

Grant County Livestock Committee Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2014

Sid Gaertner called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Members Present: Mike Wallace, Tom Freeman, Jackie Rupard, Jerry Gingrich, Mike Garneau, Jeanie Kiehn, Doug Larsen, Sid Gaertner,

FFA Advisors: Scott Mortimer Wilson Creek, Landra Kosa. Soap Lake

Guests Present: Floyd Lewis (Lewis Livestock), Carol Garneau (O'Sullivan), Helen and Mike Pugh (O'Sullivan), Travis Palmer (O'Sullivan), Scott Wilson (Block 40), Christine Massey (Barnyard Buddies), Allen Smith (Desert Wranglers), Denny Goyne (Range Riders), Richard Weitman (May Valley and State Advisory).

Minutes were read:

Jackie Rupard pointed out she had made an error and Jerry Gingrich was listed as a guest on the minutes and he is a Member of the Livestock Committee.

Tom Freeman moved to correct that error.

Scott Mortimer 2nd.

Treasurer Report: Debbie Hintz reported:

Sale Fund: 179,828.44

Condemnation: 658.89

Sale Association transferred: 5000.00

Paid: Verns 220.00

UPS 31.80

RB Powers 95.68

A&H 775.75

Stacys 1052.02

Herdsmanship 250.00

Current Balance: 3519.30

Debbie also stated Returned mail has been an issue, Wrong address info and checks are coming back. Debbie has not ran 2nd animal checks that will be done Sunday October 26, 2014

Jeanie mentioned to Debbie she had an exhibitor from her club with the wrong dollar amount on her check. Jackie reminded Debbie Ali and Jake Dieringer needed to be paid \$50 each for bringing milk cows to the fair, and Scott Elliott from Elliotts Tree Care had donated that money. Christine Massey asked Debbie to provide a letter for Kyla Schaapman stating she had exhibited at the fair so Kyla would be able to get a premium check from the fair office. Kyla's information was missing from Show Works and the girls in the fair office need documentation.

It was brought to the Committees attention by Floyd Lewis that 4% commission had been taken from exhibitors' check's, This 4% was also taken from add-on's. Scott Mortimer discussed why the 4% was taken out (see last months' minutes) and that a letter was to go out with the checks to explain the commission. The letter did not go with the checks. It was pointed out that \$2400 commission would be generated just from add-ons. Over much discussion it seems that our accounting system is not working as it should, and has short falls. It has been acknowledged and will be rectified.

Scott Mortimer discussed other fairs and their commission basis, how they do add-ons or if they allow add-ons

Debbie discussed the sale accounting, inputting add-ons, how time consuming they are, and how we are not bank rolled for our sale like Othello is, and we must take in sale money before sending out checks to the kids.

Travis Palmer mentioned we could possibly get used office equipment donated to help offset the purchase of new equipment.

Sid Gaertner discussed with the group about past years and how the community helps out with sponsorships for the kids. Sid wanted to thank Travis Palmer, Scott Wilson, Helen and Mike Pugh for coming and voicing their concerns and opinions, Sid also wanted to point out we need more support at meetings and active help at the fair

REPORTS:

WSU EXTENSION: Jeanie Kiehn reported that the Office is moving on Thur and Friday 10-23-14. The new location is in Moses Lake across from Ziggys. If you need them try calling Monday!

FAIR OFFICE: Jerry Gingrich reported that thru a Governor mandate the Department of Agriculture removed 4 million dollars from fair premium monies. \$46,000 has been removed from Grant County Fair. Jerry asks everyone to contact your legislature; by going to WA STATE FAIR WEBSITE there is a template you can use. Judy Warnick is the contact.

Jerry also mentioned that when people do the online entries to double check the info before submitting so your checks get to you.

Jerry discussed the need for a Ribbon Committee: There was some confusion between Farm Credit, the Livestock Committee Ordering ribbons, and The Fair Office ordering ribbons: The fair office received a bill for \$2339.86 for ribbons. Farm Credit does a \$2000.00 sponsorship to the fair office Jerry is willing to apply that amount to the bill and is asking the Livestock Committee to pay the \$339.86.

Mike Wallace made a motion to pay the \$339.86.

Doug Larsen 2nd the motion

Motion passed.

BEEF: Mike Garneau reported they will need a beef judge for next years' fair. It was mentioned to call Michael Collie (sp) It was also discussed what a judge is paid, no actual contracts were available but we believe it is up to \$150 per day plus mileage. And the Livestock Committee pays for Hotel.

DAIRY: Jackie Rupard reported things are on track for next year. Also Marissa Macedo from Western Stockmen's gives a 4-H discount for feed. In the past they run a program that if your animal is a winner Western Stockmen will refund your feed expense or give \$\$Money.

Marissa # is 541-619-1476 cell or 509-836-0267 office.

Western Stockmen is also willing to give a discount on weigh tags if the Livestock Committee orders early.

CARCASS: No report

Llama: No Report

Goat: No Report

Swine: Sid wanted to revisit our pig number issues: There are just too many for our facilities, we are creating health and welfare issues if we continue as we have been. Sid is proposing 1 Pig per Child. He can foresee stress on families with multiple pigs but we are just maxed out. Last year there were @ 350 pigs at the Fair.

Allen Smith made a motion that 1 pig per child can enter at the fair. If the child shows both 4-H and FFA they must choose which one.

Jerry Gingrich 2nd the motion

Mike Garneau brought up discussion about what happens with light weight pigs? Can they then enter Carcass Class? Scott Mortimer stated that Carcass class must pre enter by July 15 and they will not be allowed to enter at weigh in.

Swine Amendment: Carcass must pre enter by July 15, No entries taken on weigh in at the fair. :

Motion shall read: 1 pig per child can enter at the fair. If a child shows both 4-H and FFA they must choose one. Carcass must pre enter by July and no entries will be taken on weigh in at the fair.

Scott Mortimer 2nd motion

Motion Passed

Jerry Gingrich has requested a letter stating that the Livestock Committee has made the changes to the swine program and it didn't come from the Fair Office. The Fair Office is happy to post this on their website and Jeanie thought it could also be on the Friday update.

New Business:

The Beef department asked permission from the Fair Office to fill in the holes in the stalls with dirt possibly available from Pamp Myers. Fair Office agreed, day and time to be determined.

Awards Committee: Mike Wallace stated we have issues to be ironed out for the fair but will be tabled for tonight.

Tabled Items:

Condemnation fund: has been table until next meeting.

Jackie Rupard reported that Terri Smith has decided to either raffle or sell her heifer calf and donate the funds. She no longer wants to sell thru the Livestock Auction.

Other New Business:

This is the 1st annual meeting and we need to do Officer Elections:

Motion to Elect: Mike Wallace as President.

2nd: Scott Mortimer.

Motion Passed.

Motion to Elect: Sid Gaertner as Vice President.

2nd: Doug Larsen.

Motion Passed.

Motion for President Elect: No volunteers: will be tabled until next meeting.

Jeanie Kiehn asked for a list of names on the Committee this was tabled until next meeting.

Mike Wallace has a list of "Areas of Concern for the 2015 Grant County Fair" this was also tabled until the next meeting. A copy of Mikes' concerns has been attached to the minutes.

The next Livestock Committee Meeting will be November 18, 2014 at 7 p.m. Huck Fuller Building.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jackie Rupard

Notice to all Swine Exhibitors:

As of 10-21-14 The Grant County Livestock Committee has changed the Swine Exhibitor requirements:

The new ruling is: “1” pig per child, if you exhibit both 4-H and FFA you will need to choose only **ONE**.

Carcass Animals must PRE REGISTER by JULY 15. Exhibitors will not be able to enter carcass at weigh in at the fair.

These changes have been under much discussion at the Committee Meetings. Due to lack of barn space and increased numbers of swine we have decided to limit the number of swine an exhibitor can bring to the fair. Some of our concerns were, overcrowding in the barn, the health and welfare of our swine and being able to retain the swine market value.

For the above stated reasons and more the new ruling will go into effect 10-21-14.

Mike Wallace, President
Grant County Livestock Committee (jr)