

Harney County Youth Livestock Show and Auction
September 10, 2024 @ 6 PM
Silvies Valley Charter School

Present: Nicole George, Katy Wallace, Travis Wallace, Melissa McElhannon, Rick Paul, Amanda Tyler, Autumn Toelle-Jackson, Jay Nelson, Ann Becker, David Bohnert, Melissa Ward, Diana Davis, Shylee Davis, Nikylee Davis, Gretchen Bates, Tina Mello, Shane Otley, Crystal Otley, Christy Keerins, Kurt Beaubien, Brandi Wright, Katlen Schimmelpennig, Masie Custis

After Fair Meeting – No Regular Agenda – No Minutes or Financial Report

Fair Board Report - Jay Nelson:

- Email from Lindsey about removing all the livestock material. Jay asked Kristen to put breaks on because we have to figure out where everything is going to go. Kristen is going to put breaks on and the sale barn is the last building to go, they are going to talk tomorrow at the courthouse to finalize paperwork and get it all figured out, then we should have a better timeline.
 - Can we put wheels on the podium and move it into the storage container?
 - We should be able to get it in there.
 - We can't use the stalls or overhangs on the horse barn.
 - For small stuff, can we talk to Benny & Matt about storage shed (behind the Senior Center) to store stuff for now.
 - What about asking Andy if we can rent one of his RV storage bays? The podium will be hard to fit in the storage container.
 - Amanda – Panels and cages can fit up at the LCL Tyler feedlot, which leaves more room for stuff in the storage container. Currently a pallet and a half of shavings in the container.
 - Things that need to be inside and dry are: podium, scales, air conditioners, banners...
 - We can put whatever we want in the green office shed, which will be moved to the red ticket booth.
 - Let's just move it one more time. It doesn't sound like there are any good spots at the fairgrounds.
 - Amanda makes a motion to see about renting a spot at ACW RV storage. If we can't get a spot, we can store stuff at LCL Feedlot. Diana seconded. All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.
- Buyer's List / White Sheets – To send on truck with animals in case yellow sheets go missing.
 - Fair Entry can print sheets easy
- Terminal Sale Only – Animals were gifted back to youth, which adds a lot of complications. The sale should be a terminal only sale.
 - Make sure we add it specifically to the fair book.
 - Maybe don't say terminal but be clear that the expectation is for consumption.
 - Maybe say it has to be sent to and processed by specific butchers, period.

- Turkey – Issue where the last two buyers thought they were bidding per pound, but ended up being in the hundreds resulting in a sale price ~\$3,000 over what they thought they were spending. The youths family reached out and thought it was too much an inappropriate for them to accept it. Worked with the buyer and exhibitor to correct the sale price from \$4100 per pen to \$41/pound
 - Let's make it sure that it's clear in the book. Have extra room in the book on our website.
 - Add it into the fair book next to the species name in the fair book (i.e. Poultry – By the Pen)
- Can we weigh Steers in Tuesday Night? Or is there another way to separate steers from pigs.
 - Let's wait until we know more about what the situation will be next year.
- Can we make sure the next livestock area is fully enclosed for safety of public and animals (i.e. fence)?
 - Let's wait until we know more about what the situation will be next year.
- Consider shrink (lost of weight) during transport?
 - Other fairs do it (Crook County)
 - Travel distance or time is set to formulate a shrink percentage
 - It seems like if you know there will be shrink, you need to plan for shrink
 - Issue with shrink is very easy to address with formulas
 - If we move the weights, there will always be animals not making it.
 - If the shrink is impacting prices?
 - It would be hard to calculate shrink with the Fair Entry system.
- Policy – Pen of Animals to single if one animal is disqualified. Can we allow a pen to be broken up?
 - Fair Book currently says a pen is 3 animals.
 - For rabbits, there is a single fryer class and a pen class.
 - They can only change class prior to being judged in any class.
 - Let's take our small animal fair book to a county more knowledgeable and get their input.
- Vet check for small animals.
 - Do we have that happen? Yes
 - Can we make sure the superintendent is present? Yes.
 - Let's make sure they are more thorough and organized.
- Schedule Chicken Bingo with Ag. Station social
 - Make sure it's on the schedule.
- Move another ultrasound species to Friday night so there are fewer to ultrasound on Saturday morning.
 - Have Swine ultrasounds start at 4pm.
 - Have Sheep and Goats go after Swine.
 - Have Joel explain how ultrasound is broken down.
 - Need the formula easy to explain.
 - Questions about how valid the formula is and how to use that information.
- Parent Meeting
 - How can we enforce it?
 - Have a mandatory meeting for parents on Wednesday, must show up to understand rules and consequences.

- If a parent (or proxy) for each exhibitor doesn't attend, kid won't sell.
 - Parents doing tasks for kids, can we add a rule?
 - Shouldn't be cleaning stalls, doing other work.
- More kid accountability in set up, behavior, etc.
 - How can we require kids to be respectful? What are the consequences?
 - If it happens at weigh-in, do we turn them around and send them back? Zero tolerance? – We need to make sure the rules are understood and rules are followed with consequences that are fully enforced.
 - Add into fair book – no passes or second chances.
 - Is there more accountability if the show is a 4H or FFA fair?
 - Kids aren't helping – how can we make them help in order to sell? Earn tickets? Mandatory help on Friday. Sign off in order to sell.
 - If can't make the required work times, talk ahead of time and get another task.
- Set up for auction on Friday night instead of Saturday morning.
 - Let's wait until we know more about what the situation will be next year.
- Send out stall cards before weigh-in, bring to weigh-in – Email out to parents
 - Crystal will make fillable PDFs for both Market and Breeding animals
 - Post on website and email out in advance
- Club sign up for garbage duty?
 - Let's wait until we know more about what the situation will be next year.
- Recycle bins to earn for Pass the Pants
 - Let's wait until we know more about what the situation will be next year.
- Need expectations for public, but also for the venue – re: sanitation
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- Fair Book – Need to do some edits before January
 - Add in “The Judges decision is final”
 - Stockgrower Classes – Have a Heifer and Cow/Calf classes only
 - If the cow dies, that calf would still be in cow/calf classes.
 - Revisit.
 - Description of classes into larger fair book on website
 - Sale book/Fair Book explain how animals will be sold (lb vs pen)
 - Bred & Raised Clarity in expanded fair book – bred & owned by youth, not family
 - Can require paperwork to be uploaded with bred & owned class entries.
 - However, no specific paperwork for commercial animals outside of beef.
 - What do other county's do? Shane will ask Malheur County.
 - Bred & Owned Market Animals marked in sale book (mark with *)
 - Fair Entry can have a link to the expanded fair book on our website.
- Livestock show next year instead of at the fairgrounds if not available?
 - Let's wait until we know more about what the situation will be next year.
 - We need to have a contingency planned, at least a location.
 - What about Bell-A?
 - Andy's hay sheds?
 - How about Crane?
 - John Peila's? Covered area?
 - Across from triangle park in old Babe Ruth fields? (These fields have been cleaned up by the Crowdad's)

- What about on the grass at the fairgrounds?
 - May not have water, etc...
 - We could get tents and a field. Might be our only real option.
 - Also would need generators, lights, bathrooms/wash stations.
- Securing judges sooner vs. later
 - Require max 2 years in a row with 2 year break before they come again
 - Already talked to the Swine judge and he's game.
 - Didn't get much feedback from Tyler or small animal judge, not sure if we want to try to get them again or not.
 - For small animals, Christy will help
- Can breeding animals go home on Saturday to make Sunday smoother?
 - It's nice to eliminate room for errors.
 - Make sure market tags come out if animals stay
 - Allow any animals not going to processor leaves Saturday.
 - Require it?
- Buyer Board Accountability
 - Buyer Board Photographer to improve consistency
 - Get banner up in place and have a few different nights with a photographer pre-fair
 - Kids need to have accountability
 - Just make it the responsibility of the kids, we provide the boards, but it's the kids issue
 - Not good for buyers
 - Hand board to buyers at fair with paperwork
 - Take a photo at auction and mail or hand deliver after the fact
 - Require kids to come to office to pick up check in exchange for the check, must bring a 5x7 landscape photo. We mail out the buyer boards.
 - Seems to be the favored idea
 - Ensures all buyers get boards
 - We can provide them with thank you cards
- Auction – Producers vs. Us
 - Look into a custodial accounts – ask banks
 - Consider in another month
 - What do other counties do?
- Independent Butcher?
- Where should checks go?
 - 4H Extension?
 - Chamber?
 - Reach out to Deanna (Shane/Crystal)
 - TVCC Outreach as a backup
 - People must sign for each check
- Sponsors had lots of issues
 - At the fair as a whole
 - Needs to be fixed, often didn't get items they were promised.