

SWINE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
Loyal City Hall - 7 PM

Present: Grant Koski, Harlan Hinkelmann, Mark Becker, Sheri Jacque, Candy Turnquist, Brittney Lowry, Eric Statz, Marty Gerhardt, Connor Becker

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Grant Koski. Minutes of the March 13, 2024 Swine Committee meeting were reviewed. Harlan moved to approve the minutes; Brittney Lowry seconded the motion.

Overall Fair - Grant commented that overall everything went well; load out was very smooth. There were 92 pens with approximately 170 pigs.

Future Dates -

- Tag/Paperwork Pick up: Wednesday, March 12th, 2025, Loyal City Hall from 7-7:30 PM with the Swine Committee meeting to follow. Forms will be updated and a flyer indicating the type of nipple waterers to be used from now on will be available as well.
- Paperwork due: Saturday, April 12th from 9-11:00 AM, Loyal City Hall.
- Pen/barn set up: Wednesday, July 30 beginning at 6:00 PM.
- Fair Weigh-In: August 5th from 2-5:00 PM.
- Swine show: August 6th beginning at 9:00 AM.
- Pen take down: Monday, August 11 beginning at 6:00 PM.

Load Out Ramp - Eric will be working on this for next year's fair.

Gates - Grant is looking into more gates for the doors, ramp, and bleacher area. He will be checking with Rusk County as they have some for sale.

Wash Rack - The committee discussed anchoring down the centers and doubling the space size. Grant will look into the different options.

Show Ring - Sheri asked if there is something we can do about the sharp edges to prevent further injuries. Grant has a contact that he will be working with to smooth out the edges - hoping this could be a winter project.

Rules and Regulations - The committee discussed changing some of the rules for swine.

- Delete the following:
 - #3b "Copy of seller's PRRS/SECD test results" (Harlan made a motion, Brittney 2nd)
 - #6 "It is SUGGESTED that animals weigh 65 pounds or less at initial identification. (Eric made a motion, Harlan 2nd)
- Add the following:
 - Nipple waterers are mandatory. No water pans will be allowed. (Brittney mad a motion, Harlan 2nd)

840 Tags - Grant will contact the Stanley Vet Service to see if they will, again, donate money towards the purchase of 840 tags.

Purebred Registration Papers - Committee members agreed that exhibitors must have a copy or picture of the registration papers. Papers may be in the seller's, parent's, or exhibitor's name.

Educational Session - Grant has been in contact with the UW Swine Extension Specialist about putting on a session for swine. It was suggested this be done earlier in the year with pre-registration required.

Set Up/Take Down - Grant noted that both went very well. We will continue with take down on Monday. Sheri asked that barn quilts also be taken down on Monday, if they haven't already. Harlen noted there were no issues with people trying to leave early.

Sale - Grant mentioned the possibility of having a live camera/screen showing the saleperson with their animal so more people are able to see. He is talking with Cindy about this. He also mentioned the possibility of having more speakers available.

Fair Suggestion Boxes - Grant has not been given anything from the Fair Board from the Fair Suggestion boxes.

Harlen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brittney 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Submitted by:
Sheri Jacque