

Grant County Livestock Committee

3-21-17 minutes

Members Present: Rod Follett, Mike Wallace, Todd Kisler, Scott Mortimer, Tom Freeman, Jackie Rupard, Stacy Chamberlain - Ahmann, Thomas Bepple, Wendy Lange, Mike Garneau, Nick Cobb, Denny Goyne, Allen Smith, Gene Champion, Donna Sandman.

Guests Present: Sarah M Smith, Floyd Lewis, Coleman Cobb, Sheri Naff, Bryan Bjork, Brenda Adame, Jeannie Kiehn, Kirsten Combs, Gerry Wilson, Mickey Webb.

Rod Called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

The Warden FFA ag issues team did a presentation.

The minutes from 2-21-17 were read these changes were noted:

Denny Goyne was listed as a Guest he is a member.

Beef: Weigh and tag day will be 4-22-17 from 2-6p.m. Make up day will be 4-25-17 CALL MIKE GARNEAU For Appointment. Judges name correction Steve Tonney. Show day correction it is not spray paint but approved livestock adhesives to be used to Fit on Market Day only. Removal products are available and need to be used.

Minutes accepted with corrections.

Treasures report: Report discussed, Behling Dairy is still outstanding from 2016 GCF, Rod will check with Shonna at CLA about sending them to Collections. Scott Mortimer moved to accept Todd Kisler 2nd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BEEF: As stated above if you need to use the make-up day for weigh and tag Make an appointment with Mike Garneau. Also any adhesives / powder used for show day must be approved for livestock use. No Ace Paint etc. will be allowed. All product must be removed for Fitting and Showing Day.

Dairy: Deciding on a judge, Jackie, and Stacy have discussed with Tom and The fair the need to increase cow numbers in the Open class Dairy barn. Jackie would like to change the requirement for Open class Dairy, removing registration papers required and allowing non - registered animals to show at the fair. Todd Kisler moved to accept, 2nd Denny Goyne.

Tom Freeman will be having a Livestock Judging at his farm June 22, 2017 Starts at 10 am with a potluck lunch.

Sheep: Change on time for weigh and tag day: Now 1-6p.m. June 16, 2017.

Swine: Rusty Finch and Terry Nickels are 2017 GCF Judges. Rod is waiting to work on swamp coolers after the NCWJRLS.

Goats: No members present.

Carcass: Special Sale permit is ready, but Scott will need the Veterinarian list from the Fair office to send with the permit.

Extension: Jeannie has requested any updates for weigh and tag days to be emailed to her so she gets the correct info. Sarah will have a PQA in late June or July for those who need it. Now available! Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \$12 online course for all species. YQCA.org sponsors can buy coupons for youth to take the courses and they never expire.

Fair Management: Online registration trying to open May 15-July 10. Will confirm next Livestock meeting.

Mickey Webb was introduced to those who had not met him. Mickey spoke about the focus of the fair, 1. Want to make changes in the facilities for care and safety of animals, 2. Aesthetics, 3. Suggestions from Livestock Committee: included checking electrical panels in Beef Barn, possibly increasing more electrical service to the cattle barns. Improvements for the Sound / PA System, Ardell to Barns, Hardwood to Ardell, Sale Pavilion, People and Speakers etc. There is budgeted money for Improvements. 4. Bedding Question from Mickey, how do we feel about using Pellets for Sm Animals? Sheep, Goats, Swine? Sarah commented that she has seen the sheep, goats, swine eat the pellets, and the animals must be muzzled, can cause obstructions in the gut etc. 5. Aesthetics, tree replacement, flowers, etc. 6. Fair logo will be changing will offer souvenir sales. 7. Considering changing the fair dates to Wednesday to Sunday with a 6pm load out. Lots of discussion over this topic.

Awards:

1. Buckles: purchasing thru North 40 again this year, for \$75.00 each. Discussed having the committee pay for the buckles instead of getting sponsors? Estimated \$4600 for all buckles. Taking 1% out of sale checks to purchase buckles, and having sponsorship still available. Tabled to next meeting

2. Round Robin: no report

3. Awards Coordination: no report

Other: Scott was able to get Ear tags donated by Animal Health.

Lunch Boxes: Big hit last year. CB Tech is not in session so no help, going to check with Big Bend, if we use the local vendor we did 350 lunches at \$12 lunch for @\$4200. Tabled until next meeting.

Water at the Sale, too much was given out to early last year, ran out. NWFC sponsors $\frac{1}{2}$ pallet of water. Discussed having coolers at the corners of the sale ring for buyers to get their own water. Jackie will see about some coolers.

CLA prices for accounting for 2016-2017 tax year, Rod will check into.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm Todd Kisler 2nd,

Minutes submitted by Jackie Rupard, in Chrissy Masseys absence.