

# Shawano County 4-H Livestock Committee

October 14, 2021

**Present:** In Person-Paul, Kim and Mandi McClone, Bill Bohn, Scott Liesner, Lynn and Jacob Harbaugh, Jeff and Wendi Kabara, Joel Nischke, Jeff Hintz, Jena Betley, Tammy Nygren, Heather and Josh Kolodziej, Jim Fuhrman, Jim and Kathy Brown, Charlotte Skala, Adam VanHaren, Brad Johnson, Samantha Bulger-Posbrig, Terri Dallas, Elizabeth Inman, Nancy Schauer, Jon Habeck, Megan Suehring, Sara Stern

Zoom- Brenda Brady, Julie Meyer, Dan Zernicke, Allison Brown, Jason and Krystal Gorecki, Eli Inman

Pledge of Allegiance: Paul McClone 4-H Pledge: Jacob Harbaugh

**Secretary's Report:** Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved, a motion was approved to have Nancy Schauer look into the cost of checks with the new chartered group information.

A motion was approved to deviate from the agenda as needed.

## **Old Business:**

### **1. Fair Review and Recommendations**

The following livestock show changes will be recommended to the Ag Society:

- Swine show start at 8:30 am Thursday morning.
- Beef fat steers and showmanship start after completion of swine show Thursday afternoon.
- Sheep and goat show to start 8:00 am Friday morning.
- Beef feeder cattle, breeding stock and open class start after completion of sheep and goats on Friday.

### **2. Auction Logistics**

A survey was sent to auction buyers and the response was very good. The survey and suggestions will be shared with the Ag Society. Suggestions to make the sale terminal were discussed along with setting aside certain spots in the sale for champions to make it easier for buyers to know sale order. A motion was approved to send 4, \$50.00 gift cards to Yoap and Yoap as a thank you for their help again this year. A motion was approved to place a Sale Buyer Thank you advertisement in the Market Messenger, Oconto Reporter and Seymour Buyers Guide.

### **3. Feeder Calf Program**

We had a very good turnout in numbers for the feeder cattle class this year, but some updates will be needed to improve the process. We will recommend to the Ag Society that cattle will still be shown by beef, dairy and crossbred classes, weighed at final weigh-in and then further split in to three classes by

weight as needed. A performance class will also be proposed; feeder calves will be tagged and followed over the year, winners of the class will be determined by market class standing, rate of gain and carcass class results.

#### **4. Rate of Gain**

We will ask the Ag Society to hang a glass case in a central location by the barns at the fairgrounds to post results and make them easier for all exhibitors to see. Results will also continue to be posted on the Shawano County 4-H website. Paul McClone will attend the next Ag Society meeting. He will work with them to determine the exact purpose of the rate of gain requirement or if it could become a class/contest and not a requirement to sell. If they determine it is indeed necessary; it will become a condition of the show and not the sale. The Livestock committee would then recommend the following: sheep 0.3lbs/day, beef, dairy and crossbreeds 2lbs/day. Beef would also recommend a shorter number of days between initial and final weigh-in. All beef will be required to be halter broke at both weigh-ins. Due to biosecurity reasons; could the fairgrounds be used for beef weigh-in rather than Equity?

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Education** - new online modules are being looked at for credit education. Super Saturday is set for January 15, 2022 and will be held in person. Anyone with class suggestions should speak with Terri Brunner.
- **DNA/Ear Tagging** - no new business.
- **Policies/Rules** - nothing new but plan to meet before next livestock meeting.
- **Scale Committee** - no new business.
- **Packing plants** - Adams Meats has decided not to take animals from the auction in 2022. They stated they have too much work and cannot set aside all the spots.
- **Weigh-In Process** - If we need to have an early beef weigh-in, the date will be set for January 21 from 8 to 10 am at Equity in Shawano.
- **Recognition /Awards** - Windbreakers for showmanship winners are available tonight. Exhibitors asked if Showmanship winners can be rewarded with something during the fair instead of waiting for windbreakers. Also, a request for better signage for champion winners to be used during the fair. A suggestion of vinyl banners that can be used from year to year was discussed.
- **Auction Logistics** - discussed in old business Fair Review and Recommendations.
- **Auction Form Review** - no new business.
- **Scholarship** - scholarship winners are working together to compose a thank-you letter to be sent to the auction buyers that donated animals back. The group is to have the letter **to Terri Dallas by October 22.**
- **Communications** - on going, the Facebook group page continues to be a good way to get information out.
- **Structure** - Proposed Bylaw Amendments were presented to the committee, final approval will be made at our next livestock meeting November 11.

## **New Business:**

**If you have suggestions for Fair Book updates please speak to Terri Brunner by October 30.**

A motion was approved to combine some committees: Scale and Weigh-In Process will be combined, along with Auction Logistics and Auction Form Review. The Communications committee will be retired but the current members will continue to help as needed.

A motion was approved to allow Market Goats to become part of the Livestock program.

Members of the Livestock Committee plan to attend the Fair Board Meeting on November 1 and will bring our concerns, proposals and recommendations to them.

A thank-you card was read from Allison Brown, the Pat Kohn award winner.

The following were nominated for Shawano County 4-H Livestock Committee Officer positions. Nominations from the floor will be welcomed at the next meeting, prior to the official vote. To be eligible to vote, committee members must have attended 2 of the last 3 meetings (current meeting does not count).

- President - Paul McClone 2 years
- Vice President - Jeff Kabara 2 years
- Secretary - Elizabeth Inman 2 years
- Beef Chair - Mandi McClone 2 years
- Swine Chair - Joel Nischke 2 years
- Sheep Chair - Terri Dallas 2 years
- Market Goat Chair - Bill Bohn 2 years
- Beef Youth Chair - Eli Inman 1 year
- Swine Youth Chair - Breanna Schnell 1 year
- Swine Youth Chair – Emma Inman 1 year
- Sheep Youth Chair - Olivia Danley 1 year
- Market Goat Youth Chair - Haley Spates 1 year
- Market Goat Youth Chair – Sophia Zeeman 1 year

Next meeting is November 11 at 7:30 pm at the Courthouse

Submitted by  
Sara Stern  
Secretary