



Jr. Fair Livestock Committee Minutes – August 26th, 2021

Members Present: Tami Herman, Maya Jordan, Amanda Leipold, John Herman, Seth Frient, Dylan Leipold.

In Attendance: Imani Scruggs, Crystal Jones, Makala Jones

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm.

BEEF - A proposal was made to sell top 5 carcasses at the auction. After discussion, the committee agreed to keep it as only Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. Rule 3 was discussed and determined that it did not need changed. Weigh-in will still be at Portage County Fairgrounds. The date will be determined. Beef rules state that "Forfeited checks will be deposited in the Summit County 4-H Development Fund." After discussion, Seth made a motion to change it to "Forfeited checks will be deposited in the Summit County Sale Account". Dylan seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

CARCASS WEIGHTS – Possibly put a minimum of 600 pound hanging weight. (suggested Hog carcass weight to be minimum of 180 pounds hanging weight). Tabled to next meeting.

EAR TAGS – Committee will need to purchase new tags that say Summit County. Taggers will be John, Jenny & possibly Seth. We will need a full list of all the 4-Hers with livestock that need tagged. It was suggested that we consider EID tags as well. Youth can purchase these and those tags make it easier for them to go to other shows through the year. If we offer these, we would still need the Summit County tag in addition. Take idea to Large Livestock Sub Committee for discussion and bring back to the next Livestock meeting.

HOUSING FORMS – Discussion was made regarding whether everyone should turn in a housing form. It was unanimously decided that only those 4-Hers housing their livestock off their own premises will need to turn in a housing form. We will continue our 45-minute drive rule. John, Seth and Jenny will do housing checks. There first will be at tagging where they are being kept. Second will be a random, middle of the project visit. Third will be closer to fair in early July. Notice of random visits will be 2 hours.

RULES AND REGULATIONS AFFIDAVIT – It was brought to attention that when an exhibitor signs the entry form for the fair, they are agreeing that they have read the rules. After discussion, the members decided to consider amending it on the entry form so that we can eliminate the Rules and Regulations Affidavit to have less paperwork. Tabled to next meeting.

ADBOOK/SPONSORSHIPS – The members discussed problems concerning the adbook. We would like to eliminate the adbook and move to a flat fair fee (different amount for each species) and sponsorship signs. Suggestion was made to hang all sponsorship signs in the Arena throughout the rest of the year as incentive for sponsorship donors.

AUCTION – We discussed some ideas and improvements we need to make. Everyone was in agreement that we would not like to give cookies as buyer gifts in the future, but rather get variable gifts, like in the past, so that buyers who purchase multiple species get a variety of gifts. Following our fair, an auction/sale committee was formed which will address these issues for the future.

CLINICS – We'd like to host some clinics that would include expectations for breed show & showmanship.

GENERAL RULES - Discussion was made to add to general rules that parents/adults should not be doing project work at the fair unless youth exhibitor is present.

Discussion was made regarding the difference between the Barn Superintendent and Jr. Fair Coordinator and what those duties include.

The members set the next meeting date for October 14 at 6:00pm. Bring your own food. Please meet with your sub-committees and bring a full list of changes to your species so that we can vote and get it published.

Dylan motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm. Minutes submitted by Maya Jordan