

Livestock Committee Meeting, April 25, 2022

In attendance:

Jeremy England, President	Reba Ahlgren
Leslie Long, Secretary	Tammie Poser
Josh Stroh, Vice President	Cody Ream
Brody Ahlgren	

Jeremy called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

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

Finance Report:

As of today, checking: \$46,415.72

Sound system: \$4,874.68

Restricted (Awards): \$5,930.44

Checking Outside Other: \$35,610.60

Old Business:

1. Fair set-up/clean-up: 4-H clubs- It will be put in the June and July newsletters and the superintendents will get a copy.
2. Judge update- his contract is signed. The fair board will pay for 2 nights of lodging and the third night is being donated. He will be staying at Judith Mtn. Lodge.
3. Awards update- Jared and Jondie were not present, so no update.
4. Microphones update- Cody found them online for under \$500, so he will order them.
5. Banner update- Gillette family were not present, so no update

New Business:

1. **Motion:** Josh moved that we hire Amanda Hartman for \$150 a day (Wed., Thurs., and Friday) during fair to take livestock pictures, she will provide 1 sale photo per member at this rate.

**Discussion:** Amanda said she will need 1 person for cattle and 2 people for swine, provided by the livestock committee, to help her with the photos. There was discussion about possibly ambassadors helping, or seniors that don't show that species help.

Motion was seconded by Tammie.

**Disposition:** motion was passed by voice vote

2. **Motion:** Leslie moved that we accept the handout provided by Jennifer Saunders regarding the herdsmanship awards, except, up the amount to \$400 total; \$300 going to individuals and \$100 to the club at the end of fair (Sat. until noon) that has the most "points."

**Discussion:** This will allow for more individual responsibility, rather than depend on the whole club. There was discussion about a board announcing the winners each day, as a form of incentive. Reba will look into this.

Motion was seconded by Reba.

**Disposition:** motion was passed by voice vote

3. **Motion:** Tami moved that after all panels owned by the livestock committee/4-H and FFA, that the gate portion of the old panels be sold at market value.

Discussion: Cody will inventory and bring back numbers to the next meeting. The committee discussed that we use the panels for many things still, but the gates are not used, so they can be sold.

Motion was seconded by Josh.

**Disposition:** motion was passed by voice vote

4. **Motion:** Reba moved that the livestock committee purchase a new scale, spending up to \$5300.

Discussion: North 40 has an all class portable livestock scale for sale for \$5000. Cement slab would need poured to put it on, Jeremy will talk to the fairgrounds about this. There have been "issues" with the scale at the fairgrounds for years Josh added. Cody will call a number of places for a bid.

Motion was seconded by Josh

**Disposition:** motion was passed by voice vote

Special Items:

1. Leslie will look into an estimate for hors d'oeuvres from Brooks Market for the livestock sale.
2. Cody brought up having a showmanship clinic in June. Discussion of having sr. members put it on as a "field day" at the fairgrounds. We don't know how much it would cost to use the grass at the fairgrounds, Jeremy will ask, and Tammie will look into any other facilities to have it at. We are thinking 1 hr. each specie on a week night, 5:30-8:30.
3. Ultrasound was discussed. Cody said a man from Missoula called the extension office and shared about his ultrasound services, and said it is \$100 per animal. This is way too much money. It was discussed that a parent of a participant should not do it. An outside agency needs to do the analysis also. Jeremy likes judging on the rail, but would have to talk to packers in the area; then Josh brought up that it was nice to have the ultrasound so other animals, not just sale animals, could be in the carcass contest. None of the present folks knew exactly how the super award would be effected. So, this discussion is tabled until next meeting.
4. Cody shared that Total Quality Assurance is available online, and it needs updated every three years.
5. Cody shared about livestock insurance at fair. Leavitt Insurance charges \$5-7 per head. Novich Insurance (Tyler Holland) quoted about \$200 for the whole week. Cody will call Reisig Insurance and Farm Bureau to get a quote from them also.
6. Parade of champions at the rodeo was discussed. If someone wants to see about doing this, they need to call JBarJ, the stock contractor; then visit with the rodeo committee, who is governed by the PRCA.

Next meeting is set for May 16.

Items for next meeting:

Buyers Dinner- change to snacks? Leslie will bring information

Livestock Insurance

Ultrasound/on the rail carcass contest

Awards update

Banner for pavilion-Gillette family

Showmanship clinic