

Grant County Livestock Committee
Minutes from 3-17-15

Mike Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Mike Wallace, Jackie Rupard, Tom Freeman, Brittany Motzkus, Mike Garneau, Carol Garneau, Dawna Sandman, Gene Champion, Tony Kern, Chad Utter, Todd Kisler, Landra Kosa, Scott Mortimer, J Lee Downs, Tonia Doyer, Russ Doyer, Sid Gaertner, Doug Larsen, Sara M Smith.

Guests Present: Christine Massey (Barnyard Buddies), Roxi Mortimer (Wilson Creek Livestock), Brenda Adame (G.C.F.G), Denny Goyne (Range Riders), Shelly Ramsey (Block 40 & Small Livestock).

Minutes from 2-17-15 Moved, Beef had Weigh and tag day changes: Correction will be: Beef weigh and tag day April 18 2-6 p.m. Make up day is April 21 from 5-7p.m. need to call ahead and make arrangements for the 21st: Mike Garneau 509-766-9005.

Scott Mortimer Moved to accept corrections, Mike Garneau 2nd. Adopted as corrected.

Treasurers Report: non given.

Committee Reports:

Beef:

1. Corrections to weigh and tag day. See above.
2. Still Working a Judges.

Dairy:

1. Jay Lancaster from Colville has agreed to judge, Fair office has been notified.

Sheep:

1. Still working on Judge.

Swine:

1. Still working on Judge going to contact: Chris Carlton, and Ron Richards.

Goats:

1. New Superintendent: Tonia Doyer her husband Russ will assist.
2. Going to contact: Patty Gillins for a Judge.

Carcass:

1. Scott has contacted USDA for "Special sale permit", waiting to send until closer to fair.
2. Reminder: Carcass sign up for GCF is July 15, 2015.

WSU Extension:

1. PQA will be offered at the Sand hill Crane Festival in Othello.
2. Can also do PQA online.
3. Low Stress cattle handling 4-16 & 17.

Fair Management:

1. Brittany handed out Superintendent Books.
2. Watch for Emergency Procedure changes.
3. Exhibitor Guide edits due March 31, 2015.
4. Judges Pay Scale: 0-4 ½ hours: \$100.00 5-9 ½ hours \$200.00 Over 10 hours: \$220.00
Mileage paid for outside Grant County Travel is \$0.55 per mile up to 200 miles round trip.
5. Ribbons need to be ordered no later than May 1, 2015.

Discussion of Awards: Christine Massey will coordinate awards, and award ceremony, Doug and Julie Larsen are in charge of buckles. The question was posed by Christine Massey if there is a possibility of changing the current buckle that is given. Doug Larsen's response was the buckle that is given is reasonable priced at \$75.00. And he cannot see a need for change at this point.

Dawna Sandman was asking for a sponsor list for "Sheep" Mike Wallace would contact Sandy Lewis and see if she had one, Wynn Farms and Sunray Farms was mentioned as good sponsors.

Old Business:

1. Clifton Larsen Allen has agreed to help with the Sale and act as our Collection Agency, Bill Blue from the Moses Lake Office and David Thompsen from Quincy Office will be available after April 15.
2. Treasurer Position: Collect Money during the sale. Sara Renee is available to hire for \$500.00 a day.

New Business:

1. Small Livestock : Shelly Ramsey spoke about the need for small livestock to become part of the Large livestock, at this point she is looking for the committee to help back her up if she has "parent issues, the small livestock exhibitors would like to be involved with large livestock exhibitor award and feel more part of the group. The Large livestock committee takes commission out of the small livestock checks, Shelly pays for expenses out of pocket that should be covered. Shelly does her own buckle sponsorship, judges accommodations, meals. J. Lee Downs recommended she get some parents to step up and help.

Todd Kisler Moved to jointly accept Small Livestock Committee: Discussion: Small Livestock is a starting point for Large Livestock projects, opportunity for kids to learn from, Sara stated that all projects are valuable and gives commonality.

Motion unanimously passed.

2. Notice is hereby given to amend By-Laws Article 4 Section 6.

3. Sara Smith has our 501C information and will pay the \$10.00 renewal.

4. Awards Ceremony: Should it be moved to Thur. night or keep it Sat. at noon?

Todd Kisler made the motion to leave the awards ceremony Sat at noon

Doug Larsen 2nd it

Discussion to amend: Awards ceremony will be Sat. at Noon at a location to fit Jeannie Kiehns' needs, i.e. 4-H Building or Small Livestock arena.

Motion carried

5. Treasure position: Mike Wallace feels the Sale has gone beyond a volunteer position, he recommends we hire an accountant from Moses Lake to run the books. Item tabled until next meeting.

6. The question was asked 2-17-15 if we could have a terminal swine show. We can't legally say the sale animal is terminal. If it was state mandated then yes.

7. Ear tag order: has been placed and received. Motion to reimburse Jackie Rupard for the purchase of tags and extra buttons and a tagger for \$726.46. Tony Kisler 2nd.

8. Stall cards for the fair: The cards and other items were inventoried by Jackie Rupard.

Lots of 4-H FFA Open Stall cards, Jackie will contact A&H printing for weigh papers, Buyers cards and back number papers.

9. Premium book changes. Various page Changes were read by Jackie Rupard, Changes or verbiage was discussed and noted. Jackie will give Brittany the changes by the end of March.

10. Judges accommodations: Comfort suites: with discount \$134.99, Inn at Moses Lake \$89.99 with discount. Brittany said Ameristay has better prices and would look into that for us.

11. Mike Wallace is looking into prices for I pads for inputting at weigh in and check in and possibly judges results. We would still have a paper back up.

12. Show Works: When do we want to bring on our Tech person? Data entry person?

A. Could we pay \$1500.00 to each person? Breaks down 6x\$120.00 day=\$720?

B. Sara Renee and Bryan Bjork are interested in the positions. Tabled until next meeting.

13. Brittany asked for authorization to use/input Buyers information from the 2013 fair.

Mike Wallace gave the ok.

Next meeting April 21, 2015 at 7p.m. Grant County Fair Fuller Building

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m. Doug Larsen 2nd.

Submitted by:

Jackie Rupard