

ADAMS COUNTY LIVESTOCK SALE COMMITTEE

Tuesday September 7, 2021 – Adams County Fairgrounds

Minutes

Attended by: Tori Babcock, Pam Dahlke, Jamie Meinhardt, Seth Hamilton, Lenna Hamilton, Eli Hamilton, Eveylyn Stainbrook, Brinlee Bruce, Amber Bruce, Doreen Olson, Eli Olson, Josh Oleson, Kelly Oleson, Hannah Oleson, Ryan Oleson, Lucie Bitsky, Hether Bitsky, Emily Schultz, Megan Schultz, Becky Grabarski, Emily Dahlke, Demi Parr, Lori Henthorne, Marty Hitzeman, Aleksys Hitzeman, Jim Bays, James Bruce, Amy Stainbrook, Dolly Parr, Bill Parr, Evan Henthorne

Meeting was called to order by Josh Oleson at 7:05 PM

1. Secretary's Report for May 25, 2021 was presented as a printed document. Josh Oleson asked for approval of the Secretary's report. Seth Hamilton initiated a discussion regarding the ownership of the red gates and what led the committee to discontinue an insurance policy that was in place for the livestock gates. Was stated that purchase of the pens through donations was to improve the fairgrounds and the experience and safety of the youth, not to have committee own property. Josh Oleson stated that at this time he was calling for approval of the May 25, 2021 Secretary's report, this could be brought for further discussion later in the meeting. Emily Dahlke moved to approve the minutes as printed, second by Hannah Oleson. M/C
2. Treasurer's Report was presented as a printed document: Pam Dahlke reported a check book balance of \$4,510.55 and answered questions from her report. Motion by Emily Dahlke to approve report, second by Hannah Oleson. M/C
3. Committee Reports:
 - Beef: Kelly Oleson reported on beef show and sale at the fair
Beef Weigh-in will be on December 11th, committee will set this by appointment again.
Approximately 257 days to show so plan for meeting the rate of gain requirement for the sale
 - Sheep & Goats: Joe Huber not attending.
Tori reported on all went well at fair and sale
Concerns regarding the standard date for the Sheep weigh-in as that is a busy weekend for Baseball in Adams and that there may be concerns regarding the lambs not being weaned from producers since fair is now 3 weeks later. This will be further discussed in January.
 - Swine: Jeff Schultz not attending
 - Poultry/Rabbits: Kayla Kolb not attending
Amber Bruce had concerns that there was not a sound system for the Rabbit show held in the barn. Intent was that the show would be held in the show ring per the Fairboard, will let them know our concerns for the future shows
 - Fairboard: No report
 - Education: Becky Grabarski reported
Top Education Wards from FFA Alumni: Ryan Oleson 1st, Hannah Oleson and Blake Krause tied for 2nd
We will continue to forward virtual education opportunities for youth to complete

Business:

4. Discussion on 2021 Fair and Auction
 - Doreen Olson asked for a list of all of the Bidders names & addresses, Becky Grabarski stated that the spreadsheet was just finalized, but cannot guarantee that all will be listed.
 - Seth Hamilton questioned why Hamele Auction was not the auctioneer and clerks. Informed that they had other commitments, Marty Griepentrog was happy to continue to do the auction.
 - Jim Bays suggested that the committee may also look at Premier Livestock to handle the auction – he will reach out to gather more information.
5. Discussion on Organization of the Livestock Committee
 - Was raised due to concerns regarding 4-H new guidelines
 - If not under 4-H committee would form it's own 501.3.c group
 - Evan Henthorne went over options to disband

- Cons for remaining with 4-H regarding fundraising that State is asking for to purchase items and follow their restrictions on spending and participation
- Research more for our January meeting
 - i. Evan will get information from Program Manager
 - ii. 501.3.c information, time frame and costs
- Discussion was held at this time regarding the Charter Renewal Paperwork
 - i. Goals:
 - 1. Include improvements committee would like to make
 - 2. Include supplies that committee will need to operate for the upcoming year
 - 3. Include educational events and what would be needed to hold those
 - ii. Improvements:
 - 1. Doreen Olson would like to see swine nipple waters provided in all pens
 - 2. Pig ramp for loading/unloading
 - 3. Repair to Scale: Josh Oleson will follow up with the company regarding this
 - 4. Purchase more gates for separation in the beef barn
 - iii. Education:
 - 1. Carcass show and judge – possibly be a pre-event
 - 2. YQCA supplies
 - 3. Ultra sounding of animals

6. Proposed changes/updates to Livestock Handbook and By-Laws for January 2022 meeting

- Sheep weigh-in date
- Swine ID date
 - i. Options for having a non-terminal show – all animals to be tested
 - ii. Youth would have chance to show at other shows
 - iii. Herd of Origin testing on Feeder pigs would allow them to come from breeder and go directly to scale for a spring weigh-in and tagging. This would allow rate of gain to be utilized.
 - iv. Review biosecurity from other animals in the show ring.
- Fundraising: To add safety and improvements to facilities for the show experience of the youth at our fair.

7. Elections at January meeting

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Committee chairs & youth chairs

8. Livestock Tagging Info Sheets and Family Registration Sheets

- Available tonight and will be emailed out to contact list
- Request that Tagging Info Sheets include the number of tags you are requesting for each species
- Sheets can be emailed to Tori also
- Evan also stated that if they were emailed to the Extension Office he would get them to Tori.

9. Registration of youth through 4-H Online as part of Livestock Sale Committee

- All should select the Livestock Committee as a secondary club
- Evan also stated that Leaders signed up as a Project Leader need to select a project

10. Any other items: Josh Oleson asked if there were any other items that anyone wanted discussed

- None brought to floor

Josh Oleson calls for an adjournment: Seth Hamilton moves to adjourn, second by Emily Dahlke. M/C

Submitted by:

Tori L Babcock, Livestock Sale Secretary