Shawano County 4-H Livestock Committee

September 28th, 2023

**Present:** Paul McClone, Elizabeth Inman, Jeff Kabara, Adam VanHaren, Terri Dallas, Phoenix Seubert, Julie Meyer, Mandi McClone, Heather Kolodziej, Josh Kolodziej, Sam Bulger-Posbrig, Emma Inman, Bill Bohn, Jeff Hintz, Ivan Hintz, Jill Sikorski, Amelia Sikorski, Miles Sikorski, Stephanie Hintz, Stella Hintz, Wayne Posbrig, Tami Goers, Megan Suehring, Addison VanHaren, Steph VanHaren, Lindsay Johnson, Warren Raddatz, Wendi Kabara, Joel Nischke, Jim Fuhrman, Scott Brietrick, Charlotte Skala, Paige Skala, Roy Wilson, Evelyn Mihalski, Drew Mihalski, Katelyn Mihalski, Carrie Mihalski, Amanda Smith, Bonnie Kaczmarowski

Pledge of Allegiance: Katelyn Mihalski 4-H Pledge: Evelyn Mihalski

Secretary’s Report: M: Josh Kolodziej, 2nd: Amelia Sikorski, Vote: Approved

Treasurer’s Report:No Report Provided

Motion to deviate from the agenda as needed. M: Emma Inman, 2nd: Miles Sikorski, Vote: Approved

Old Business:

1. Committee Reports
2. Education: No report
3. DNA/Ear Tagging/Weigh-In/Scale: Initial Beef Weigh-in is Feb 24th from 8-11am with backup date of March 2nd – Place TBD. Sheep and Goat Initial Weigh-in at Fairgrounds May 9th 5-7pm. Rate of Gain on all species TBD.
4. Policies/Rules: Need to schedule Meeting for any new changes. Warren needs updated list on members of subcommittee
5. Packing Plants: No issues. One pig carcass was transported from Harpers to Kropfs
6. Auction Logistics/Auction Form Review: A few minor tweaks on processor forms will be made for the 2024 fair but everything went well. Yoap Gift cards were not purchased nor given to Yoap bases upon their request. Sam raised question as to where the unused/returned gas cards went if returned. Report from: 1- Kelly at Charlies: a little meat left over. 2- Steve & Missy (FFA Advisors): payment questions so may need to consider signs for next year and blurb in auction brochure as well as announcement at start of auction.
7. Scholarship: Thank you’s are being handled by scholarship recipients. Emma thanked committee for her scholarship.
8. Educational Funding Requests: No report
9. Fair Recap
   1. No major concerns or comments
      1. Wayne mentioned that there were open seats in Colosseum. Extra seating and bleachers added this year
      2. Discussion as to if we should do an Ad in Market Messenger and then put on Facebook.
         1. Motion made by Joel Nischke to spend up to $500 for ad in Market Messenger to thank buyers. 2nd by Jill Sikorski. Vote: Approved
      3. Lindsay brought up that Auction Set up was chaotic with no real direction. Can we have a point person assigned for each area (Chairs, Ring, Gates) to make things run smoother?
      4. Sam mentioned that Goat show ran late which caused it to be late setting up beef ring. For 2024, start Pig show at 8am instead of 8:30. Maybe not take down pig ring between sheep/goat show?
      5. Need to consider Awards and Cards for next year regarding Thank you’ s. It was hard to know what award went with what thank you card. Maybe a spreadsheet or tracking.
      6. Jim questioned why there are not more Show books printed. Ran short this year at pig and beef show or could we have a tv screen with names?
         1. Can backtag numbers be added to programs to know who each exhibitor is?
         2. Can we get two screens for show and auction? Issue is no volunteers to help set up
         3. Additional programs can be printed. We could also try QR codes.
10. Ag Society
    1. Roof on Pig barn needs to be redone as well as possible roof on Beef barn.

New Business:

1. Witt Ford money donation
   * + - 1. Discussion on what to use Witt’s donation towards. They need to know where funds are going prior to providing a check and requested funds benefit everyone. Need by end of September.

Motion made then amended by Emma to use money donated by Witt Ford for concrete, exhaust ventilation or Ear Tags with DNA samples. 2nd by Mandi Vote: Approved

* + - 1. Year Ahead
         1. Nominations in October with voting in November for Vice President and all species chairs both adult and youth
         2. By-laws: Executive board to have a separate meeting and bring recommendations for changes to Oct Meeting.
         3. Voting: Question as to who is eligible to vote – By-laws currently state Registered Members who have attended 2 of previous 4 meetings not including current meeting.
      2. Upcoming Meeting Time Changes
         1. November 16th (3rd Thursday)
         2. December 21st (3rd Thursday)
         3. October 26th – Remaining the same (4th Thursday)
      3. Other New Business
         1. Missing Items from Fair – Extension cords, Milwaukee Drill, halters, sprayers, power strips. Found items are at Extension office. Missing items found by others can be dropped off at Extension Office
         2. Running out of room in Sheep/Goat barn

Can room be made somewhere else?

Tack space or pens in other barns?

* + - * 1. Discussion had on eliminating Grand/Reserve Carcass pens in Pig barn if numbers continue to rise. If this occurs, because these are sponsored pens, the sponsorship recognition will need to be hung elsewhere

Future Agenda Items:

* Sullivans Fitting Clinics – Can we look into getting them? Josh Kolodziej to take point on this. Barns cleared out by May 15th so could be utilized after that. Profiles is largest Sullivan dealer in Wisconsin.

Adjourn: M: Emma Inman 2nd: Scott Brietrick Vote: Approved

Next meeting Oct 26th @ 7:30 pm in the Courthouse basement Rm A-B

Submitted by Elizabeth Inman