

Clark County Livestock Committee Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2019

Present: Wendell Attoe, Chris North, Mel Abel, Mitchell Hemann, Denny Jakobi, Nick Stieglitz, Grant Koski, Ed Hamel, Jessica Stuttgen, Chelsea Stuttgen, Jerry Micke, Sheri Jacque, Emily Micke, Jim Micke, Eric Statz, Mark Becker, Candy Turnquist, Jodi Feit, Matthew Stiemann, Adam Luchterhand, Rich Meyer, Jesse Elmhorst, Wayne Artac, Cindy Kolzow, Trina Schmelzer, Dean Schmelzer, Tom Meyer, Brittney Lowry and Chris Hollar

President, Grant Koski called the Clark County Livestock Sale Committee meeting to order on Wednesday, March 28, 2019 at 8:05 p.m. at Loyal City Hall.

The secretary's report was reviewed. Dean Schmelzer and Chris North moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Cindy Kolzow presented the treasurer's report. Current checkbook balance is \$23,784.46. She noted the deposit on the report that was not labeled was the donation from the Clark County Dairy promotion committee for the milk at the banquet. Dean Schmelzer moved to approve the treasurer's report and Ed Hamel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Beef report - Wendell Attoe shared the beef fitting and showing clinic will be July 14 from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Attoe farm. Youth are encouraged to bring their animals. The open beef show will be Sunday starting at 8:30 a.m.

Sheep report - Trina Schmelzer reported the sheep educational session will be April 1st at 7:30 p.m. at the Bendixen place. Marlin Subra will be leading the session about lamb selection. May 11th will be sheep weigh in from 10:00 - 12:30 at Heartland Coop in Greenwood. A possible summer educational session will be held tentatively the last week of June. Sheep will be allowed to come in the fair on Tuesday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. The vet for the fair will need to be notified that animals are coming on Tuesday of fair week.

Swine report - Grant Koski shared ID tag & paperwork pick up day will be April 13th at the Clark County Highway garage in Loyal from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. All paperwork, pictures, and PRRS testing needs to be returned by 4/22 to the Extension Office. There will be no retake of pictures. This is not a new rule, just being enforced this year. The swine committee will go thru paperwork May 1st at 7:30 p.m. at Loyal City Hall. The swine educational session will be July 12th at 7:00 p.m. at Paskert's in Thorp.

Poultry report - Matthew Stiemann reported the poultry weigh in and pick of birds will be 5/26 - 6/10. The committee clarified on forms that all poultry are to be butchered after the fair. Their fitting and showing clinic will be 7/1 at 6:30 p.m. at Cindy & Grant Holstein's place.

Rabbit report - Jessica Stuttgen shared 2 educational sessions have already been done. An additional one will be scheduled on showmanship. June 22nd will be rabbit weigh-in 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. at ADS in Greenwood. Concerns were brought up about the ventilation in the rabbit barn. The issue will be taken to the fairboard.

OLD BUSINESS

- Scholarships - Cindy Kolzow shared only 3 youth have applied for the livestock scholarships.
- Monies for fair renovation project - an update was given on the fundraising project for a new livestock barn. It was reassured that the livestock barn will be built despite rumors. Discussion pursued on the type and amount of financial support the livestock committee will provide for the building. Dean Schmelzer moved to donate \$10,000 to the building project paid out when project is started. Denny Jakobi seconded the motion. Motion passed. In addition, Dean Schmelzer moved to add a 2% additional commission from the livestock sale checks to be used towards building maintenance at the fair. Wendell Attoe seconded the motion. More discussion ensued. The 2% monies would be kept in a separate fund and provided to Parks and Forestry Committee as needed for maintenance. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Fundraisers for the Livestock barn - discussion held on types of fundraisers to be done. It was decided to hold a 50/50 raffle the night of the Kid's Rodeo at the fair. Another suggestion was to possibly raffle off beef or pork.
- Annual Review of Bylaws - the current bylaws were reviewed with no changes. Denny Jakobi moved to approve them and seconded by Trina Schmelzer. Motioned passed.
- Educational Sessions - updates provided on educational sessions available. The next YQCA is April 29 at 7:15 p.m. in Neillsville. General Farm Supply is providing sessions again in Chili and Marshfield. Also, Pam Selz-Pralle along with Chris Hollar will be hosting two sessions Re-energizing Livestock Education with 3/28 & 4/23.
- Processing of non-sale animals - Alex Pinter of Pinter's Processing was present and shared concerns with our current process of finding processors, especially with the limited number of processors available. He suggested implementing a preference system versus calling processors now to reserve a spot. Discussion held. Denny Jakobi moved to implement a preference system for non-sale animals. Dean Schmelzer seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Market animals will be moved out of the fairgrounds starting at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. We will again need to obtain a permit from the state to move pigs to Premier on Sunday before going to a Mennonite processor on Sunday.
- Carcass show - we will again have a carcass show for the sheep after the fair. An educational session will be held where youth will have the ability to look at different cuts of meat. The committee is still looking for a judge. Jessica Stuttgart suggested Justin Luther, Gary Owen, or Jeff Singular. Discussion also ensued with regards to ultra-sounding animals. Alex Pinter offered to do a carcass show for beef and swine too. No action taken.
- Sale order - champion and reserve champion animals will continue to be sold throughout the sale. Discussion held about rotating when beef are sold during the sale. Jim Micke moved to have beef rotate yearly: 1st part of sale, middle of sale, end of sale. Eric Statz seconded the motion. In addition, the small animals (i.e. rabbits and poultry) will be sold throughout the sale. Motion passed. For 2019 the beef will be sold at the beginning of the sale.
- Livestock Social - Cindy will need help with the social as we have only 3 scholarship winners this year. Emily Micke, Trina and Kate Schmelzer volunteered.
- Supreme Showmanship - the contest will be pushed back to 12:30 p.m. due to the open beef show in the morning. The judge will be the open class beef judge.
- Kids Rodeo - beef committee will be organizing the rodeo again on Friday night of the fair. We will begin set-up at 2:00 p.m. in the arena. It was suggested to charge for the dunk tank. This will need to be taken to the Leader's Federation.
- Banquet - the livestock banquet will be held August 28th at the fairgrounds. Poultry, rabbits, and half of the swine exhibitors will be helping set up. Help is needed in the kitchen area. Trina Schmelzer volunteered. Will still need more help.

Trina Schmelzer moved to adjourn the meeting. Sherri Jacque seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Submitted by,
Cindy Kolzow, Secretary/Treasurer