

Asotin County Livestock Committee Minutes

6:30 p.m. in Boyd Hall

6/11/2018

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Keith Weissenfels, Livestock Committee Vice-President.

Extension Office

Mark briefly discussed the beef carcass data that was collected from 23 of the 38 2018 ACF steers. Congratulations to Carson Benner for having the top overall steer.

Fairboard Report

No Report.

Sales Committee Report- Warren Benner, Sales Committee President

Warren discussed swine weight changes for the 2019 and the 2020 Asotin County Fairs.

The current maximum weight at the first weigh-in in January 2019 will remain at 125 pounds.

The 2019 swine weights for the livestock sale will be 230-300 pounds (with a 290-pound pay out at the sale).

For the 2020 Asotin County Fair, the maximum first weigh-in weight will increase from 125 to 135 pounds. The sale weight will remain at 230-300 pounds.

The Sales Order for the 2019 ACF will be Goats-Lambs-Beef-Swine. The Sales Committee will look at the Sales Order every 2 years.

Over \$90,000 in extra support was collected for the 2018 fair.

2018 Asotin County Fair Wrap-up-

What went well?

In general, the on-line Fair Entry program worked well for the first year. Some "tweaks" will be implemented for the 2019 fair.

Areas to work on for 2019?

Some of the new hog front gates need to be better secured/chained. And alley gates could be installed to help with the moving of animals and for loading.

The breakers in the Beef Fitting Area are still “popping” and need to be fixed for the 2019 fair. This has been an on-going issue for several years and needs to be addressed by the fair board.

There was concern that several adults were helping to wash and fit steers, lambs and pigs at this year’s fair. This needs to be addressed for the 2019 fair and consequences implemented regarding adults fitting animals. Rules are already listed in the fair guidelines regarding adults helping to fit animals... these rules need to be enforced.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Notes submitted by Mark Heitstuman, WSU Asotin County Extension Director