

Grant County Livestock Committee

Minutes from 4-21-15

Mike Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mike Wallace, Jackie Rupard, Doug Larsen, Tom Freeman, Jeannie Kiehn, Todd Kisler, Dawna Sandman, Denny Goyne, Tonia Doyer, Russ Doyer, Allen Smith, Brenda Adame, Jerry Gingrich, Sarah M. Smith.

Guests Present: Shelly Ramsey, Sheri Naff, Kent Devine, Craig Hintz, Melissa Mcknight, Amie Schaapman, Christine Massey, Joe Priest, Cynthia Porter-Pruitt, Lauren Hrnckik, Julie Larsen, Kathryn Noyes.

Minutes from 3-17-15 were accepted as read.

Treasurers Report:

Condemnation Fund: \$658.92

Sale Association: \$1195.89

Sale Fund: \$7833.46 (Balance after checks are cashed)

Outstanding checks: Hanna Safe \$1191.65

Kaiden Wilson \$1239.68

Treyton Booth \$1094.46

Jackie Rupard \$726.46

Sale Money Still owed \$10,714.06

Carter Farms \$3600.00

Ken Thompson \$5255.06

Eric Burck \$1859.00

Debbie has been in contact with these people received current address and re invoiced them.

Committee Reports:

Beef: Weigh and tag day was done 4-18-15 and 4-21-15. About 71 steers. Judge Brad Buhes. (SP)

Dairy: Jay Lancaster from Colville will be the Judge. Discussed a question from a parent: "Why can't a 4-H or FFA member exhibit a registered animal in the open class division at Grant County Fair?" The response was it was seen as double dipping in premium money, and that other fairs keep over the open class animals, At this time the Livestock Committee didn't want to change our protocol. Jackie will relay the message.

Sheep: Weigh and Tag day: 6-12-15 Jan Busbin will be the judge.

Swine: Still working on a judge.

Goats: Weigh and Tag day 6-12-15. Patty Gillins will be the judge.

Carcass: No report in Scott Mortimer's absence.

WSU Extension: Lamb and Goat weigh and tag day is June 12 noon -7p.m., PQA available in June watch Friday updates for info. Friday updates are full of information please check them, and if you are not receiving them contact Jeannie and she will add you to the list.

Fair Management: Brittany Motzkus is no longer at the office as of 4-15-15. Her replacement is Brenda Adame. The Tack stalls have been moved to along the arena wall. The building they occupied will become an exhibitor lounge. Bagged Shavings will be used this year at the fair. Jerry stated it will be 25-30% savings and less waste in the bins. The Department of Ecology requires the waste shavings and manure to be hauled off within 30 days of the fair. The Fair has to pay for this to be done, so to help cover that cost there is a possibility of a \$5.00 stall fee, that will be charged. If the fee is needed exhibitors will pay thru Show Works when you enter. Jerry will confirm with us if that will be charged or not.

Awards: Doug Larsen and Christine Massey wanted clarification on what buckles to purchase; Todd Kisler made the motion to buy each species Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Fitting and Showing and Market buckles. Also Grand Champion Carcass buckle, Doug 2nd: Kent Devine asked what had been done in the past, i.e. no reserve buckles were purchased gift cards were given, Voted: Previous question passed Motion carries. Julie will forward all buckle donations to Debbie to deposit.

Round Robin: Christine Massey is going to visit with Lisa Barth on the magnitude of the Round Robin Job. She will get back to us if she will take on the job. There is also the Christopher Harper award beef gives out.

Ribbons: Orders due May 1, 2015.

Other: Fair office explained the Process of inputting late entries when Superintendents allow these entries. Online entries are from June 1-July 15. ***It was agreed that no superintendent will grant any late entry this year.***

The 5% commission fee for the Sale this year may need to be revisited at a date closer to fair.

Old Business:

The Junior Livestock use of Show works was a great success. Brittaney was at the scales inputting weights, she could produce hard copies within 20 minutes after last animals info was input. The consensus was LSM created frustration and misinformation. Show works is also Facebook compatible, where exhibitors could get class lists from the cloud. Show works had a lot of positive features we can readily use. Sarah Renee is available for \$500. a day for accounting needs, Table until next meeting to see if we will need to hire her. Brian Bjork from MLS D is interested in helping and thinks program will work well. David Thompsen said Clifton Larsen Allen would supply 4 people to do the sale day collecting and deposit of checks for \$400.00 Mike Wallace has asked him to also collect after sale monies, and invoicing, David will get back to us with a price. David Thompsen is also looking into our 501C3 paperwork, EIN# and any other Nonprofit paperwork that needs to be renewed or updated.

Hotel Accommodations: Ameristay in Moses Lake will do rooms for \$55.00/night. Barbara Keith has organized this in the past.

New Business:

Small Livestock: As stated in last months' minutes: The Small Livestock Committee would be jointly accepted into the Large Livestock Committee and notice was given to amend the By-Laws. As Stated in Article VIII #15. The President will appoint Small Livestock as a standing committee. This will allow us to amend the By-Laws to Include Small Livestock in the fall.

Jeannie Kiehn introduced Lauren Hrniciik the new WSU extension agent. Lauren spoke about her job description and how she would like to see Extension more involved with the youth in the community. She would also like feedback from Leaders and volunteers on an online survey.

Sarah Smith has paid our \$10.00 for our non-profit paperwork and has donated the \$10.00 to the committee.

Jackie Rupard asked about ordering weigh slips and sale signs from A&H printers. The go ahead was given. Tyvek back numbers have been used in the past but Jerry stated the fair office will be able to print exhibitor numbers so we will use these. Envelopes and safety pins will be needed, Jackie will order these.

Basin Business Journal will be doing Champion and Reserve Champion photos Thur. Aug 20 from 1-3p.m in the Pavilion.

July 21, 2015 We will put together Exhibitor packets.

Next meeting May 19, 2015 at 7p.m. Grant County Fair Grounds Fuller Building

Jerry Gingrich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Doug Larsen 2nd.

Submitted by:

Jackie Rupard