

Grant County Livestock Committee Meeting  
Minutes from 11-18-14

Mike Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Doug Larsen, Sid Gaertner, Mike Garneau, Floyd Lewis, Tom Freeman, Landra Kosa, Mike Wallace, Jerry Gingrich, Brittany Motzkus, Jackie Rupard.

**FFA Advisors:** Scott Mortimer, Jennifer Harris, Tony Kern

**Guests Present:** Jeanie Kiehn (WSU & GQ's), Allen Smith (Desert Wranglers Swine 4-H), Christine Massey (Barnyard Buddies), Scott Wilson (Block 40), Rod Fullet (Triple S Swine), Scott Elliott (Triple S Swine), and Roxie Mortimer (Ag ED).

Minutes from the last meeting were passed around a correction was noted:

Minutes from last meeting stated that Jeanie Kiehn is a member and she is only a guest:

Tom Freeman made a motion to correct that.

Floyd Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion passed.

10-21-14 Minutes stand as corrected

**Treasurers Report:** None given

**Committee Reports:**

**Beef:** Mike Garneau reported they are working on a judge for the fair. Floyd Lewis will be representing Beef as a member of the Grant Co. Cattlemen's association.

**Dairy:** No report

**Sheep:** No Report

**Swine:** No Report

**Goat:** No Report

**Carcass:** No Report

**WSU:** Jeanie Kiehn reported that club enrollments are due DEC 1, 2014.

Super Saturday Jan 24, 2015. Located at Frontier Middle School.

Sarah Smith will also be doing a PQA class. Brittany from the Fair office could possibly be at Super Saturday to go over online entries and changes.

**Fair Office:** Reminder to write letters to the governor in regards to the loss of monies for premium checks. The Fair also has links to both the 4-H and Livestock Committee on their website: Armbands are on sale for \$16 make a great Xmas gift! The fair is sponsoring a "Superintendent School" Mar 7. Haley Hunt the sheep judge thought she was not paid correctly. Her time card was not signed by Lisa Barth or Craig Hintz. After much discussion: Mike Garneau moved that the fairgrounds pay the sheep Judge \$120 she was shorted. Doug Larsen 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed. The Fairgrounds has agreed to reopen their books and pay the \$120.00

The Fair office would like to remind all Superintendents they need to complete the paperwork and how important signatures are.

Exhibitor Guide Changes: Brittany reported she is already making changes in the exhibitor guide and she is looking for a new superintendent list so she will have a current contact list.

**Old Business:**

Mike Wallace discussed our data entry issues: He feels the livestock committee should commit to 4 laptops. The fair office has stated that if the committee utilizes Show-Works they will be able to help with some of their existing laptops.

It was also noted that an I-pad could be used at the scales for weigh in and for judging. Brittaney spoke about running trial class lists, sale lists, etc. thru Show-Works and see how we can tweak them to get what we want.

Jackie Rupard made a motion to allow Brittany to run reports, and report at the next meeting.

Floyd Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion passed

It was also mentioned that a good trial run for Show Works could be the Junior Show.

Mike Wallace wants people to think about who we could hire for data entry, what type of salary or contract \$\$ . Senior project, Big Bend, Or a teacher on summer break. It was mentioned that the Wahluke Computer teacher could have an interest.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mike Wallace has spoken with Dave Thompsen from Clifton-Larsen-Allen Accounting. He has an interest in helping the Committee with our accounting needs at the sale, invoicing, and collecting. Brittany commented that Show-works has accounting features.

**AWARDS:** Christine Massey has volunteered to be the award organizer.

**Buckles:** Doug and Julie Larsen took over that job last year and would like to continue that this year. We were 100% covered for buckles in every species. Thank you to Rod Fullet and Scott Elliot for stepping up and getting sponsors.

Jackie Rupard mentioned that the cover letter that goes with the buckle should have our non-profit # so larger corps have that info. Doug Larsen thinks we should start on sponsorships Jan or Feb next year. It was also discussed bringing back the Reserve Champion buckle? Possibility?

**Round Robin Coordinator:** Looking for someone to Organize, score, get back #'s, talk with the judges, and check with the superintendents on who will show and if they have 2 GC animals what species they are showing so the RGC can be prepared to show.

Discussed the 4-H & FFA awards being changed back to Thur night after Round Robin. This would allow Grandparents and family who are there to watch and see the winners.

**Livestock Committee Officers:**

Jackie Rupard was nominated for Secretary.

Jerry Gingrich moved to elect Jackie as Secretary.

Tom Freeman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Motion passed.

Doug Larsen has volunteered to be President-Elect.

Jerry Gingrich nominated Doug Larsen.

Approved.

Treasure position is currently held by Debbie Hintz, due to her absence this position will be tabled until next meeting.

Jennifer Harris mentioned getting kids involved to make improvements to the swine barns, i.e. water spigots, paint, ventilation. She would head up a committee to get sponsors for equipment and clubs to do the work, it was mentioned that a letter to define the project, use ET. Should go with the request for sponsorship.

The fair office was asked to look into speakers for the barns. The phone and speakers are in the arena and barns but are they still wired??

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jackie Rupard

2014-2015 Members of the Grant County Livestock Committee:

Grant County Fair Representative: Jerry Gingrich  
Brittany Motzkus

**Beef:**

Superintendent: Mike Garneau  
Nick Cobb

Grant County Cattlemen's Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant County Leaders Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Columbia Basin Ag teachers Assoc.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Swine:**

Superintendent: Sid Gaertner  
Doug Larsen

Washington State Pork Producers: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant County Leaders council: \_\_\_\_\_

Columbia Basins AG Teachers Assoc: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sheep:**

Superintendent: Donna Sandman  
Gene Champion

Columbia Basin Sheep Producers: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant County Leaders Council: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dairy:**

Superintendent: Tom Freeman  
Jackie Rupard

Washington State Dairy Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant County Leaders Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Columbia Basin Ag Teachers Assoc.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Goat:**

Superintendent: Lori Bennett  
Columbia Basin Meat Goat Assoc.:

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Grant County Leaders Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Columbia Basin Ag Teachers Assoc.: \_\_\_\_\_

