

Grant County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale Association
5/20/2014

Members present: Craig & Debbie Hintz (Skyline), Doug Larsen (Barnyard Buddies) Todd & Lisa Barth (Champion Drive), Lori Bennett (89ers), Tom Freeman (Royal Ranchers), Jackie Rupard (Barnyard Buddies)

Ag Advisors present: Mike Wallace (Quincy), Terra Smith (Ephrata)

Guests Present: Allen Smith, Jeanie Kiehn (GQ's), Denny Goyne (Mae Valley), Julie Larson (Barnyard Buddies), Jerry Gingrich (Fairgrounds), Kathryn Noyes (Sunrise), Travis Clark (Quincy Rd. K 4H Club)

Minutes: Approved as read

Treasurer's report: **Condemnation Fund** - \$658.84; **Sale Association** - \$85.55; **Sale Fund** -\$7,491.07 – *balance after outstanding checks have been deducted from the balance*; **Receivables due** - \$4,071.73. As per vote at 4/15/14 meeting, the following bills were paid: Cascade Animal Care (Ear tags), \$933.44; Debbie moved, Lisa seconded that the Sale Association purchase new checks. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Beef: No representative present

Dairy: Chris Baginski will be the dairy judge for the fair. Jackie reported that there will be "5 days of Dairy" at the fair, with knowledge quizzes, awards will be given. Showmanship classes will include Pee Wee, Adult and Open Class. There is a Fitting & Showing clinic on June 14, at the Grant County Fairgrounds. There will be a sponsored BBQ & prizes. On June 26, at 9:30, the annual judging workshop will be held at Freemans. There will be a potluck bar be que held, TLC is donating hot dogs and buns, Area 5 leaders will provide the paper goods. Others are asked to bring side dishes to complete the meal. The portable cow will be on display.

Sheep: Weigh & tag day will be June 20, 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Swine: No report - everything good

Goat: No representative present

Carcass: No representative present

Extension: #1 - By Laws. Jeanie K. presented the updated bylaws draft, as compiled by the bylaw committee. Each attendee received a copy to review. Mike W. explained key points & the approval protocol. Once the bylaws are presented at an association meeting, 30 days must pass before they are voted on at a general meeting. We can approve (or not approve) sections of the draft or as a whole. Jeanie said people have asked her who the sheep judge will be for the fair. Haley Hunt will judge sheep. Although Jeanie said she had not received questions about judges for the other species, Lisa gave her their names to her as well. Mark Heitstuman will judge beef, Lisa Baser & Chris Carlson are the swine judges. As stated above, Chris Baginski is the dairy judge.

Fair Mgmt: Jerry reported that they will not mail out premium checks that are under \$5, the exhibitor will have to pick it up in the office. Jerry and Julie L. will discuss alternatives for shavings. Mike W. told Jerry that in all of his years on the sale association, he had never seen the fair manager at our meetings and thanked him for his attendance.

NEW BUSINESS: We will assemble exhibitor info packets at our August meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: 1) Julie L. volunteered to take on the belt buckle organizing, we will contact Mike Harper to let him know. **2)** Todd brought up our loan from the bank, which Craig has been signing. Craig should not have to bear that responsibility alone. Mike, as president elect, said he did not want to sign it and since our association was named the Grant County 4-H & FFA Livestock Association, maybe the fair should provide the coverage. Jerry reminded us that he, the county commissioners, the county treasurer and the county auditor met & had a plan in place to fund the sale with county money to cover the checks, even if all of the purchasers had not yet paid and we had turned it down. It was pointed out that maybe it would have been a good idea to have a sale association representative at the meeting, so that the association would know of the plan before our meeting. It was clarified that the loan is made to the association and requires the president's signature.

Todd moved, Doug seconded to adjourn the meeting. Passed.

Respectively submitted,

Lisa Barth