

## Shawano County 4-H Livestock Committee

September 29, 2022

**Present:** In-person - Paul McClone, Elizabeth Inman, Jeff Kabara, Adam VanHaren, Eli Inman, Terri Dallas, Allison Brown, Kathy Brown, Phoenix Seubert, Julie Meyer, Dan Zernicke, Mandi McClone, Bill Bohn, Joshua Kolodziej, Heather Kolodziej, Jill Sikorski, Warren Raddatz, Scott Breitrack, Joel Nischke, Sam Bulger-Posbrig, Ethan Magee, Scott Leisner, Bill Inman, Charlotte Skala, Wendi Kabara, Stephanie VanHaren, Addy VanHaren, Matti Koehler, Jim Fuhrman, Lindsay Johnson, Carrie Spates, Hailey Spates, Kendall Wilcox, Tami Goers, Megan Suehring

Pledge of Allegiance: Phoenix Seubert 4-H Pledge: Kendall Wilcox

Secretary's Report: M: Scott Breitrack, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Allison Brown, Vote: Approved

Treasurer's Report: M: Eli Inman, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Allison Brown, Vote: Approved

- Question as to when livestock auction checks will be sent out
  - o Everyone has paid so checks will go in the mail starting Monday, Oct 3rd

Motion to deviate from the agenda as needed. M: Eli Inman, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mandi McClone, Vote: Approved

### Old Business:

1. Committee Reports
  - a. Education: No report
  - b. DNA/Ear Tagging/Weigh-In/Scale: All ear tags are finally here. Liz asked if we can order another years' worth right away since it took so long to get them in for this year. One year supply approx. \$1800 for 100 sheep, 500 Beef/Swine). Scott asked if we can find out how far they are still out for orders. Tami will call them and let us know.
  - c. Policies/Rules: No report but will have something for next month
  - d. Packing Plants: All packing plants can take more animals next year. Rose @ Roskom's said only Auction animals, no 2<sup>nd</sup> Animals. Received \$220 donation from Otto's for the animals that were sent there.
  - e. Recognition/Awards: Sub-committee is being disbanded. Paul discussed how we will discuss all recognition and awards during the normal monthly meeting. Terri to put together an ad in the local papers thanking buyers, scholarship donors and Yoap & Yoap. Possible: Market Messenger, Seymour and Oconto the same as last year. Discussed possible other options such as Digital/Social Media. A motion was made to put a full-page ad thanking buyers and scholarship donors in the Market Messenger and use Facebook for Digital recognition. M: Eli Inman, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Allison, Vote: Approved.
  - f. Auction Logistics/Auction Form Review: Will need a few changes to forms for next year. Will discuss at future meeting. It was asked if we should send out a Survey again to both the bidders and buyers. It was decided that yes, Terri will put together survey, gather data and report results. 200 registered Bidders with 85 buyers. Discussion on pre-registration process for next year. Eight thank you's for all the donations were sent out.
  - g. Scholarship: 5 winners for 2022. Breanna Schnell in charge of working on thank you letters for donate back animals and other scholarship donors.
  - h. Educational Funding Requests: No report

### New Business:

1. 2022 Fair Review
  - a. Paul noted that this was his first year involved in weigh in and he was amazed by the amount of work those at the weight in table do. He thanked everyone for their time and help!

- b. It was noted that it was nice to have the feeder show on Friday to have the extra time to prepare and for judging.
  - c. Dairy was there 1<sup>st</sup> thing in the morning so it was congested and made it harder to prepare for show.
    - i. Suggestion to have Dairy arrive later in the day
    - ii. Suggestion to Rope off Sections of the Wash rack for Dairy / Beef use
    - iii. Concern that Dairy tied animals to the wash rack and just left them there unattended for hours.
  - d. Discussed possible future issues if we need a Beef judge for two days. May limit options.
  - e. Buyers complained about not having enough seating. Going back to Crawford Center was requested by a few.
    - i. We will make sure additional chairs are available next year
    - ii. Sam is looking into possibility of renting larger bleachers – 10 rows tall and 30' long where company would deliver and set up
    - iii. Possibility of sectioning off certain areas.
    - iv. Can we broadcast auction to give family attendees other options not in person
  - f. Buyers frustration with Auctioneers – not being seen, not being called out, being called out when card isn't up
  - g. Concerns raised on how Yoap & Yoap handled auction.
    - i. Need different sign covers made of different material that don't reflect light
  - h. Survey should be sent to all registered bidders and animal buyers
  - i. Loadout went really well this year and was very organized. One trucker will not be allowed back for his inexcusable actions towards Jr members and their animals.
  - j. Issues with people removing tack and blocking entrances. May need to impose time frame or restrictions.
  - k. Issue with public walking through barn during loadout. Safety concerns.
    - i. Can we do something to prevent?
      - a. Other fairs close barns
      - b. Barn Closed signs? Can we hang them?
      - c. Can we use gates to block area off?
  - l. Lamb tags – too many and too confusing for processors and meat inspectors
    - i. Can we remove what is not needed? Or can we tag differently?
  - m. Stalling of animals (mainly beef)
    - i. Are there any other options to keep clubs in one building and not separated into multiple
      - 1. Causes extra expense and work.
      - 2. Need to keep bringing up to Ag Society so they realize ramifications of a growing program
  - n. Gates on Cattle Barn at night. Animals out and running loose
  - o. Water in wash rack area not draining properly
  - p. Concern over manhole cover in center of blacktop between barns
2. Donation Check from Otto's – Where should we use it?
- a. Motion made to spend \$220 on shovels and brooms for barns
    - i. M: Dan Zernicke 2<sup>nd</sup>: Eli Inman, Vote: Approved
3. Other
- a. Pizza Party –
    - i. Dairy and all other Jr Livestock should not be separated.
    - ii. Could we do a recognition of all kids that won?

- iii. Could meeting be a celebration and Pep Rally vibe instead of calling out what went wrong?
- b. Fair Credits
  - i. 3 Educational Credits needed – work credit MAY NOT take place of an Education Credit
  - ii. Work times called out in Fair Facts booklet
- 4. Terri Brunner –
  - a. Retiring after 22 years. Motion made to get her a \$500 Visa gift card as a Thank you and Good Luck
    - i. M: Scott Breitrack 2<sup>nd</sup>: Josh Kolodziej Vote: Approved

Future Agenda Items:

- 1. Weigh Ins (Initial)
- 2. Market Heifer Class
- 3. 2 Swine Possibility
- 4. Work Credit vs Education Credit
- 5. Terminal vs Non-Terminal Show
- 6. Tuesday Animal Drop-Off

Adjourn: M: Allison Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>: Eli Inman Vote: Approved

Next meeting October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Courthouse.

Submitted by Elizabeth Inman