

**Clark County Livestock Committee Meeting
September 26, 2018 at Loyal City Hall**

Present: Matthew Stiemann, Trina Schmelzer, Sheri Jacque, Jerry Micke, Jason Wood, Grant Koski, Harlan Hinkelmann, Ed Hamel, Jodi Feit, Mark Becker, Brittney Lowry, Wayne Artac, Eric Statz, Candy Turnquist, Cindy Kolzow, Dennis Jakobi, Adam Luchterhand, Duane Boon, Melinda Hoffman, Wendell Attoe, Melvin Abel, Dean Schmelzer, Nick Stieglitz, Mitchell Hemann, Lori Hendrickson, Chris Hollar

President, Grant Koski called the Clark County Livestock committee meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. on September 26, 2018.

Secretary's report was reviewed by members. Dean Schmelzer moved to approve the secretary's report and Harlan Hinkelmann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cindy Kolzow presented the treasurer's report with a current checkbook balance of \$11,990.70. Dean Schmelzer moved to approve the treasurer's report and Denny Jakobi seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Beef report - Wendell Attoe shared the beef weigh-in will be January 26, 2019 with a snow date of February 2. Weigh-in will be at Oberholtzer's in Loyal on Hwy. 98. The committee also decided to have all beef be entered at the fair on Tuesday starting at 12:00 p.m. Beef weigh-in will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday of fair week. The junior beef show will be on Thursday of fair week with a possibility of moving the open show to Sunday. This will need to be approved by the fairboard. Release of beef animals for processing plants at the fair will start at 3 p.m. on Sunday of fair week. Rule changes decided upon by the committee include: to sell market beef, animals must have a 2 lb./ day minimum rate of gain and during the live show the animal must be graded as choice or prime.

Sheep report - Trina Schmelzer reported the sheep weigh-in will be May 11th at Heartland Coop in Greenwood from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All exhibitors are asked to preregister with the extension office prior to weigh-in. Wednesday, 8/7 of fair week sheep will be weigh-in from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. The show order will remain as starting with market pairs, market lambs, showmanship, and then breeding stock. The flock description will be 4 head: 1 ram and 3 ewes of different ages. This is slightly different than the DATCP rules. In addition, the committee decided to take market animal pictures right after showmanship classes instead of during the sale. The sheep educational session will be 4/1 at Matt Bendixen's place from 7:30 p.m. A second educational session will be tentatively end of June or early July.

Swine report - Grant Koski shared the swine show for 2019 will be a terminal show. All exhibitors will be required to pick up tags and paperwork on April 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Loyal County garage. A reminder to exhibitor's photos of ear notches must be clear. All paperwork must be returned or postmarked by April 22nd. Fair weigh-in will be Wednesday, 8/7 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Rule changes for 2019: to sell a market hog, the exhibitor must show in showmanship in at least one of the large animal species (i.e. swine, beef, or sheep) and pink ribbon animals will not be allowed to sell.

Poultry report - Matthew Stiemann shared exhibitors will be required to obtain their poultry between 5/26 & 6/8. Weigh-in at the fair will be Wednesday, 8/7 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. All paperwork needs to come with exhibitor on the day of fair weigh-in. Clarification of rules: exhibitors are expected to cover the butchering costs or their sale animal and deliver the animal to their buyer.

The poultry committee suggested to give exhibitors the option to sell a large animal species instead of their poultry, even if the poultry was named Champion or Reserve champion animal. Discussion held by the livestock committee. It was moved by Cindy Kolzow and seconded by Denny Jakobi to allow the exhibitor of the option of selling their large species animal instead of their poultry or rabbit in the event their animal is champion or reserve champion. Motion passed.

Rabbit report - Chris Hollar gave the report in Jessica Stuttgen's absence. Rabbit weigh-in will be June 22nd at ADS in Greenwood. Fair weigh-in will be Wednesday, 8/7 with the market rabbit show to follow. Discussion held on the need to increase ventilation in the rabbit barn. No action taken.

Area Animal Science Days - Clark County hosted AASD in June. Many thanks to Kevin Lindow for chair the livestock portion of the days. 18 counties participated. Also many thanks to the Stieglitz family for supplying beef on the last minute and for the many county livestock committee members and youth who assisted with the event.

Scholarships - The committee is looking for two people to assist with selection of winners, as both Cindy Kolzow and Grant Koski, have children applying for the award this year. Harlan Hinkelman and Sheri Jacque volunteered their time. Scholarships will be due March 1st with a concerted effort to present the awards at the school awards' banquets in the spring.

YQCA education - Discussion held on whether to require the YQCA education for all market animal youth. It was moved by Adam Luchterhand and seconded by Sherri Jacque to require all market animal youth to obtain the YQCA education, including those as seniors in high school and those in college. Motion passed. This will count as one educational point.

Discussion held on the cost of the class. The online course is \$12/person and \$3 for the classroom style course. The county will offer 2-3 sessions this upcoming year, with the first one being on 12/27 at 12:15 p.m. at Greenwood. It was decided to ensure the classroom style is split in different age groups to accommodate understanding of the material. It was moved by Adam Luchterhand and seconded by Harlan Hinkelman that exhibitors will be responsible for the costs associated with the YQCA course. Motion passed.

Educational requirements - The educational requirement for exhibitors was discussed. It was moved by Harlan Hinkelman and seconded by Trina Schmelzer to increase the educational requirement to all youth, including seniors in high school and college students. All youth will be required to obtain 3 educational credits of which one must be the YQCA training. Motion passed.

Additional educational options were discussed including the ability to take credit for showing at additional livestock shows such as the Jackpot shows or Summer Spectacular Livestock show. Jason Wood moved an exhibitor would earn an educational point for showing at another livestock show. The county fair does not count. Exhibitors must show proof of exhibiting and their placing. Motion passed.

Chris Hollar shared Pam Pralle and Chris will be developing educational sessions regarding animal welfare and showcasing agriculture to the public for 2019.

Livestock show requirements were discussed in relationship to presence of the exhibitor, especially in the light of the conflict with the Wisconsin State Fair show. It is the current decision of the executive committee that all efforts will be made for the exhibitor to be present for the species shows at the county fair. Exemptions will be made on a case by case basis to support those youth who achieve excellence at the state fair level in FFA or 4-H which may interfere with their presence at the species show during the county fair.

Photos of market sale animals - It was suggested to have youth sign in sheet in order of photo taken to properly identify youth. Beef and sheep photos for 2019 will take place on Thursday during or after their respective shows. Swine photos will remain the night of the market animal sale along with champion photos.

Livestock Sale attire was discussed in relationship to wearing of sashes and crowns. It was moved by Dean Schmelzer and seconded by Trina Schmelzer to allow only Fairest of the Fair court members to wear sashes only during the sale. No crowns will be allowed. Motion passed.

There has been a shortage of pins for the exhibitor tags for the sale. The livestock committee will purchase safety pins for the market sale.

Supreme Showmanship Contest - Based upon tentatively moving the open beef show to Sunday of the fair, it was discussed to possibly move the Supreme livestock to 1 p.m. Sunday. Will need fairboard approval on this change.

Carcass Show - The committee voiced concerns over a poor educational component to the carcass show despite both written and verbal requests to the judge to provide better content. The committee will not be hiring that judge again. Many thanks to Alex Pinter from Pinter's Packaging Plant for stepping up and providing additional information for those youth who attended. It was also decided not to do ultrasound in place of the carcass show.

Livestock Banquet - The banquet next year will be on Wednesday, 8/28 at the fairgrounds. Set-up for 2019 will be rabbit, poultry, and 1/2 of the swine exhibitors.

Discussion held on how rate of gain is determined and what animals are eligible (sale animals only or all market animals). It was decided all market animals will be eligible for the rate of gain award.

Kids Rodeo - Many thanks to Wendell Attoe, Melvin Abel, and the beef committee for organizing the Kid's Rodeo which was a hit at the fair. They are planning to sponsor the event again next year and asked the committee for purchasing additional gates for the rodeo. It was moved by Ed Hamel and seconded by Jason Wood to table the purchase of gates until the spring meeting. Motion passed.

Clark County Fair renovation project - Wendell, Cindy, and Grant provided an update to the committee on the renovation project and new livestock building. Fundraising for the building is currently in process. The committee is asking to allocate funds towards the project. At the spring meeting, the annual budgets for the past several years will be presented to better allocate funds towards the project.

Election of officer for the executive board. Wendell's term on the board is up. Harlan Hinkelmann and Trina Schmelzer moved and seconded to open the floor for nominations. Motion passed. Denny Jakobi nominated Wendell Attoe. Harlan Hinkelmann moved to close nominations and unanimously approve Wendell for the executive board. Ed Hamel seconded motion. Motion passed.

Harlan Hinkelmann moved to adjourn the meeting and Sherri Jacque seconded the motion. Motion passes and meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Addendum: The executive board met to determine officers: Grant will remain as president, Wendell as vice president, and Cindy as secretary/treasurer.

Minutes Submitted by
Cindy Kolzow