

4-H Livestock Committee
March 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Larry Hagenbuch, Chair
Helaina Fowler
Jaden Martin
Ashley Hankins
Brady Martin
Judi Martin
Jared Long
Alex Long
Cory Poser
Anna Marie Mac
Jondie Rianda
Emily Standley

Nathan Long
Reba Ahlgren
Charlie Ahlgren
Cami Ahlgren
Nannette Stahl
Toby Stahl
Hayley Stahl
Ed Mack
Mardi Linhart
Jordan Grindheim
Casey Willmore

Committee Chair, Larry Hagenbuch, called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

Minutes – Reba moved to accept the September minutes. The minutes were approved.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence.

Finance Report – Emily Standley reported that there is \$16,359.95 total in the livestock checking account, including \$6,006.44 restricted for awards. There is also \$4,874.68 which is designated for the sound system. There were no changes to report since the last meeting.

Special Business – The new Fairgrounds/Maintenance Manager, Scot Meader, gave an update about the fair and fairgrounds. He reported that the 2021 fair will be a full fair, with the exception of a carnival. He also reported that his crew is working on clearing out old panels and county equipment from the small animal barn, and said they are planning to pour concrete in the rest of that building and turn it completely over to 4-H. Scot also said that in future years, he wants 4-H staff to manage renting of the hog pens rather than the fairgrounds.

Old Business

Judge for 2021 – Mark Hoge had to back out of judging the 2021 fair. Both Mark and our previous judge, Brian Anderson, suggested contacting Ben Coulee as an alternate, but Ben was not available either. The judge's committee that was formed last year (Mike Vanek, Larry Hagenbuch, Carl Fowler, and Jared Long) will meet sometime in the next week to start searching for alternative judge options.

Report on All-Around Awards – Jondie said she did not have anything to report about this committee yet, but that she has the scoring spreadsheets ready to go.

Carcass Contest Options – Emily reported that she found two people available to ultrasound for carcass data during the fair. Matt Lane, the person whom the committee suggested in January, was not available.

Emily reported that Elin Kittleman would do this for \$11/sheep, goat, swine and \$14/beef. With mileage and hotel, based off last year's sale numbers, Elin would cost \$1400 total. Elin would not be available on

Friday, but could start ultrasounding pigs/sheep on Thursday morning and finish with beef after the market show.

Sonja Gregory could ultrasound for \$20/hd regardless of species, and there would be no travel cost. Her total cost would be \$1600. Sonja would have more flexibility in her schedule.

Toby Stahl moved that we hire Sonja to do the carcass ultrasounding, if she is willing to adjust her price to match Elin's more closely. The motion passed. The committee asked Emily to ask if Sonja could avoid shaving the steers and/or to schedule the ultrasounding so the steers are not shaved for the show/sale if possible.

New Business

Sale Photos – The committee discussed the best times during the week to take sale photos. Emily mentioned that Sonja Gregory volunteered to take sale photos for free, so there would only be the cost of printing.

Mardi Linhart moved that we take sheep/goat and cattle sale photos directly after their respective market shows, and that we leave swine sale photos to be determined. The motion passed.

The committee mentioned wanting to have sale photos printed and sorted by the start of the sale on Friday so they could hand photos to buyers. Emily said this might not be possible due to timing, but that if parent volunteers would like to help print/sort photos, this might be an option. Emily also mentioned that parents are always allowed to take and print their own sale photos for their member(s) at any time throughout the week.

Awards Committee Update – Emily and Jordan Grindheim provided a brief update from the Awards Committee meeting that was held on February 18th. The Awards Committee voted to use rosettes instead of medallions. Jordan said there is a 4 entry-per-class minimum to distribute banners.

Some committee members asked about buying buckles for showmanship awards in addition to market buckles. The committee agreed to discuss this option in more detail at the next Livestock Committee meeting.

New Extension Agent in April – Emily announced that another Extension agent, Sarah Hodgskiss, will be starting in April. Sarah will be focused mainly on 4-H with some Family and Consumer Science responsibilities as well. The County Commissioners have asked that Emily hand some of her 4-H duties to Sarah so Emily can focus more time on agriculture programming. So Emily will help Sarah transition into the role of livestock committee coordinator.

Online Sale – Emily asked the committee if they were interested in having a hybrid online and in-person sale again this year. The committee said yes, and Emily said she would look into costs and report back at the next meeting.

Announcements

Emily announced that Market Swine paperwork is due to the Extension office by April 15th, and that Sheep/Goat paperwork is due to the Extension office by May 15th.

Emily also announced that Josh Stroh has agreed to teach two nutrition clinics for 4-H/FFA members. The first clinic is on Tuesday, May 4th from 6-8pm and will cover basic nutrition concepts. The second clinic is on Wednesday May 5th from 6-8pm and will cover more species-specific nutrition needs. Possible Clinics – The committee discussed holding nutrition/animal husbandry clinics for 4-H/FFA members enrolled in livestock projects. After discussion, the committee asked Emily to check in with Josh Stroh (Hubbard Feeds) to determine his availability.

The next meeting date was set for April 26th at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at

Announcements – Emily announced that Steer/Sale Heifer paperwork was due to the Extension office by Friday, January 15th.

Next Meeting Date – The committee decided to hold the next meeting on March 8th at 6pm.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm