

Clark County Livestock Committee Meeting
March 21, 2018, 8:00 p.m. at Loyal City Hall

Present: Pam Stuttgen, Jim Micke, Jerry Micke, Sheri Jacque, Jodi Feit, Wendell Attoe, Mel Abel, Ross Roehl, Dean Schmelzer, Trina Schmelzer, Candy Turnquist, Denny Jakobi, Nick Stieglitz, Harlan Hinkelmann, Ed Hamel, Mark Becker, Grant Koski, Eric Statz, Adam Luchterhand, Brittney Lowry, Cindy Hohlstein, Matthew Stiemann, Cindy Kolzow, Rich Meyer, Tom Meyer

The Clark County Livestock Committee meeting was called to order by president, Grant Koski at 8:05 p.m. at the Loyal City Hall.

Secretary's report was reviewed. Dean Schmelzer moved to approve the secretary's report as presented. Pam Stuttgen seconded the motion. Motion passed and minutes were approved.

Cindy presented the treasurer's report with a final balance of \$20,206.08. Dean Schmelzer moved to approve the report and Denny Jakobi seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Beef - Wendell Attoe reported 73 animals were at weigh-in in January. The beef committee is anticipating a need for more space at the fair. The beef fitting and showing clinic will be July 17th at 7 p.m. at Attoe's place. The beef committee is looking for a new place to conduct the winter weigh-in as NFO in Curtiss closed. Suggestions were Oberholzer's place or obtaining a scale from Seubert's or CVTC. There was also a suggestion to have someone redo the fair poster and make sure all of the livestock shows were on the poster. The beef barn will also be hosting an auction in the beef barn during the show to raise money for the beef project. Lastly, beef will be having an overall beef award which will encompass the ROG, live show, and showmanship placing.

Sheep - Dean Schmelzer shared the initial weigh-in will be May 12 at Heartland Coop in Greenwood from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The sheep educational session this spring will be changed from Tuesday, April 3 to Thursday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the Bendixen place. The committee will be utilizing the scale at Heartland Coop for their weigh-ins. Additionally, sheep will have a showing clinic the last week of June at the Tom Meyer farm, with date and time TBA.

Swine - Grant stated the swine fitting & showing clinic will be July 6th at 7 p.m. at Paskert's farm. Glen Schraufnagel will be the presenter. Due to the state vet requirements with regards to PRRS testing, there will be no initial swine weigh-in on 4/14. Instead, swine exhibitors are required to come on 4/14 and pick up ear tags and ID forms. Photos of ear notches and signed copies of the new swine rules will be due back to the UW-Extension Office with a postmark of 4/23. The swine show this year will be a terminal show.

Poultry - Mathew Stiemann shared the poultry educational session will be 7/2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Holstein place and will be covering grooming and showmanship.

Rabbits - Pam Stuttgen shared the next educational meeting will be 3/26 at 7 p.m. at ADS for showmanship and tattooing. Market rabbits weigh-in is Wednesday, 8/8 from 3-6 p.m. with the show starting at 6:30 p.m. Reminder to exhibitors that Jessica Stuttgen is the chairperson. Kimberly Mertens is stepping down.

Old Business

Canopies - Wendell shared the approximate cost of a canopy 12' x 20' is between \$400 & \$500. The beef committee is requesting two canopies for the beef show. Denny Jakobi moved to purchase two canopies and Trina Schmelzer seconded the motion. Motion passed. Wendell will purchase the canopies.

New business

Deadline for educational sessions - Due to the beef committee having their educational session on July 17th, Dean Schmelzer moved to amend the livestock rules to "all educational sessions need to be completed by July 18th". Motion seconded by Sherri Jacque. Motion passed.

Scholarships - Due to conflicts, Grant is unable to review the scholarship entries this year. Wendell agreed to be the committee chair to review the scholarships.

Educational sessions

YQCA - Over 60 youth attended the December sessions. Youth will need to print their certificate of completion so they have their certificate number for fair entry. Additional YQCA courses are available online and in person on May 10 & 23 both at 6:30 p.m. in Thorp and at the courthouse respectively.

General Farm Supply is providing two educational sessions for market sale youth in Marshfield and Chili April 11th and 12th. Also, Heartland Coop is putting together a session in June. Date and time TBA.

Area Animal Science Days - Clark County is hosting on June 22nd. Kevin Lindow has volunteered to obtain animals for the livestock project areas and chair the livestock event. Committees were asked to provide some support on that day. Also, please encourage youth from Clark County to participate in the event.

Processing of Sale & non-sale animals - Due to the terminal swine show and another processing plants no longer butchering, it is imperative youth make arrangements now for their non-sale market animals. The livestock executive committee has contacted the local processors for their availability. Processing plants available for non-sale animals include: Pinter's, Smith Brothers, Crescent Meats, Martins, River Valley, Hewitt's (hogs only), Pigeon Falls, and Augusta. Grant will follow up with Martin's and River Valley for a holding option on Sunday night as those places won't take animals on Sunday night. A letter to exhibitors will go out in May with all of the details.

Carcass Show - Pinter's has agreed to host the carcass show for the lambs on the Wednesday after the fair. We will provide 3 educational sessions to accommodate the number of people attending. Still looking for a judge.

Livestock Sale - A reminder to exhibitors of the new sale order for champions and reserves. They will sell in the order the exhibitor was given. Beef animals will still sell in the middle of the sale. Please let your bidders be aware of the new sale order.

This year we will be trialing the new FairEntry software program which has a sale component to it. Lori Hendrickson has agreed to be at the sale to trial the new software and learn the software. Ashley Hemann has also agreed to learn the software.

Livestock Social - Cindy Kolzow is asking for help with setting up and prepping for the livestock social. We will continue to have scholarship winners serve the food. Trina Schmelzer, Jessica and Pam Stuttgen volunteered to assist.

Supreme Showmanship Contest - Wendell is coordinating. Wendell asked for ideas for judges. Also it is requested that after the sale, the gates be moved to hog arena along the bleachers for safety for the showmanship contest.

Mutton Busting Competition - Wendell is coordinating this new event along with the beef committee. It will be held on Friday night in the horse arena. Donations are being sought for trophies. Older youth will be asked to assist with the event.

Livestock Banquet - The banquet will be held Wednesday, 8/29 at the fairgrounds. Set-up will be provided by the sheep exhibitors and families at 6:45 p.m.; meal at 7:30 p.m. and awards at 8:15 p.m. It was also decided to have the scholarship winners and sheep exhibitors help with kitchen and food clean-up after the meal.

Strategic Plan update - Cindy Kolzow provided a brief update on the fairgrounds strategic plan. A committee is being formed to start the fundraising.

Other business items

A fairboard position has opened up. Members are encouraged to let others know of the open position and consider the option.

Discussion held on advertising for the fair and who makes the poster. Suggestions voiced on content needed on the poster.

Harlan Hinkelmann moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Dean Schmelzer seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned.