

**Grant County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale Association**  
**4/15/2014**

**Members present:** Craig & Debbie Hintz (Skyline), Sid Gaertner (Skyline), Doug Larsen (Barnyard Buddies), Dan Lewis (Incredible Beef), Lisa Barth (Champion Drive), Lori Bennett (89ers), Tom Freeman (Royal Ranchers), Mike Garneau (O'Sullivan), Barb Keith (89ers)

**Ag Advisors present:** Mike Wallace (Quincy), Chad Utter (Moses Lake)

**Guests Present:** Sarah M. Smith, Allen Smith, Jeanie Kiehn (GQ's), Gene Champion (89ers), Jerry Gingrich (Fair), Carol Garneau (O'Sullivan), Denny Goyne (Mae Valley), Shelly Ramsey (Block 40) Lance Hale, Aubrey Smith  
Meeting called to order by Sid at 7:05.

**Treasurer's report:** **Condemnation Fund** - \$658.84; **Sale Association** - \$85.55; **Sale Fund** -\$8,489.22 – *balance after outstanding checks have been deducted from the balance*; **Receivables due** - \$4,071.73; **Outstanding checks** - \$6804.01. Debbie paid the secretary of state for our non-profit status.

**REPORTS**

**Beef:** Tagged 74 head at weigh and tag day. There is a bill in the amount of \$933.44 to Cascade Animal Health for tags. Mike G. moved to pay this bill, as well as reimburse Dan for tags used at the steer tag day. Seconded by Tom, motion passed. Sarah told of a great catch of a runaway steer by Mike G. on weigh in day.

**Dairy:** No report.

**Sheep:** No report

**Swine:** Judges confirmed, their information was sent to Brittany at the fair office so she could send their contracts.. There is a projected shortage of pigs available for exhibitors to buy.

**Goat:** Lori is waiting to hear back from her judge

**Carcass:** No longer have to pay for permit

**Extension:** **#1** - Pre fair tagging of swine has been helpful. It shortens the process of weighing in on day at the fair, Sarah will be the contact for club leaders wanting to tag early. **#2** - The country of Burundi is interested in starting a 4H program or one similar to it in their country. A representative from there is in the U.S. studying 4H programs in different areas. He will be in Grant County on 6/26, if any clubs are meeting or having activities on that, please let someone in the extension office know. **#3** - Jeanie reported that the bylaws committee had met once and was meeting again on 4/23. Hopefully, they will have the revised version available for review at the May sale association meeting in May, with the vote at the June sale association meeting.

**Fair Mgmt:** Jerry asked that we have numbers into the fair office by 4/30 for stall cards and ribbons.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Officer Elections - Dan moved we keep the same officer team until our annual meeting, seconded by Barb, passed, with one change, Mike W. will be the president-elect & will become president at the annual meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS: Fair Office/Association Partnership** - The committee met before the general meeting. Lisa had talked to those in charge at many fairs & livestock shows in WA. She put the results into a spreadsheet showing the information of who wrote the market sale checks, how long it was before the checks went out, whose computers & software were used (Livestock committee's, personal, fair's, etc.) With the exceptions of two or three shows, most wrote checks between 45-60 days after the sale, so we are within the average length of time. Debbie mentioned that after the fair staff enters the exhibitor information, it has to be entered again in our system. If we had to do that, why not use LSM, which we are used to and give the fair office the info for premiums after the fair. Mike W moved that we continue to cashier the stock sale and that we use LSM for clerking the livestock show & sale. Mike G seconded, passed. We thank Jerry for his offer to help. We hope that our association & fair staff will continue to work together, as both groups are working towards the same goal of improving our fair.

Meeting adjourned

Respectively submitted,

*Lisa Barth*