

**Livestock Committee Meeting
Silvies River Charter School
April 9, 2024, 6 PM**

Present: Shane Otley, Nicole George, Ann Becker, Melissa McElhannon, Jay Nelson, Diana Davis, Abby O'Toole, Stephanie Falck, Macie Custis, Dave Bohnert, Becky Kingen, Christy Keerins, Lisa Grant, Ashley Garoutte, Gretchen Bates

March Minutes: Stephanie motioned to approve minutes as are. Shane seconded. Motion passed.

Fair Board Liaison: Contacted Joel for ultrasound and carcass at fair. Joel quoted \$6/head. Lisa will assist Joel at fair. More discussions with fair board will occur.

Identified an area for large chip delivery to be used as a base in the stalls. Also got permission to put a shipping container at the fairgrounds. The Show Chair found a container for \$4,650 delivered. We will set it onto railroad ties. Nicole asked them to let her know when the railroad ties are needed.

The Exhibit building will be gone by fair, but the wash rack will still be available. There is concern we won't have enough room for animals, especially Beef. Could we move small animals to where the exhibit building was? There is a concern from the small animal chair that cages would be in danger at that location if there was a storm (which there often is at fair). Could we move large animals/Beef to the horse stalls, or move the stalls closer for them to use? There is also concern there won't be enough room for breeding projects of all species. Can we haul animals in and out each day? Nicole doesn't believe that's allowed based on the county fair management, but will double check. Suggested we get a head count as early as possible.

→ **Action Item:** Nicole will see if we are allowed to haul breeding projects in and out each day.

Work Session with Fair Board: We had a work session with the Fair Board to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding between the Fair Board and the HCYLSA. Updates were made and a draft is available for discussion. The Fair Board is attempting to determine if we are a sub-committee or not. May require additional meetings.

Some attendees feel that if the Fair Board wants the HCYLSA to be a sub-committee to their own group, they can take it over. However, as a non-profit, the HCYLSA is its own entity that operates under an MOU with the Fair Board. There is nothing preventing the Fair Board from taking over the show and auction, but they can't require the committee to make any changes outside of the MOU. The MOU should provide the HCYLSA the authority to run and operate the show and auction as they see fit within the MOU. There is additional concern that more meetings won't solve this conflict, but not sure what else to do.

Currently, the HCYLSA Committee is very confused about what the Fair Board wants and why there is such an issue here. Word is that Craig said he was concerned about the HCYLSA

decisions and how it may make the board look bad if there are complaints about animal weights and showing. The committee recognizes that we have extended an invite for the Fair Board to attend our meetings so they will feel more informed and have a say in our process and decisions. A member of the public stated when they have a complaint about the livestock show or auction, they bring it to the HCYLSA committee, not the Fair Board, so how would it make the Fair Board look bad.

The HCYLSA won't be signing the MOU until the next meeting or when a list of expectations is provided by the Fair Board.

→ **Action Item:** Jay will ask the Fair Board for a list of what they expect and want from us.

Treasurer's Report: See Attached Report. We received a \$1,000 donation from Kiwanis.

Pass the Pants went to the American Legion, Kiwanis, and submitted to Elks. Meet with Auxiliary next week.

Show Chair: Sent contracts to two judges and waiting on a small animal judge. There is no digital form.

Question: What happens in the heifer program if the calf dies? Shane – it's the Heifer Program that needs to decide. We have certain classes available that could work. Just want to make sure their decision is ok with the HCYLSA. We created a Stockgrowers's Class for heifer's and breeding projects. Perhaps can have a subclass for those projects where either the heifer or calf has died? That way they can still show. Stockgrowers would be in charge of separate class and all questions should be directed to that program. Does it matter if it's a grafted calf? Stockgrowers can decide how they want to do it.

Fair Book Discussion

Shane asked if the Dept. of Ag could bill us directly and not the Fair Board, they said no so he will call a different person.

Are we wanting to change age break to be the same as the 4H program in the future? Yes. Add in Fair Book that next year in 2025 age categories will match 4H and youth will need to be 9 years old by October 2024 (typically aligns with students entering the 4th grade).

No word from the Fair Board is shaving price will be increasing. Need to know in order to adjust stall fees if needed.

→ **Action Item:** Jay will ask the Fair Board.

Diana will send digital version of Fair Book to committee. Please review and make edits, and return to her ASAP to finalize. Due May 1.

Awards: Emailed sponsor letters to donors for the fair buckles (same as last year). We've had a lot of issues with these in the mail and don't want to risk it this year.

Can we put our own HCYLSA sponsor banners up at the livestock rings/show?

Can donors request to put funds specifically to the livestock show and auction. Need clarification.

Reminder: Rabbit weigh in is August 6th, to be used for small animal rate of gain competition.

Misc: We will be interviewing some FFA Youth for the PR positions.

June 15th will be weigh-in (all but beef and small animals) and we will also be having a fair cleanup day to occur concurrently and following weigh-in.

Harney County Youth Livestock Show and Auction - Financial Report

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Cash/Checking Account

Starting Balance \$ 74,464.69

Date	Vendor/Description	Memo	Check #	Expenditures	Revenue
3/30/24	Interest posting	BEO		\$	3.09

\$ - \$ 3.09

Account balance as of 4/9/2024

\$ 74,467.78

Pass the Pants Account

Account balance as of 4/9/2024

\$226.07

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