Fergus-Petroleum 4-H Livestock Committee
July 1, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Fergus County Fairgrounds Pavilion

In attendance:
Josh Stroh, Chairman, New Horizons
Shannon Ruckman, Secretary, Silver Spurs/Livewires
Dustin Reisig, Heart of the Snowies
Andrea Martin, Moore Barnstompers
Tracey Haugen, Fergus County Fairgrounds
Tracy Kamerman, Winnett Shamrocks
Carl Fowler, Winifred Mustangs
Helaina Fowler, Winifred Mustangs
Lance Heggem, Winifred Mustangs
Matt Martin, Snowy Mountain Trailblazers
Judi Martin, Snowy Mountain Trailblazers,
Jeremy England, Creative Critters
Cody England, Creative Critters

Emily Standley, Extension
Jared Long, Fergus FFA
Anna Marie Mack, Big Sky
Ed Mack, Big Sky
Reba Ahlgren, Shamrocks
Nannette Stahl, Shamrocks
Pat Ward, Sunnyside Shiners
Morgan Ward, Shiners
Trace Martin, Trailblazers
Jaden Martin, Trailblazers
Brady Martin, Trailblazers

Chairman Josh Stroh called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Minutes – Members read the printed minutes. Jared moved to accept the minutes as read. Dustin seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence.

Finance Report – The current balance of the checking account was $22,955.33, restricted account was $8,444.32 and Sound System account was $7,246.24. Emily noted the accounts are separate accounts.

Old Business:
1. New pens – HCR won’t have them ready for fair, so don’t count on the new ones for pen set up.
2. Buyers social – Emily said alcohol is discouraged. It was decided to have a buyer’s dinner using either the draft horse barn or a tent. Sponsors and giveaways were discussed. The feed will start at 3 p.m. Tables and chairs can be rented. Other discussion included having a buyer’s number to eat, putting the announcement in the buyer’s pre-fair letters, using this new social to replace the old buyer’s dinner.
   a. Jeremy moved to allocate $800 for the buyer’s social. Dustin seconded the motion; the motion passed. Jared volunteered to be in charge of making it happen.
3. Early Release – Emily said the fair board had approved of releasing the sale animals early from the fair, starting at 5 a.m.
   a. Some processors were happy with the decision – Judith Mtn Meats and Hilger; others weren’t sure – Custom Cuts, and Stahls. Some may wait until later to pick the animals up.
b. Extra animals are to be released at noon and hauled to processors by 4-H families.
c. It is no longer a requirement to have kids or parents there to load out at 5 a.m. Jared said he needed just a few, maybe a dozen, people to help out.
d. Hilger Meats will take spare pigs after fair.

4. Speaker System – Chris Miller is working on it. Emily said she would touch base with him since he was not in attendance.

5. White Panels – It was decided to sell them at the auction after counting and figuring out a value on them. Everyone was asked to spread the word.

6. Waterers – Tracey explained the new watering system in the pavilion. Every 10ft there is a nozzle to prevent the need for a key to get water and hopes of preventing water issues. Hose is attached to the wall above the concrete with more hose options. Tracey said she hopes to finish installing them by fair. Also the county road department dumped rock between the pavilion and wash bay to prevent a mud hole from developing.

7. Wood chips – Emily said the committee needed someone to haul woodchips using a dump truck or side dump in four loads from the Amish. Tractor Supply will also donate some shavings for the show ring. Dustin said Tractor Supply will send one pallet and the committee should buy a pallet from Fleet.

8. Scale – Emily said the scale was certified on June 19, 2019.

9. Pavilion Set Up – Dustin said the horse committee needs help tear down on Sunday after the fun show to make things easier to set up on Monday, July 22.
   a. Tracey said the fairgrounds staff would prep the floor Monday morning.
   b. Set up was set for 3:30 p.m. on Monday, in the Pavilion. It was requested that kids ages 4-H age and older only helped, as it is hard to see little kids when running the skidsteer.
   c. Dustin asked people to bring pallets if you have them to put the pig pens on.

New Business:

1. Night Show Tickets – in the past the committee has given them to the auctioneer as a thank you for free service. The committee agreed to continue doing this.

2. Hersel family – Peyton doesn't plan on showing a heifer, but has a bred one, Weston's heifer is open, and they want to switch. The committee decided to deny their request.

3. Burleigh family – Have a similar situation to Hersels. The committee decided to deny their request as well.

4. Livestock Numbers – The new system had some hiccups and livestock numbers are inflated. The committee decided to ask club leaders to call, text or email in livestock numbers by family and club so the superintendents could determine how many pens are needed.

Announcements:

1. The next meeting date will be at after the fair, date and location TBA.

Adjournment – Pat moved to adjourn the meeting. Dustin seconded the motion; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned around 7:30 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Shannon Ruckman
Livestock Committee Secretary