

Grant County Livestock Committee Meeting  
Minutes from 2-17-15

Mike Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** Doug Larsen, Sid Gaertner, Mike Garneau, Floyd Lewis, Tom Freeman, Landra Kosa, Mike Wallace, Jackie Rupard, Allen Smith, Scott Mortimer, J Lee Downs, Nick Cobb, Jerry Gingrich, Brittany Motzkus, Gene Champion, Tony Kern.

**FFA Advisors:** Liz Graaff (Quincy FFA)

**Extension Office:** Jeannie Kiehn, Sarah Smith

**Guests:** Debbie Hintz (ret treasurer/ Skyline), Russ Doyer (Block 40), Tonia, Doyer (Block 40), Roxi Mortimer, Shelly Ramsey (Block 40), Scott Wilson, Rod Follet (Triple S Swine), Jeannie Kiehn (GQ)

Minutes from 11-18-2014 Motion made by Floyd Lewis to approve minutes as read, Doug Larsen 2<sup>nd</sup> them.

**Treasurer's Report:** Debbie Hintz reported:

Condemnation Fund: \$658.91

Sale Association Fund: \$1644.89 outstanding check of \$1052.02 =592.87

Sale Fund: Balance \$10,782.65 – outstanding sale checks = \$687.86

\*Outstanding accounts: \$19,556.77

\*\$50,000.00 loan paid in full

\*Outstanding sale checks: \$9,694.79

Treyton Booth: \$1094.46 (mom will cash this week)

Hunter Booth: \$1244.71 (mom will cash this week)

Kaiden Wilson: \$1239.69(lost check need to reissue)

C.J. Strophy: \$1199.12

Nicole Hellewell: \$471.46

Hannah Safe: \$1191.65 (Lost check need to reissue)

Ella True: \$1096.63

Abby True: \$974.02

Keeley Carlson: \$1183.05

Jackie Rupard asked Debbie for clarification of names of accounts: Condemnation fund is for animals lost in transport, Sale Association is for office supplies specific things Lisa Barth has recommended to go to this account and Sale Fund is the Sale receivables and payables. Jackie also asked for clarification from old minutes in regards to the transfer of \$2000.00 to the condemnation fund on 2-13-14. Debbie stated that money was not transferred to the condemnation fund, thus the balance of that account had not changed.

Debbie has resigned from the Treasurer position.

**Committee Reports:**

Beef:

1. Weigh and Tag day will be April 18-19, 2015: Scott Wilson asked why animals are weighed and tagged prior to fair? Discussion followed it was stated so kids could look at prospect animals, get a weigh to check for accurate growth and allow the tag holes to heal before showing.
2. Does beef need tags? Mike thinks they are ok.
3. Judges: Sara Smith recommended using Michael and Mathew Collie from Idaho, one would be a beef Judge and the other a swine judge.

Dairy:

1. Spring Calf Sale in Monroe WA. Calf grant money is available Due Date Feb 27.
2. Dairy Fitting and Showing Challenge at Grant County Fair Grounds: June 19-20 open to any 4-H or FFA exhibitor interested in dairy, loaner animals available. See Jackie for questions.
3. Still working on a Judge for 2015 Fair.

Sheep:

1. Weigh and tag day will be June 12, 2015 noon-7 Please call to make arrangements for other times.
2. Options for 2015 Fair Judges: Jan Busbin or Sandy Weishaupt.

Swine:

1. Pre tagging will continue, seems to make check in go faster, swine would like to go to the Integra tag.
2. Judge: going to contact: Chris Carlson-Collie.
3. Looking at doing load out midnight or 1 am Sat. Less stress on the pigs.

Goat:

1. Weigh and tag day will be June 12-2015 noon-7 Please call to make arrangements for other time.
2. Still need a 2015 Judge.

Carcass:

Scott will handle Specific slaughter applications for the fair. Scott has spoken with the Dept of Ag, things are ok there.

\*\*\*Discussion of Livestock tag inventory; Swine would like the Integra tag and there is no accurate tag count for sheep, goats, and dairy. Jackie has volunteered to do an inventory and check with Sarah on quantity counts needed for tag days.

Extension:

1. PQA will be offered at the Sand Hill Crane Festival Mar 28, 2015.
2. Enrollment should be filed. Some have been returned and need signatures, please complete asap.
3. If leaders need club contact lists you can contact Jeannie.

Fair Management:

1. Asked if the Committee would like to post minutes on web site? Decision was made to link the WSU website to Fairgrounds website.
2. Update on Septic system: Moses Lake City Council and Commissioners are trying to move forward to either connect to city sewer or build a lagoon, if the fair were to connect to city sewer it could trigger annexation and other issues, with the lagoon the issues would be smell for nearby residents. Up-dates to follow.
3. Update on the Fair fund: Dept. of Ag is not required to fund fairs, Grant County Fair has lost \$46,000 or 1/8 of its budget this will affect premiums in 2016.
4. March 7, 2015 Superintendent School at Grant County Fairgrounds, registration 8-9 lunch provided, end around 3:00.
5. Premium Book Changes need to be back by Mar 30.
6. June 1, 2015 Non reserved camping is available. Form can be found online.
7. Fair colors: Red, White, Blue. Them "Just Moo It!" artwork can be submitted for the Cover page of the premium book!

Awards:

1. Christine Massey has volunteered to organize specie lists and ?????
2. Fair Office will organize all the ribbons from the Livestock Office and have specie ribbon inventory at the next meeting.
3. Buckle Organization: Doug and Julie Larsen will continue and Liz Graaf has volunteered to help. Need sponsorship letter, and 401C information.
5. Round Robin coordinator was table until next meeting.
4. Award ceremony was tabled until next meeting.

Other:

1. Shelly Ramsey from the Small Livestock Committee would like to work in conjunction with the Large livestock committee. Historical information was discussed why the small and large livestock committees broke apart. The discussion and vote was tabled until next meeting and Shelly was asked to bring a "promo pitch" to the next meeting and it would be voted on to allow small livestock back.

Old Business:

1. Areas of concern for 2015 GCF:  
Data entry: David Thompsen and Bill Blue from Clifton Larsen Allen will coordinate payment of sale. Debbie Hintz gave Mike 2 laptops 2 printers that belong to the Committee Mike will have Chris Moliter from QSD check them out. The data from the Spring Show will be transferred to show works and we will be able to run reports and make tweaks as needed.  
Brian Work from Moses Lake School District is possibly interested in doing Data entry.

2. Debbie Hintz has retired as the committee Treasurer.

Debbie will bring a Job description to the next meeting:

Her duties and responsibilities are as follow:

\*Collecting /depositing money / Invoices

\*Bill of Lading after the sale check invoices for destination, each species, double check everthing that was entered. Look for transposed numbers,

Data entry: Weights on Monday, Market breeding results Wed Fitting and showing Thur.

Thursday Sale Order: once that's complete: Sale book to printer

Inputting Fitting and showing results:

Friday: Sale Day; Yarbrow Trailer: set up, Buyers numbers preregistered, New numbers, Update addresses and phone numbers. Clean Trailer when done.

Load out reports,

\*\*\*Need to do Buyers lists and post for kids to do Thank You

\*\*\*1 case of paper/ Ink for printers / stall cards/ weigh in slips/ back numbers/ safety pins/

Use A&H printers need 10 days lead time

\*\*Signs for Holders Contest, Round Robin, Lt and heavy carcass

\*\*\*Pop and Water Ice for coolers

3 .Treasurers position will be voted on at the next meeting.

4. Lee Downs recommended a terminal show for swine, Sarah Smith had some discussion and would – follow up at the next meeting.

New Business:

1. Need a completed list of Officers and Members for each species:

Next Meeting March 17, 2015 7 p.m. GCF Fuller Building

Floyd Lewis made a motion to adjourn meeting. Jerry Gingrich 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

Meeting Adjourned 9:17 p.m.

Submitted by Jackie Rupard