

Valley County 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting January 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Carla Tihista at 6 pm in the committee room of the courthouse. People in attendance were Jeff Sather, Kurt Voss, Shelly Mills, Leanne Fontaine, Jodi Dix, Doris Ozark, Carla T, and Christine Remmich. The minutes were read and approved, with correction on the horse rules to read excludes instead of includes hunter hack and costume.

We have payment vouchers so we can pay Linda Lacock and the tent rental.

Jeff S gave a report on beef weigh-in and tagging--all went well.

Shelly M gave a report on Winter Fun Days. She will look into ordering some market animal informational kits to use for next year. Market Animal Quality Assurance certification is Jan 31, 2010 at 3pm.

FAIR

Fair dates are August 8th to 10th. The fair board cut 1 day out of the fair. We will keep the 4-H animal part the same as last year with the livestock sale on Wednesday at the same time.

We will leave the beef tie out time the same as last year. If steers are tied out before 9pm it could go against Herdsman Award.

Doris Ozark representing the fair board stated that we need to fill out event forms so we can let the fair board know when we need bleachers, sound system, etc. Commercial booths will set up on Saturday. We will probably have to move interview judging to a different place.

HORSE

Kids will have to provide their own helmets for the horse show. We will have a meeting to hear people's opinions on some of the rules for the horse show. We will make changes to the fair book AFTER that meeting. The meeting will be set for Feb 11, 2010.

FAIR BOOK

We need to make sure all wording is consistent in the fair book with the State's Age Requirement. For breeding beef and dairy change wording to-- A 4-H member can show a breeding beef animal and dairy animal. This does NOT include Cloverbuds. The beef superintendent can make the final decision if the animal is safe for the member to bring.

Shelly M will look for a judge for an Egg class at the fair.

All changes to the fair book were accepted.

AWARDS AND AWARD SPONSERS

We will order the same type of buckles as last year. Right now we give sheep and swine carcass buckles for 1st place, in beef we give trophies to Grand and Reserve. We will change the beef and give Grand a buckle and do away with the reserve trophy. Jeff S made the motion Kurt V second motion passes.

Jeff S and Carla T will check with sponsors to see if they still want to sponsor their award for this year.

Small animal awards need to come back into Livestock Committee budget out of 4-H Council. Leave the \$500 in for livestock training. 4-H council will pay for judging trips. We will keep paying for wood chips and tent rental. 4-H Council would like us to pay 100% of our chamber dues (from \$45 to \$90). Jodi D made a motion to accept the changes in the budget. Jeff S second motion passes.

It was decided to increase the buyer appreciation food coupons from \$5 to \$6. Jeff S made the motion Jodi D second it. Motion passes.

ANIMAL HARVEST

Jeff S will ask Robert at Pay-n-Save in Saco if he will harvest the market beef again this year. Carla T will ask Neil (Gordon's) if he will harvest the sheep and Kurt V will ask Doug (Treasure Trail) if he will harvest the swine. If Robert and Doug want to make an arraignment for the processing of the beef they can do that amongst themselves.

We will have the same judge (Nico) as last year. Jodi D will find a horse judge. Shelly M will ask about a dog judge and will ask Shirley Seifert to be the cat judge. Herdsman judge will do the same as last year.

Chad Remmich will provide transportation for the beef again this year.

The next meeting will be held in April and will be determined at a later time.

Christine Remmich, Secretary