.
- Pam Stuttgen shared this year there will be an open class rabbit show held on Saturday in conjunction with the junior show. Please let others know.
- It was brought up that Karlene Lindow-Krueger has been battling stage 4 breast cancer. Recently a benefit was held. Karlene had been a former participant and supporter of the 4-H & FFA livestock program. Dean Schmelzer moved to donate \$50 to the benefit. Cindy Kolzow seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chris North moved to adjourn the meeting. Trina Schmelzer seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,
Cindy Kolzow, Secretary/Treasurer