

Shawano County 4-H Livestock Committee

March 17th, 2022

Present: ...

Pledge of Allegiance: Addison VanHaren **4-H Pledge:** Olivia Danley

Secretary's Report: M: Allison Brown 2nd: Trinity Brede Vote: Approved

Treasurer's Report: M: Allison Brown 2nd: Adam VanHaren Vote: Approved

Motion to deviate from the agenda as needed: M: Nancy Schauer 2nd: Bill Bohn Vote: Approved

Old Business:

The Role of 4-H: Megan Suehring → Megan asked meeting attendees to reflect on WHY they were at the meeting. Attendees wrote their answers on sticky notes and placed them on a poster in the front of the room. Many answers included the idea of supporting the education of younger children. Megan ensured attendees that the role of 4-H was in fact for educational purposes. A long discussion was raised regarding the quiz bowl support following this activity. Many meeting attendees stressed the importance of the kids participating in this event coming to a livestock meeting to inform the committee about what their event entails and asking for the funds needed. It was decided that a protocol must be set to address issues like these.

1. Committee Reports

- a. Education: Following the major discussion about quiz bowl support, it was decided that a protocol must be set for funding educational events including an amount, a cap, rules, etc. Further discussion on this will take place at the next meeting as this topic is on the future agenda items list. A recommendation was made to have two options for the mandatory informational meeting next year: one virtual session and one in person session.
- b. DNA/Ear Tagging: A discussion on the tag shortage was brought up. The sale of hog tags is going to be stopped for the time being until more is known about the number of tags available. The DNA company was going to be contacted regarding the delivery date of tags. Further discussion needed on behalf of this subcommittee regarding options for alternate identification if tags aren't available in time for deadlines. Paul and Jeff reflected on the optional beef weigh in. Because of the icy conditions, only 13 head were weighed in.
- c. Policies/Rules: No update
- d. Packing Plants: No update
- e. Recognition/Awards: Trinity presented three designs for belt buckles that will be awarded to showmanship class winners at fair. It was decided that we will order the round belt buckle design and have no year present on the buckle so they can be used year to year if extras are ordered. Price differences between the buckles and the previous prize of windbreakers wasn't known yet. Clintonville Elevator was going to be contacted regarding if they were willing to cover the extra cost. Prizes for market and carcass classes will remain chairs as in previous years. The idea for banners being made

for carcass, market, showmanship, and rate of gain classes was brought up. Further discussion needed.

- f. Auction Logistics/Auction Form Review: No update
 - g. Scholarship: No update
 - h. Structure: No update. Decided to remove this committee as it is no longer needed.
2. Committee Sign Up Available: A paper sheet was available for people who wished to sign up for subcommittees. There is also an online form available to fill in.

New Business:

1. Contract Abbreviations: Cleared confusion about abbreviations for species on the contract. DB (dairy beef) was changed to D (dairy market). In the abbreviation B (beef, non-dairy), “non-dairy” was crossed off leaving it to only read B (beef).

Other Business:

1. Use of Exhibitor Cards for all Junior Fair Members during 2022 fair: A recommendation was made to request the size of the exhibitor cards to be enlarged and to include the weight of animals at final weigh-in. These requests were going to be discussed with the Ag Society.
2. New sheep gates: Possible extra funds from the closure of a 4-H club and from the Ag Society were mentioned to be going towards new gates for the sheep species. A recommendation was made to order the same gates as the goat species did, so the gates would be interchangeable in the event of varying numbers of sheep/goat exhibits.

Future Agenda Items:

1. Protocol for funding of educational events

Adjourn: M: Trinity Brede 2nd: Allison Brown Vote: Approved

**** Next meeting: April 21st, 2022, at 7:30 pm at the courthouse ****

Submitted by Mandi McClone