

Minutes

4-H Livestock Committee

9/10/2014

Meeting called to order.

The meeting was attended by:

Darren Crawford

Ed Mack

Lloyd McKenna

Jared Long

Anna Marie Mack

Dorothy Gremaux

Laura Boyce

Stacy Fowler

Lorri Schafer

Jeff Schafer

Minutes were not read as they were not available.

Old Business:

*Fair Feedback: Liked having pig pictures done early, consensus was that it did help a lot. It was also felt that it should be done before buyers show up so that the kids and pigs are settled and ready.

*Possibly the sale ring should be moved to the center of the pavilion where the show ring is. Sheep and hog numbers are on the rise so the space needs to be used more efficiently. Also, it was felt that we need more bleacher space for the sale ring too. It was decided that there should be an invitation in the newsletter asking for ideas for livestock pens, sale ring, and show ring layout.

*It was discussed that the entry form should be simplified and an example shown in the fairbook to ensure more success in the forms clearly showing how many pens each kid/family needs.

*It was announced that Casey Willmore is going to be trained as the sheep superintendant this year and next year will be taking over.

*It was discussed that there needs to be award banners for livestock and it was missed this year.

*Laura Boyce suggested creating a "to do" list for the Livestock committee that would show what tasks need to be done on a monthly basis to make sure that all calls are made and necessary items are ordered, etc. Laura offered to create said "to do" list since she is retiring from a leadership role in Fergus 4-H.

*It was offered and decided that the FFA chapters will decorate the sale ring for the 2015 Fair.

*It was discussed that we as a committee should look for donations for award items that might be more memorable than just ribbons or medallions. The awards banners could be made to be reusable.

*Fairbook changes need to be ready before our next meeting in November...

-Goats need project information prepared for fair book as a market goat will be new this year. May 15th is to be the tagging deadline for market goats.

There was a motion made to include both black/whites and also khakis/whites clothing allowed for goats and dairy. Motion passed.

*Stacy Fowler brought up that replacement heifers should be allowed to compete in their respective breed (eg. Angus) breeding project classes.

*Schafer's brought up that we it needs to be confirmed that the fair book does/does not say that a "bred certificate" from a veterinarian isn't allowed anymore as adequate. The policy does need to be discussed and make sure that the fair book does reflect said policy. Also make sure that it reads the owner could ask for a recheck and maybe also a manual palpation as well.

*There was discussion about the pig show being divided by weight class if there are over 80 hogs. For example, have a champion heavy hog, champion middle weight, and champion light weight.

Next meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 24th @ 5:30 p.m. and was adjourned.