

**Clark County Livestock Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 25, 2019**  
**Loyal City Hall**

Present: Trina Schmelzer, Dean Schmelzer, Duane Boon, Matthew Stiemann, Matt Jorgensen, Wayne Artac, Brittney Lowry, Mel Hoffman, Mark Becker, Harlan Hinkelman, Adam Luchterhand, Sheri Jacque, Teri Raatz, Dennis Jakobi, Candy Turnquist, Mel Abel, Mitchell Hemann, Grant Koski, Wendell Attoe, Cindy Kolzow

The Clark County Livestock Committee meeting was called to order by vice president, Wendell Attoe at 8 p.m. at Loyal City Hall.

The secretary's report was read by Cindy Kolzow. Dean Schmelzer moved to approve the minutes and Duane Boon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Cindy read the treasurer's report. The final balance in the checking account is \$28,676.97. Based upon the change in the amount of commission taken, the final checkbook balance can be further divided as:

- 2% from commission for building maintenance fund - \$3665.49
- General fund checkbook balance - \$25,011.48 (\$10,000 committed to new livestock barn)

Harlan Hinkelman moved to approve the treasurer's report and Dean Schmelzer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Reports**

**Beef report** - Wendell Attoe shared that the committee decided to keep entry day for beef on Tuesday of fair week. Beef weigh in will be January 25, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Oberholtzer's. Snow date will be February 1. The only rule change is there will be no minimum weight at final weigh in at the fair, starting in 2020.

**Sheep report** - Dean Schmelzer reported there were 54 sheep at the fair: 8 did not make weight, 1 was overweight, 1 did not meet rate of gain, and 23 were sold during the sale.

Trina Schmelzer shared the sheep educational session will be March 30, 7:30 p.m. at the Bendixen place. Snow makeup date will be April 2. The weigh in will be May 9 from 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. at Heartland Coop in Greenwood. We will continue to borrow the scale from the coop. Weigh-in during the fair will be on Wednesday, August 5 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. The sheep show will start at 12:30 on Thursday of fair week. The committee decided not to have the pictures taken during the show. Pictures will be taken during the sale as in the past. The show order will remain the same, however parents will be asked to be help with handling lambs during the carcass picks. The committee asked the fairboard to increase the number of lambs an exhibitor can take to the fair from 6 to 8, if stalling space was available. The fairboard approved. Dean and Trina will remain as co-chairs.

**Swine report** - Harlan Hinkelman reported the committee changed the minimum and maximum weights to sell a hog to 230 - 310 lbs. The maximum suggested weight at initial weigh-in is 65#. The pink ribbon rule will remain in place as it seems to be working well. The hogs will continue to not have a carcass show.

There will be no spring weigh-in again for next year and the show will continue to be a terminal show. The spring paperwork process will be changed for 2020. Swine tags and paperwork will be handed out early on March 14, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Loyal City Hall. Anyone from your family or club may pick up the paperwork. However, on April 18 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Loyal City Hall all paperwork and pictures will be due. The swine committee will review paperwork then.

Next year at the fair the vet papers and CVI report must be handed prior to unloading swine at the fair. The committee is considering adding a purebred market class pending approval from the fair board.

The next swine committee meeting is March 4, 7:30 p.m. at Loyal City Hall.

**Poultry report** - Matthew Stiemann shared the hatch dates for 2020: May 24 – June 12. Weigh-in will be August 5. Rule changes include the minimum weight will be 6 pounds. Also a quiz for market exhibitors will need to be completed prior to the fair and turned in at weigh-in time. The quiz will be posted online.

**Rabbits** - No report.

**Special presentation** - Devani Hinkelmann and Olivia Horn from the Loyal FFA presented a leadership ag educational event they are planning on February 22 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. They requested the event count as an educational point for the livestock sale program. The program will be open to all youth in Clark County. There will be six sessions focusing on the following: careers in ag, feeding market animals, vet care, ag marketing, livestock, and crops. There is no registration fee for the event. Denny Jakobi moved to accept the educational event as an educational point for the livestock program. Trina Schmelzer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Old Business**

**Fundraising on the new livestock barn** - Cindy Kolzow shared that the basket raffle held during the 4-H volleyball tournament this spring raised \$637. The basket raffle at the county fair raised \$4,031. Many thanks to the 4-H clubs and FFA chapters for the wonderful baskets provided and the help to sell tickets.

**Livestock Barn project update** - Wendell Attoe shared the plan is to hopefully start construction on the new barn right after the 2020 fair. An additional \$100,000 (approximately) needs to be raised to meet the \$450,000 goal and to obtain a \$100,000 anonymous donor. The additional funding for the building will come from the Forestry and Parks committee pending County Board approval.

### **New Business**

**Area Animal Science Days** - Adam Luchterhand shared that Clark County youth participated in the event at Waupaca this year. Adam said he is willing to put together and work with youth for a livestock judging team for next year. Nick Stieglitz also volunteered to help. Discussion held on transportation for youth to the event and whether the Leaders Federation would assist. Cindy Kolzow and Brittney Lowry will take to the next Leaders Federation meeting. Discussion also held on whether this would count an educational event. Harlan Hinkelmann moved youth will obtain 1 point for judging at the area animal science days provided youth attend some of the practices. Trina Schmelzer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Scholarships** - Cindy Kolzow shared there were only 3 applicants this year which were awarded scholarships. Scholarships will be due in 2020 on March 1.

**Educational Sessions** - Discussion held on instructor availability for YQCA class during Christmas break. Last year both Chris Hollar and Teri Raatz taught the session. The group was split in two with 30 - 40 in each group; younger youth in one and older youth in the other. An email was sent to the Ag teachers in the county checking if any of them are certified. At the time of the meeting no one has responded either way. It was suggested to inquire again with the Ag teachers. Otherwise, the class will only be open to 4-H youth.

**Livestock Social** - Cindy reported the social went well. Meat from the social was changed due to pricing. No changes identified for next year.

### **Livestock Sale**

**Donation of proceeds** - It was brought up if the youth decides to donate the proceeds to a charity, all the proceeds should go the charity with no commission taken out. Discussion ensued. Matt Jorgenson moved to table the decision until the spring meeting. Duane Boon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Auctioneers** - Concerns were brought forth about the short amount time spent bidding on an animal, beef bids going up by 25 cents, and some of the comparing of businesses. Discussion ensued. Dean Schmelzer moved to rotate auctioneers from year to year. Mel Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Market sale photos** - Photos will remain taken during the sale except for the beef. These will continue to be after the beef show.

**Supreme Showmanship contest** - The contest was moved to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday which everyone agreed worked well. Discussion ensued on what the contestants should be judged on. Several voiced opinions of wanting the judge to ask questions of the exhibitors. Harlan Hinkelmann moved the youth will take a 9 question quiz, 15 minutes prior to the contest with each large animal species providing 3 questions. Trina Schmelzer seconded the motion. Motion passed. Each species chair needs to provide their questions to Wendell Attoe before the county fair.

**Carcass Show** - Feedback from youth and parents was the judge was much better this year and educational sessions were much more informative. It was suggested that two carcasses of each species be hanging for the educational session: showing the variation in carcass qualities. Both the beef and swine committees decided not to participate in the carcass show.

**Livestock Banquet** - Overall feedback on the banquet was good with no identified changes in format. The committee clarified on who should be giving speeches at the banquet: the live grand champions for hog, poultry, and rabbits and the overall champions for beef, dairy beef, and sheep. The supreme showmanship winner does not need to give a speech. Cindy Kolzow brought up the idea of sending certificates to buyers recognizing them for their years of being at the market sale. We will implement this process this year.

**Kids Rodeo** - Wendell Attoe shared an update on the rodeo. It has been very well received and is growing fast. Many thanks to all of the individuals who helped with the event. Since it has grown so fast, Wendell is considering asking leaders of the 4-H and FFA's to assist with areas of the rodeo for next year.

**Election of officers** - Cindy's term is up. Harlan Hinkelmann moved to open the floor for nominations. Mitchell Hemann seconded the motion. Motion passed. Cindy Kolzow was nominated. Matt Jorgenson moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Cindy. Motion seconded by Duane Boon. Motion passed.

**Purchase of scale for poultry** - The poultry committee requested funding for purchasing their own scale for weigh in. Currently, they have been using the rabbit committees. Dean Schmelzer moved for the livestock committee to purchase a scale for poultry and seconded by Melvin Hoffman. Motion passed.

Harlan Hinkelmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Trina Schmelzer seconded the motion. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**Addendum:** The executive team met after the meeting to determine officers. Grant Koski will be president, Wendell Attoe, vice president, and Cindy Kolzow - secretary/treasurer.

Submitted by,

Cindy Kolzow, Secretary