

Teton County Livestock Committee Minutes-May 14, 2009

The Teton County 4-H Livestock Committee met May 14, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the Choteau Library. Those in attendance were Danelle Crary, Nikki Ley, Susan Rice, Brent Roeder, Cody Ulsh, Doug Ulsh, Terry Stephens, Extension Agent Mark Major and Office Assistants Jamie Smith Rhea Brutosky.

Doug Ulsh called the meeting to order.

Terry moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Nikki seconded. Motion passed.

Terry gave the treasurer's report. Assessment income was \$3090.00. Expenses included the Weatherbeater loan payment of \$1180.95 and \$193.32 for quality assurance supplies and a buyers' dinner ad. The current balance is \$6940.96. Nikki moved to approve the treasurer's report. Susan seconded. Motion passed.

It was reported that the Acantha will print 200 sale books for \$129.36. Terry moved to have the Acantha print the 200 sale books. Cody seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

The Capital Improvements committee will look into electricity to the pig barn and rewiring the Weatherbeater after this year's fair.

Announcements:

The Teton County 4-H Ambassadors are Kaylee Briscoe, senior ambassador, and Susan Heuscher, junior ambassador.

Carcass judging will take place July 2, at Crossroads Meats in Shelby. Members are encouraged to attend at 2:30 p.m. The Carcass Event will take place July 13, at the Choteau Courthouse at 6 p.m. Potential presenters are Randy Bodgen on meat judging and Karen who presented last year. In order to receive carcass awards, 4-H members are required to attend at least one of these events.

State 4-H Congress is July 8-11.

Cowboy Action Shooting will take place May 30. A project club with a charter and officers is being considered.

Old Business:

Two petitions were presented. The Leigland family will not be able to attend the 4-H sale and have requested the refund of their market animal assessment fees as they will not be participating in the 4-H Fair. Nikki moved to refund assessments in the amount of \$180 to the Leigland family. Cody seconded. Motion passed. The Don Willekes family was late in getting their fair entries in due to the bad storm and a problem with the US Postal Service. Though they put their entries in the mail well in advance of the deadline, the forms did not arrive at the Extension office for nearly a week and arrived through the mail with no postmark. Terry moved to waive their late fees. Cody seconded. Motion passed.

Rules pertaining to a 4-H members' presence at the 4-H livestock show and sale will be reviewed at the next meeting.

There has been some confusion with the animal forms on the website and due dates. To avoid confusion at the office, the possession deadline for swine and lambs may need to be moved to an earlier date. The late fees may also need to be adjusted. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Shipping of market animals to Crossroads Meats will be done by Brad Hodgskiss. Swine will ship on Sunday, June 28 at 6 p.m. Beef and lambs will ship on Monday, June 29, at 3 p.m.

Judges still needed for the fair include rabbits, poultry, and cats. Mark will contact Jenny Lee and an individual from Great Falls. The rabbit judge can possibly judge poultry.

The schedule for the fair was reviewed.

The Chuckwagon Dinner will be pulled pork with buns done by Grammie B's. They will have enough for 450 to 500 people and will charge \$800. Double Arrow will again donate \$400 for the dinner and the balance will be split between Livestock Committee and 4-H Council.

Doug reported that Western Ranch will again provide the scale for market animal weigh-in.

Superintendents will be Chuck Stephens and Doug Ulsh for beef, Brent Roeder for lambs, Scott Gasvoda for the swine pre-show (setup to weigh-in on Thursday), Nikki Ley for the swine show, and Krista Briscoe for the swine sale (Saturday to shipping on

Sunday). There will be a meeting for the superintendents on June 10th at 4:00pm to discuss job descriptions and ring stewards.

Policy committee interprets policy and will consist of Terry, Danelle, Mark, Nikki, and Susan. The Grievance committee reviews policy and consists of Don Willekes, Doug, Jane, and Colton Stephens.

Terry and Doug are in charge of Round Robin. They will get judges and have three animals of each species to show.

New Business:

Buyers invitations are available to print from the website. There will also be 100 copies available at the Extension office. The Teton Marias Feeder Show is June 6. Mark will have the power turned on at the pig barn for this event. To clarify checking accounts, Terry moved to put the Livestock Committee and their EIN number on the Teton Marias Feeder Show account and become an official sponsored event. The current Extension Agent will be a second signer on the account. Nikki 2nd. Motion passed.

The sale animal designation has been moved to June 1st to avoid fair confusion.

The Flathead band will be playing in the park during the Chuckwagon dinner.

The band members will be allowed to eat at the Chuckwagon dinner. Mark will make a sign for the pavilion during the Chuckwagon dinner welcoming 4-H sale supporters.

Mark has the bleachers reserved and will move them to the Weatherbeater the week of June 8.

Butchering fees have increased since last year. Beef - \$60, Swine - \$50, Lambs—\$40.

Wrapping costs are Beef and Swine - \$0.55/lb, Lambs - \$0.35/lb.

There has been some confusion with tag numbers and species in the past up at Crossroads Meats. To avoid any problems, next year the tags will include a letter with the number such as B for beef, S for swine, and L for lambs.

There was some discussion on ways to transport carcasses from Crossroads Meats to other processors. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The pre-fair meeting will take place June 22 at 6:00pm at the Weatherbeater.

Items to be discussed will include safety, dress code, cleaning, and ethics.

Colton Stephens is holding a beef showmanship clinic at 2:00pm on May 16th. Beef members are encouraged to bring their animals. There will be an excellent fitting clinic at 10:00 am on June 6 at the Teton Marias Feeder Show at the Choteau Weatherbeater.

Be thinking about considerations for the 2010 4-H year. The next meeting is August 13, 2009 at 7:00pm at the Choteau library.

The meeting was adjourned.