

Grant County 4-H and FFA Livestock Association
July 15, 2014

Members Present: Doug Larsen (Barnyard Buddies), Dan Lewis (Incredible Beef & Swine), Lisa Barth (Champion Drive), Mike Garneau (O'Sullivan Stockman), Scott Mortimer (Wilson Creek FFA), Jackie Rupard (Barnyard Buddies), Barb Keith (89ers), Tom Freeman, Lee Downs

Guests Present: Tonia Doyer (Block 40), Kathryn Noyes (Sunrise), Kent Devine (Ephrata FFA), Laura Smith (Pure Country), Travis Clark (Road K Club), Jerry Gingrich (GCFG), Sarah Smith (WSU Extension), Carol Garneau (O'Sullivan Stockman), Roxi Mortimer (Wilson Creek Livestock), Jeannie Kiehn (GQ's & WSU Extension), Denny Goynes (Mae Valley), Julie Larson (Barnyard Buddies), Mike Pugh (O'Sullivan), Helen Pugh (O'Sullivan), Lori Cobb (Beef) Allen Smith (Desert Wranglers Swine), Cynthia Beatty (Adventure 4-H), Greg Kasparek

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m..

Minutes from last meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Condemnation Fund: \$658.84; Sale Association: \$85.55; Sale Fund: \$7491.07; Receivables Due: \$4071.73. This report has not changed since the 6/24/14 report.

Reports:

Beef: Good

Dairy: Good: Tom Freeman's livestock event was well attended. The Dairy Department will again be providing the "5 Days of Dairy" for the 2014 fair. Open to 4H, FFA & the public, Different awards will be presented each day. The dairy judge needs to return his contract. Jackie will contact him. Start time of the sale is 9:30, starting w/dairy.

Swine: Good

Lambs: Good

Goats: Tonia said there is a goat clinic being held on 7/29, 5:30 - 8:30

Carcass: No change since last meeting. Carcass entries will be opened until 8 pm on weigh-in day.

Extension: Leaders & volunteers need to report hours on the extension website. Sarah has pig tags, they can be picked up at the extension office. She has heard of some heavily muscled pigs going lame, exhibitors need to regularly check their pigs for limps or "walking funny" Barb asked that exhibitors be told to clean the ear tag before bringing the animal across the scale to facilitate speed of weighing. Greg asked what to do about lamb tags &/or scrapie tags that had come out. Sarah has more lamb tags at the office for lambs as well. **Please** read the Friday Updates from the extension office & Sarah's animal page, available by email, or can be found on the extension website. A lot of information is there. Jeanie said that the state cowboy mounted shooting championship will be held here. They are looking for youth to reset markers after each contestant's ride. This could be a good fundraiser for a club or chapter. Interested parties can contact her at the extension office for more information.

Fairgrounds: Although the deadline for 2014 fair livestock entries was 5 pm today, Jackie moved, Mike G. seconded that entries will be allowed until 7/18 @ 5pm, motion passed. After that, the species superintendents must give permission for any late entries. Milking cow will be returning to the fair. Jerry said he wanted to hire temporary help for the 2 weeks before fair and 2 weeks after, wage will be \$.10 above minimum wage. There is a new business manager, Brenda Adame. She will shadow Brittany for this year's fair as she learns. Work dates are 7/25 & 7/26 and 8/1 & 8/2 for goats, lambs & hogs. for beef????? The fair will provide paint as needed, workers should bring shovels, rakes, etc. Lori Cobb thanked Jerry for the attitude of the office staff when she called with questions, they were very helpful. Jerry and Lisa will meet to send buyer invitations.

OLD BUSINESS: The by-laws needed to be amended, as many of the motions and seconds to accept the bylaws were made by a guest at the meeting, not by a member, therefore nullifying the passing of the by-laws. Scott moved, Dan seconded to amend, passed. Dan moved, Scott seconded to approve as amended, passed. Species superintendents need to sign the by-laws and Jeanie will file them. Tonia was encouraged to begin the procedure to become a member, through leaders' council who then submits name to association.

NEW BUSINESS: We are trying to discontinue buyer gifts at the auction. Some buyers do not like to be distracted during the sale and don't like having to keep track of the gifts during the sale. We are suggesting that a week or so after the fair that the member write a personalized thank you and take this to the buyer's business. If this is not possible, mail it a few days after the fair. Barb asked how the exhibitors could get the address, as it is listed on the checks, but the exhibitor should thank the buyer sooner. The buyer's name is on the sale card that exhibitors hang after their animal has sold, but they still would need the address of the buyer.. Sarah feels that we don't need to "spoon feed" the showman, anyone with a smart phone or computer could find out an address through Google or any other search engine. Barb asked if we could post a list of buyer names and addresses on the day after the sale on the white office and we will.

Dates for our next planned Livestock Meetings:

Aug 5, 2014 7 p.m. Grant Co Fair 4-H Building - Tom moved, Dan seconded that this meeting be moved to the 4-H building for this meeting, passed. We will put together exhibitor packets. ***This meeting has been moved to this date from our regularly scheduled meeting.***

Sept 16, 2014 7 p.m. Grant Co Fair Fuller Building

Oct 21, 2014 7 p.m. Grant Co Fair Fuller Building

Scott moved, Doug seconded to adjourn, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Barth

7/25/14