

Livestock Committee Meeting, March 7, 2022

In attendance:

Jeremy England, President

Toby Stahl

Leslie Long, Secretary

Jack Gillett

Jared Long, swine superintendent

Jondie Rianda

Larry Haegenbuch, cattle superintendent

Cody Ream

Casey Willmore, sheep/goat superintendent

Alex Long

Amanda Gillett

Nathan Long

Julia Gillett

Charlie Ahlgren

Nannette Stahl

Jennifer Saunders

Jeremy called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Minutes: Larry moved to accept the minutes, Jared seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

Finance Report: Jennifer gave the report, Stacy Arntzen (CPA) was not available to attend.

As of today, checking: \$46,415.72 (including money from 2020 and 2021 sale) in account at First Bank

Sound system: \$4,874.68

Restricted (Awards): \$5,930.44

Checking Outside Other: \$35,610.60

From the 2020 and 2021 livestock sale, what was left: \$1,209 promotional, \$627 delivery, \$9,634.15 commission

Discussion: Jennifer shared that if the balance in the account is over \$50,000, the non-profit status will have to be reported differently, as the IRS will question the status. Jared brought up that we may want to look into a savings account of sorts incase animals die while being transported to slaughter, etc. after fair. Jennifer asked about insurance, who pays for the animals if one dies while being transported? Discussion continued. Cody Ream will find out information on insurance and report back.

Old Business:

1. Clarification that the 4-H office will split up clubs for set up and take down at fair.
2. Ryan Rathman has agreed to come be our livestock judge again for the 2022 fair verbally, but the contract that was sent to him has not been returned. Cody will make contact with him.
3. Clinic- April 9th at the fairgrounds. Josh Stroh stopped in and visited with Cody today, as he would not be at the meeting tonight. Josh said Hubbard will pay all fees, including lunch for the participants. More details to come.

New Business:

1. **Motion:** Toby moved that Jared and Jondie order awards for the 2022 fair.

Jeremy brought up that the community gives so much, not asking for more. Jared brought up that if kids have a buy in and do the work to get the money for awards it means more to the kids. There was discussion about how many buckles should be awarded, but livestock leaders has the money so it was decided to spend it this year, and next year look into kids soliciting sponsors for the awards.

Motion was seconded by Larry.

Disposition: motion was passed by voice vote

2. **Motion:** Larry moved that Grand and Reserve belt buckles be ordered again this year, just like last year, for market classes and showmanship classes, along with Super buckles.

Discussion about getting coats for reserve or third place, but then it was decided not this year, maybe next year.

Motion was seconded by Amanda.

Disposition: motion was passed by voice vote

3. **Motion:** Larry moved that there has to be at least 3 animals in a market, showmanship, and superaward class to order belt buckles for that species.

Motion was seconded by Jack.

Disposition: motion was passed by voice vote

4. **Motion:** Toby moved to up the restricted award money to \$6000 from the checking account.

Motion was seconded by Larry.

Disposition: motion was passed by voice vote

5. **Motion:** Jared moved to spend up to \$500 from the sound system restricted funds to buy 2 microphones for use during the fair.

There was discussion that the sound system in the pavilion is owned by the fairgrounds and the microphones that go with it are really beat-up and don't always work well. The new microphones will be stored at the Extension Office and will only be used for the livestock shows/events during the fair.

Motion was seconded by Casey.

Disposition: motion was passed by voice vote

6. **Motion:** Jared moved that up to \$750 be spent to develop a sign that says "livestock" to be put up on the livestock pavilion during fair so that the public on the midway can see where the livestock is housed during the fair.

The Gillette family will work on getting this sign made and it will go up on set-up day and taken down on tear-down day. This way the public knows where to come see livestock during the fair. There was also discussion of taking champion animals to the rodeo and "parading" them to the public, then also having the champion showman being introduced the other night. This would help the public to learn about the sale and what is taking place in the livestock area. Public awareness. Jeremy will visit with the rodeo committee at the next fair board meeting.

Motion was seconded by Julia

Disposition: motion was passed by voice vote

7. **Motion:** Larry moved that the old livestock panels (hunter green with sheep wire) can be checked out by members of the community, but there will be a check-out and check-in process through the Extension Office and the panels must be returned in the same repair they were borrowed in or there will be a repair fee or the borrower must repair them to the original state.

Cody said he will do the checkout process, which includes going and unlocking the building they are stored in. We discussed that these panels are used for many things during the fair: showring, small animal show, lead up to the scale, and during the pig show. We need the panels and need to keep them for all these things. 4-H also uses them for a

number of events during the year. The fairgrounds can also use them for people that rent their facility, but they need to make sure they are returned in the same condition.

Motion was seconded by Casey

Disposition: motion was passed by voice vote

8. **Motion:** Larry moved that \$500 go to the club that wins herdsmanship during the fair. (The independent members would be grouped as a “club” as well as all the FFA members.

Motion was seconded by Toby

There was discussion about last year’s herdsmanship in general was not very good. Jennifer said that the stall cards were not filled out in a timely manner with the rate of gain on them. Leslie said that stall cards should not be required when members make their own posters that are more creative. We discussed making herdsmanship more valuable. Jennifer and her husband will be providing an Anna Marie Mack Memorial Herdsmanship Plaque that will be given before the livestock sale to the club that is in the lead to that point of fair. The members of that club will get to go in the sale ring and be recognized prior to the sale. To bring more attention to herdsmanship it was suggested to have a “score board” that is posted during the fair. The club that wins the plaque may not be the club that wins on Sat. at the conclusion of the fair, we want clubs to keep things nice until animals are released Saturday.

Motion to amend: Jared moved to amend the main motion by striking out \$500 and inserting \$250 go to the club that wins herdsmanship during the fair. (The independent members would be grouped as a “club” as well as all the FFA members.

The amended motion was seconded by Casey

Disposition: amended motion was passed by voice vote

Special Items:

Discussion of pictures with animals that go to buyers, it was agreed that we need a photographer who is not a parent so they are available at the set times. Discussion of when to do the pictures...Wed. and Thurs. following the livestock shows was decided. If members don’t get their picture taken at the set times, they will be rolled to the end of the sale. Jeremy will talk to a potential photographer to see how much it would cost us to hire.

Larry reported back that he was quoted \$1560 per panel cart, and we would need 10. That will be discussed at a later date.

Next meeting is set for April 11. Items for next meeting:

Livestock insurance-Cody Ream

Ultrasound

Photographer

Panel carts

Buyer dinner/snacks

Confirm judge

Parade of champions at rodeo