

Sheep Committee Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2019 at Beaver's Bar Withee, WI

The meeting started at 740pm.

The Education sessions were discussed from the past year. It was decided to set the date for March 30th at 730pm with the location staying at the M& M Stable and Arena at Matt and Maria Bendixen's residence. The snow date was set for April 2nd. We discussed the topics for the session with proper showing methods being a top topic.

The initial and final weigh in was discussed. The initial weigh in will be on May 9th at the Heartland (River Valley) Coop in Greenwood with the time set at 10-12pm. We will use the same scale for both weigh in times. The final weigh in will be August 5th outside the sheep barn with the times set at 12-2. We will allow sheep to come in the barn on Tuesday with the approval of the Fair Board last year. The individuals will need to notify the chairs so someone is available to check in the paperwork.

The show was discussed with the date being August 6th at 1230pm. We will run the show as it is currently with the pairs, markets, showmanship, and breeding. We will move the pictures back to the sale due to confusion. Discussion was on the live and carcass lineup. We will need the help of parents when it comes to the lining of the classes in order to have this process move smoothly. We had a suggestion of increasing the number of animals allowed to be registered for the show to 8 depending on the availability of space. The request was taken to the Fair Board which would meet the following week. The judge was the next topic of discussion. Brandon was unable to judge but sent a replacement. It was decided that with the difficulty of finding judges for the fair we will be will to expand the judging pool by having new judges.

The Carcass judge was discussed with the committee hearing positive feedback on the information and improvement for the previous year. There was a suggestion to include a steer and pig to increase the discussion and viewing for the youth.

We removed Julia Schmelzer from the committee due to her new residence in the southern part of the state. We added 2 new members who are Kate Schmelzer and Emily Micke. Discussion on the chairs position was the next topic. Emily and Kate have shown interest to help so as a committee it was decided to include them in the paperwork and functions of the chair for a couple of years as they finish their education. The committee decided to have Dean and Trina Schmelzer continue as Co Chairs for the next year.

****Cindy attended the Fair Board meeting and they approved the increase of animals to 8 depending on room.**

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