

Clark County Livestock Committee Meeting
October 4, 2023
Loyal City Hall

Members present: Dennis Jakobi, Mel Abel, Sheri Jacque, Molly Hemann, Mitchell Hemann, Christine Garbisch, Jeff Schultz, Nick Stieglitz, Candy Turnquist, Adam Luchterhand, Jim Micki, Jerry Micki, Grant Koski, Harlan Hinkelmann, Brittney Lowry, Mindy Lockhart, Chelsea Stuttgen, Tom Meyer, Cindy Kolzow, Eric Statz, Lori Hendrickson, Matthew Stiemann

Grant Koski, president called the Clark County Livestock Committee meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. on October 4, 2023 at the Loyal City Hall.

Secretary's report was reviewed. Brittney Lowry moved to approve the minutes and Tom Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The treasurer's report was read by Cindy Kolzow. Current balances include:
general fund \$38,029.73,
building/maintenance fund \$21,651.51,
kid's rodeo fund (\$876.82) and
total checkbook balance \$58,804.42.

Harlan Hinkelmann moved to approve the report and Sheri Jacque seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Beef Report – Wendell Attoe shared the beef weigh-in will be January 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oberholtzer's in Loyal. Snow date is February 3rd. The fair weigh-in will be Tuesday, 8/6 from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Beef educational sessions will be in July. In January handouts will be provided about feeding and nutrition. July's session will focus on showmanship.

The committee decided to limit beef numbers by only being able to bring two steers to the fair; may be one dairy steer and one beef, two dairy beef, or two beef. Youth are allowed to bring 5 animals total to the fair with a cow/calf pair counting as one animal.

The committee inquired with the fairboard on the pay for judges. Currently, animal judges receive \$150 per day. The committee recommends increasing the pay.

Much discussion held on type of tag to use for beef weigh-in. Suggested to go with the 840 tags this year.

The committee suggested reinforcing the dress code during the show and sale. Also reminder to youth, no rope halters when in the show arena.

Sheep Report – Tom Meyer reported the spring sheep and goat weigh-in will be May 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Tom Meyer farm. Plans are to host an educational session in early April with a

focus on ultrasounding animals versus judging carcass. The sheep committee also recommends eliminating rules #4 and #10 from the sheep rules. The COOL form is no longer needed and no longer need to enforce kids to wait by their pens after the sale for the sale card. It's easier to just hang all of the signs at the end of the sale.

The committee also recommended showmanship rules requirements to be changed; suggesting if a youth has a conflict with showing in showmanship for one species because they are showing in another species they would have the option to let the species chair know and only show in one species showmanship. Much discussion held by the general livestock committee. It was approved to allow youth to participate in one species showmanship **only if** there is a conflict with showing.

It was moved and seconded by Harlan Hinkelman and Eric Statz to allow only market animals in showmanship. Discussion held. Motion did not pass. Ya - 10 and Nay - 11

Swine Report – Grant Koski shared swine tag pick up will be March 13th from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Loyal City Hall or youth may contact Grant or Harlan Hinkelman. The swine spring meeting will follow the tag pick up timeframe. All paperwork and photos are due on April 13 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Loyal City Hall.

Fair weigh-in will be 8/6 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. The swine show will be 8/7 starting at 9 a.m..

Rule #2 was changed to for the minimum weight to sell to #240 pounds.

The swine committee is also looking at going to 840 tags. Then the vets don't need to metal tags.

Goat Report – Mindy Lockhart shared the goat weigh-ins will be the same as the sheep. No additional rule changes.

Rabbit Report – Chelsea Stuttgen resigned as chairman for the species. There has been no interest in the market rabbit project for several years. Many thanks to Chelsea for her years of work on the rabbit committee.

Poultry Report – Matthew Stiemann shared there are no rule changes for the upcoming year. Youth may pick up chicks between 6/2 and 6/16. Fair weigh-in will be 8:00 – 3:00 p.m. on 8/7. The poultry/rabbit scale currently resides at the Matthew Stiemann residence.

Business

Area Animal Science Days – Nobody from the livestock project attended this past year. Dates have not been set yet for 2024.

Scholarships – Nine scholarships were awarded this past year from \$250 - \$1000. A total of \$5750 was awarded. It was suggested to add the number of years in the livestock program to the application form.

Education – Discussion held on YQCA sessions. We will be sponsoring a in person class on Wednesday, December 27th following Discovery Day at the Loyal High School at 12:30 p.m. Sheri Jacque moved and Denny Jakobi seconded to have the livestock committee pay for the registration fees for YQCA sessions, both in person at \$3 and online at \$12. Motion passed.

Livestock shows –

Set up and take down of pens discussed. We had plenty of youth helping the Thursday before the and again on Monday night after the fair. It was suggested to try and take down pens on Sunday after the fair.

Barn space – Discussion held options for housing animals for the fair. It was noted the goats need a different space in a different barn. Sheep were okay with staying in the red barn provided lighting and fans were updated along with former goat pens replaced. The committee plans to buy an additional 30 pens.

Livestock Social – No changes to the livestock social for the bidders. Cindy Kolzow is looking for help with the social.

Livestock Sale –

Bidder slips – It was suggested to add business email addresses to bidder slips to assist with contacting businesses prior to the fair as several business did not receive the letter. Discussion held on encouraging youth to obtain two bidders versus one to obtain additional new businesses. It was moved by Nick Stieglitz and seconded by Denny Jakobi for youth to obtain two bidders. Motion carried.

Auctioneer – Randy Meyer is stepping down as auctioneer. Many thanks to the many years of volunteering as the sale auctioneer. Suggestions were received for new auctioneers and announcers for the sale.

Bidding prices – Complaints were received about the prices received for some of the sale animals. Just a reminder to youth and parents as per the rules and regulations, the starting price for an animal needs to start at least 5 cents above the current market price that week. Also, for the 2023 fair, market prices for beef and sheep were the same.

Sound system – Still having issues with the sound system. Wendell is looking into pricing for a portable sound system.

Verbal thank you's – Feedback was received while it is great the youth are verbally thanking buyers during the sale, sometimes it was noted that the conversation interrupted the buyer from bidding on another animal. It was suggested to bring this to the attention of the youth during the educational sessions to be aware of this when talking with buyers.

Supreme Showmanship – No changes suggested to current show logistics.

Carcass Show – We had an excellent turnout of youth for the event. Many thanks to Glen Schraufnagel for leading the educational sessions. We received positive feedback on the quality of the educational session. This year we had extreme difficulty in finding a carcass show judge which was hired the week of the fair and she was unable to provide the educational sessions at night.

Livestock Banquet – The banquet went well again. Cindy is asking for help in recognizing buyers more formally at the banquet. Molly Hemann, Lori Hendrickson, Brittany Lowry, and Candy Turnquist volunteered to assist with this process.

Kids Rodeo – While the rodeo was rained out for 2023, plans are being made for next year.

Other items –

Dress code for the sale – Discussion held on the dress code for the sale as not all youth abided by the code with regards to collared shirts. Ideas suggested on getting t-shirts for all youth in the sale. This will be further discussed at the spring meeting.

Clarification of Fairbook Junior Division Rule #17 – The current verbiage in the fairbook reads “Exhibits cannot be removed until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Exhibits removed before 4:00 p.m. on Sunday will result in the loss of premiums.” Discussion held on this rule as some exhibitors were taking down decorations prior to 4 p.m. The committee is recommending the fairboard clarify the language to read “Exhibits and barn decorations cannot be removed until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.” Cindy will take recommendation to the fairboard meeting.

Committee Assets & insurance – Cindy shared as she was completing the end of the year report for the state, this year they asked about assets and if the item was covered under insurance. The question brought forth was whether the beef scale in the livestock barn is covered under any insurance. The question will be taken forth to the Fair Board and the Forestry and Parks Committee.

Secretarial support – The committee is looking at additional secretarial support for the committee. Harlan Hinkelman and Brittany Lowry moved and seconded to investigate hiring Lori Hendrickson. Motion carried. The executive committee will work with Lori on the details.

Project Market Animal Summaries – Many thanks to Sheri Jacque for reviewing all of the market animal summaries!

Elections – Harlan H. and Adam Luchterhand open for the floor for nominations for a position on the executive board currently held by Cindy Kolzow. Motion passed. Nominations received for Cindy Kolzow. Denny Jakobi and Harlan Hinkelman moved to close nominations and unanimously cast a ballot for Cindy Kolzow. Motion passed.

Adjournment – Harlan Hinkelman moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Meyer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Cindy Kolzow
Secretary

Addendum:

The executive committee met after the meeting to determine officers: Grant Koski, president; Wendell Attoe, vice president; Cindy Kolzow, secretary/treasurer.