

Grant County Livestock Committee Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2014

Craig Hintz called the meeting to order at 7:15p.m.

Due to Lisa Barths absence Jackie Rupard will take notes. I apologize in advance an attendance sheet was not done so I did attendance from memory.

Members Present: Craig & Debbie Hintz, Sid Gaertner, Todd Barth, Doug Larsen, Mike Garneau, Jackie Rupard, Dan Lewis.

FFA advisors: Mike Wallace, Scott Mortimer

Guests Present: Jerry Gingrich, Roxie Mortimer, Denny Goynes, Allen Smith, Aaron & Kelly Raap, Carol Garneau, Donna Sandman, Sarah Smith, Shelly Ramsey

No minutes were available from the last meeting

Treasure Report: given by Debbie Hintz:

Sale fund: \$427,975.67 this includes \$50,000.00 loan

Amount Due: \$114,756.37

Outstanding floor buyers: (Bar E, Bart, Paul)

Total Purchases: \$498,827.60

Total Floors: \$103,632.91

Net Purchases: \$395,194.69

Donations: \$58,860.75

Net Due: \$454,055.44

Reports:

WSU Extension Sarah Smith:

Due to multiple errors during load out of swine, a pig ended up on a turn truck that was not supposed to be turned. The owners would like to be "fairly compensated" for their loss. The pig was to be exhibited at the Adams County Fair. Over *much discussion* the Livestock committee will offer \$2.50/lb.

Dan Lewis made the motion to pay for the pig and have Sarah continue to handle the owner and paper work end of things.

Mike Wallace 2nd the motion.

Motion Carried.

Beef Bucks! \$2410 dollars goes out to our Beef exhibitors for Beef Buck Premiums Sarah will need that in \$1.00 bills! Great job Beef Kids!

WSU extension office will be moving to Moses Lake, by the District Court Building.

Fair Office:

Premium Checks should be cut within the week.

Beef:

Dan and Sarah want to Thank Agri-Beef for the Data and Pictures.

Dan Lewis will be retiring his replacement is Nick Cobb.

Dairy:

Had arena issues and PA issues on show day, need to address arena space with Beef and possibly relocate the Dairy show arena to free up wait area for the Beef exhibitors, Also discussed possibly changing show day for Dairy. Dairy had a ribbon and Banner issue with discussion with other species they also had issues. This item was tabled for the next meeting:

Dan Lewis made a motion to make an advisory for awards.

Mike Wallace 2nd the motion.

Mike Wallace made a Motion to amend: This advisory shall also make specie specific list of winners for the awards meeting, organize all ribbons each species, and Round Robin awards shall also be included. Doug and Julie Larsen would like to continue doing the belt buckle awards and would like to be on this advisory. This committee shall work with the fair office also.

2nd by Dan Lewis.

Motion carried.

Swine:

There are just too many pig exhibitors for our current facilities. Need to follow our PQA recommendations at the fair same as our kids do at home. Swine have become larger and require more pen space we need to be able to provide that.

During Load out, we had adults and exhibitors in the barn, became a distraction and liability, Do we need to have a CLOSED Barn on load out? Pigs were opening gates of other pig pens and letting out pigs that were being loaded.

Need to discuss for next year the possibility of no 2nd pig for an exhibitor.

Livestock Committee Office Debbie Hintz:

Need to streamline our data, On Sale day we need 4 computer people to take bidder info and to take money. We need to look into hiring office staff so we have the capability to fire them if need be. If going to keep doing a 2nd pig we need a paperwork fee. Need to handle donations for the death of an animal different, add on's become very time consuming in the office. Also need to look into changing Buyers sheet and Custom sheet into one page.

Due to a computer error that involved an incorrect floor price. Some people were billed incorrectly. Debbie stated @22 people owe around \$261.68 due to the error. Some of those billed have already paid. Do we need to rebill those folks for the small dollar amounts they owe or how should we handle this dollar amount?

Dan Lewis made a motion that if they have paid not to rebill but if we have not received their money to send a note explaining the change of balance due and rebill at the correct floor price.

Mike Wallace 2nd the motion

Motion Carried.

Carcass:

Fair was good.

Need to check with Butchers to see what they want for carcass animals prior to the fair.

Sheep:

Good Fair!

Todd Barth will be resigning, Donna Sandman will be his replacement, and Landra Kosa will be assisting her.

Craig Hintz will also be resigning and Gene Champion will replace Craig.

Sheep ring needs new fans and the Misters need an upgrade.

Also noted the Pavilion needs ventilation repairs.

Llama:

No rep;

Goats:

No rep

New Business:

Livestock checks will be ran on September 30, 2014 Debbie would like to know what commission to deduct from the kids checks.

Round Table discussion was held here is what was said: Last year 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % was used; the premium book states up to 5% may be utilized. Looking ahead into next years' changes and needs: i.e. Computer equipment, printers, tags, hiring out office help, some livestock handling equipment etc.

Mike Wallace made a motion to use 4% Commission to help cover expenses and purchase new office equipment. A letter shall also be sent with the checks explaining the Commission percentage.

Scott Mortimer 2nd motion.

Motion Carried.

These items were discussed but tabled until the next meeting: October 21, 2014

*Condemnation fund needs to be reassessed for values of current livestock.

*Fund for swine that die at the fair.

*How to Handle the increased number of swine, what to do with 2nd pigs? Allow or Not?

*Possibly only 1 Market animal. All opinions shall be heard but only Livestock Committee Members will vote on the Swine Issues.

*Assemble an Awards Advisory Committee

*Discuss new location for Dairy Show arena and PA Systems

*Terri Smith who is the wife of the late Mike Smith who was an electrician and big supporter of FFA would like to Donate a heifer calf, she would work with Jackie Rupard and Margie Lange. The calf would be raised at Ru-Ben Dairy and be a short bred heifer at fair time. The heifer would be sold thru the auction and all moneys made would be donated to the local FFA chapters to fulfill Wish List.

Motion to adjourn 8:23p.m.

Next Livestock Meeting October 21, 2014 7p.m. Huck Fuller Building

Respectfully submitted:

Jackie Rupard