

Grant County Livestock Committee

Minutes from 9-22-15

Mike Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present: Mike Wallace, Scott Mortimer, Jackie Rupard, Mike Garneau, Denny Goyne, J Lee Downs, Sid Gaertner, Douglas Larsen, Tony Kern, Allen Smith, Gene Champion, Dawna Sandmann. **Small Livestock Members:** Shelly Ramsey, Wendy Lange. **Guests Present:** Jerry Gingrich, Jeannie Kiehn, Pat Stacy, Christine Massey, Rachel Lewis.

Minutes from 7-21-15 Jerry Gingrich moved to accept minutes, Denny Goyne 2nd: Accepted as read.

Treasures Report: Association Fund Bank Balance as of 9-22-15: \$598,308.00 Due to us: \$99,616.00= \$697,924.00

We owe: the kids \$653,758 Check off Fees: \$ 1390.68. Condemnation Fund: \$658.94.

** Mike will check with Shonna to see if Eric Burke paid the \$5000.00 outstanding from 2014. Clifton Larsen Allen has attached Quick Book Reports that will be attached with these minutes. Allen Smith moved to accept Treasurers report. Jerry Gingrich 2nd.

Committee Reports:

Beef: @ 28 Steers that grade 75% or Better, had 1 dark cutter. Mike and Sarah are working on beef bucks for the kids. All in all a good fair.

Dairy: Good Fair, Recommended from our Judge due to numbers that a 1 day show would be possible. Jackie and Tom need to discuss, and possibly change show day to Tuesday? It was brought to Jackie's attention that Tom and Bryan DeHoog had changed the Springer and Bred Heifer sale class to a 1 year project. Jackie has spoken with extension and they believe the Sale Committee should discuss this. This was tabled to a later date.

Sheep: 93 animals were loaded and shipped. 1 animal was shipped that should have not gotten on the truck. Dawna and Gene handled the situation. Gene made a motion to write a check to Darci Holmesly for \$200.00 for the replacement market lamb that was put on the turn truck. Allen Smith 2nd. Motion carries. Gene also mentioned the need for parking passes for Judges. Gene also said in the Fair Book we need to check the wording for sale animals. Need to Specify the Best Animal Sells. Sheep are also looking into changing show days: Market would be on Tuesday, Breeds on Wednesday, and Fitting and Showing on Thursday.

Swine: Good Fair, the 1 pig per exhibitor was good, but the barn is still full. Had 13 Carcass animals. Someone had turned off the water to the swine barn, but between Doug and maintenance they got it fixed. Would be great if the PA system from Ardell to the barns could be fixed. Swine also had some load out issues: 2 missing pigs for Garth Dano. Stacy's Meats is working on the problem. Concern with how ear tags are placed in the ear. It is recommended a picture of the tag and how it should be placed in the ear and in which ear. This should be discussed and given out at PQA and do a Leaders training.

Goat: no report.

Carcass: no concerns would like more Steers.

Extension: Please pick up your Fair exhibits i.e. posters and record books! Enrollment will be done online. Leaders need to attend a leaders training session, see the Friday Update for Dates and times. Also you need to submit your volunteer hours!

Fair Management: Attendance was up for 2015 Fair. Had an increase in gate and food revenue. But Total entries were down. Livestock entries were up. Look for Premium Book updates to be emailed to you for changes, office wants to start early on corrections. Need to find a way to close up the barns at night, possibly change barn hours. Discussed with Jerry the need for Judges and vet parking, also the possibility of parking for Buyers at the Sale, using a Tiered approach. Chrissy Massey discussed with the fair office ribbon issues, we need to change some colors and get an OK before purchase.

Small Livestock: Shelly Ramsey will be passing the Superintendent Job to Wendy Lange. She also wanted the large livestock to know Tuesday is their show day so if changes to other livestock show days happen to consider this.

Awards: Buckles: 64 are needed. Doug proposed that every 4-H club and every FFA chapter should get 1 sponsor. Then buckles would be covered. Over some discussion, this was tabled until next meeting. Chrissy mentioned the champion round ribbons are hard to read printed on the plaid.

Data Entry: Craig Hintz told Mike Wallace that in the past Data entry had been paid for by the fair office, we need to look into this for next year. This would help decrease the commission we need to take from the checks. Entry input was slow but Brian is looking into another computer to use, and how to create better reports.

Other: Chrissy Massey has photos she took at the Sale to hand out. The State Fair Inspector was here and was pleased with what he saw.

Old Business:

A. Shonna has recommendations for paying exhibitors i.e.: withhold Cody DeTrolio \$37,272.00 & Team Michelle \$54,845. The total payout would be \$561,651 so all the checks would be covered, possibly pay \$30,000 to team Michelle? Or Mike asked about applying for a line of credit to cover the whole amount? The line of credit was discussed, and not recommended at this time. Scott Mortimer made a motion: to Allow Mike Wallace to get this handled. To Contact the DeTrolio Family and Team Michelle in regards to payment and do what is necessary. Denny Goyne 2nd.

B. Sarah Smith had an email from Ron Richards inquiring about his check for judging. Fair Office said Commissioners had signed them last week should be in the mail @ 9-23-15.

C. Beef Bucks: working on data \$ is in the account for Mike and Sarah when tally is complete.

D. Reimbursement for Chrissy Massey for purchase of former member's awards: Doug made a motion to pay Chrissy Massey \$258.96 for the Barths, Hintz, and Lewis Thank You Awards using the funds from the Sale Fund. Sid Gaertner 2nd.

New Business:

A. Areas of concern for the 2016 fair: When an animal has a change of destination during or after the sale, we need a better method to ensure that animal is changed on the destination report. The CLA staff and the Committee staff all need to know.

Other: People would like a list of Buyers Posted. Shonna has made it so the Buyers address will be on the exhibitor checks. Shonna will email Mike and Jeannie a master list of Buyers and add- ons if you need them for thank you notes. Mike will check with Key Bank in regards to loan if needed to cover the last of the Sale checks.

Fair Office thinks checks will be going out next week!

Our next Meeting will be February 16, 2016.

Please contact Mike if you have agenda items for February.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jackie Rupard

CLA accounting reports attached.