

Grant County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale Association
3/18/14

Members present: Craig & Debbie Hintz (Skyline), Sid Gaertner (Skyline), Doug Larsen (Barnyard Buddies), Dan Lewis (Incredible Beef), Todd & Lisa Barth (Champion Drive), Lori Bennett (89ers), Jackie Rupard (Barnyard Buddies), Tom Freeman (Royal Ranchers), J. Lee Downs, Mike Garneau (O'Sullivan), Scott Mortimer, Mike Wallace, Barb Keith (89ers)

Ag Advisors present: Todd Kisler (Warden), Mike Wallace (Quincy), Scott Mortimer (Wilson Cree), Chad Utter & Tony Kern (Moses Lake)

Guests Present: Greg Kasparek, Sarah M. Smith, Allen Smith, Jeanie Kiehn (GQ's), Gene Champion (89ers), Jerry Gingrich, Carol Garneau (O'Sullivan), Nila Kisler, Denny Goyne (Mae Valley), Roxi Mortimer (Wilson Creek Livestock), Shari Naff (Sagebrush)

Meeting called to order by Craig at 7:05, minutes read & approved with the change to show that Jeanie Kiehn was at the 2/13/14 association meeting

Treasurer's report:

Condemnation Fund: \$658.84 **Sale Fund:** \$8,489.22, after outstanding checks have been deducted from the balance: **Association Fund:** \$85.55 - **Outstanding checks:** \$9,803.73, **Receivables:** \$4,071.73. Reimbursed Mike Garneau for tags in the amount of \$233.90

REPORTS

Beef: Weigh in day is April 5, 2-6 p.m. Dan asked Sarah to contact Mark Heitstuman to judge this year. Ear tags need to be ordered to have them in time for weigh in, these will be FRID tags to help with consolidated carcass information.

Dairy: There will be a parent/exhibitor meeting to inspect paper work. Some ages of the heifers may have been misrepresented; do we want to continue with the ice cream social after the awards presentation? General consensus was yes. Reminder that the dairy fit & show clinic is 6/14/14, Chris Bagniski will lead. Last year the auction truck & trailer were set up after round robin, we need to secure a place for the adult showmanship, Jackie said as long as there is an arena big enough for the class, it can be set up anywhere. Jackie asked if she was responsible for getting the dairy belt buckles sponsored, each superintendent is responsible for their species' belt buckles.

Sheep: No report

Swine: Lisa Baser will be one of the judges, Sarah will contact Chris Carlson about being the other judge.

Goat: Lori is waiting to hear back from her judge

Carcass: No longer have to pay for permit

Extension: Carcass: Sarah introduced Jeanie Kiehn as the new 4-H Coordinator, her duties will be 50% - 4-H & 50% master gardener program. Diane is still the 4-H youth development specialist, Sarah will continue as the livestock agent. Jeanie will work w/volunteers for Super Saturday and other similar events. A copy of the bylaws was found in the extension office, has not been updated since 1984. Jeanie asked to have a volunteer committee to help update the by-laws, Mike, Lori, Barb & Lisa volunteered for the committee. We will use WSU guidelines as a model. Sarah also said that our association must have transparency in all business and actions of the association, she also said we should have minutes sent to extension and fair staff within 7 days from the meeting.

Fair Mgmt: Jerry reported that bulk shavings were twice as much bagged shavings. Fair staff is developing a plan for storage. If we use bagged shavings, we will use the same ticket system as before, advisors and leaders will have the tickets. Disposal of the dirty shavings is a problem, as well, but Jerry thinks Starr Ranch will take them. Jerry informed the committee of the new hours of the Fair, listed at the end of these meeting minutes. Commercial Tire has approached Jerry, wanting to make a significant amount of sponsorship at the fair. As a result, Les Schwab has now approached him about sponsoring the Ardell Pavilion. Lisa questioned whether this would lessen Les Schwab's participation in our livestock sale. Sarah stated that it didn't matter whether it did or didn't, Les Schwab should be allowed to do this sponsorship. Lisa & Scott asked why the pavilion needed to be "sponsored, as there was no pavilion charges during the fair. Jerry explained that Les Schwab asked specifically to sponsor the pavilion, the general consensus was that we should never turn down a sponsor wanting to give money! Hopefully it might lessen the fees charged to events such as the NCW Jr. Livestock Show, the Angus Show and the NW Jr Sheep Expo. The question was asked about judges pay. Jerry clarified that it was \$200, plus mileage up to an allowable distance. Sarah said that amount was similar to what other fairs are paying. Jerry also confirmed that they received more complaints

they had received at the fair office about the sale checks, not "constructive comments." Debbie asked how premium points were calculated, the livestock show uses the Danish system, therefore, all exhibitors who receive a blue ribbon will get the same amount of points, this follows down through the red and white groups. Jackie asked if she and Dan can get together to work out the schedules for the beef and dairy and still get the changes to the fair office for the exhibitor's guide. Jerry replied that if they could do it quickly, they could get the changes in. We will also tell exhibitors at the Tuesday meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made that we move our meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of the month, seconded and passed. Meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesdays of the following months - Sept., Oct., Feb., March, April, May, June & July. We will hold the August meeting the 1st Tuesday. USDA wants a vet at sale, for the sale of cattle and horses. Scott talked to Bob Brown from the NW District Fair about how they handled buyers taking animals out of state - the buyers were responsible for paperwork. It is possible for one or more of the dairy heifers will go out of state. Elections - Craig announced that we host officer elections, but we have to give 30 days notice before elections can be held. Elections will be at our next meeting. Todd said we might not have very people at the next meeting, but Sarah said that according to the by-laws, we must post notice of elections 30 days before them. Mike moved that we have elections at our next meeting, it was seconded, and the motion carried, Sarah will post them in her Wednesday animal science reports. Dan moved that we approve this schedule for elections, it was seconded, passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fair Office/Association Partnership: The committee hasn't had a time for all of the members to meet, they will try to have a report by the next meeting

Meeting adjourned

Respectively submitted,

Lisa Barth

Grant County Fair Hours

Normal Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm with the following exceptions:

Aug 8th –Aug 11th: Friday – Monday before Fair, 8am – 8pm

Aug 12th–Aug 16th: Tuesday - Saturday of Fair, 7am – 6pm

Aug 17th: Sunday after Fair, 8am – 12pm

Fair hours for buildings and exhibitors are 12pm to 10pm Tuesday through Thursday
12pm to 11pm Friday & Saturday