

Livestock Committee Meeting, March 5th, 2024

In attendance:

Cory Poser, President

Josie Raty

Nick Schultz, Vice President

Paul Maberry

Leslie Long, Secretary

Trevor Gervais

Jared Long, swine superintendent

Casey Willmore, sheep superintendent

Allison Smith

Durann Curry

Chris England

Larry Hagenbuch

Jeremy England

Lexi Wichman, Amanda Gillette, Judi Martin, Johnnie, Mason and Wyatt Schultz (On Line)

Cody Ream

Mike Vanek, Beef Superintendent

Cory called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Minutes: Trevor moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Casey. The motion passed by voice vote.

Finance Report:

As of today, checking: \$19,678.13

Old Business:

1. Backdrop committee- Banner vs. Wood, fair board will pay up to \$1000 for the banner if it says central mt. fair, and made locally. They are still deciding.
2. Sponsorship committee- been visiting about, no decisions made. Chris England thinks there are too many prizes to be earned by kids. Many weighed in on this discussion. For the super award- we need new people to help with this.
3. Photographer- Larry moved to hire Amanda, Nick seconded

New Business:

1. **Motion:** Larry moved to hire Amanda again for the photographer, at a \$2000 fee.

Discussion: \$2000 is a lot to spend, especially if others are worried about spending too much on awards for kids. The cost for this service as just increased so much in two years. Others feel it is worth it to have the pictures available.

Motion was seconded by Nick

Disposition: Motion was passed by voice vote.

2. **Motion:** Larry moved to spend up to \$600 at Brooks Market again, with a similar choice as last year.

Discussion: Leslie will set this up again.

Motion was seconded by Durann

Disposition: Motion was passed by voice vote.

3. **Motion:** Nick moved that Josie Raty be allowed get a new heifer and tag it for fair.

Discussion: Her heifer fell through the ice and she would like to tag a new one for fair.

Motion was seconded by Larry.

Disposition: Motion was passed by voice vote.

4. **Motion:** Nick moved to get rid of cash payouts from livestock committee at fair.

Discussion: Much discussion took place. Leslie: This has only been voted in 2 times, it is not something that needs voted not to do, we were told we had \$45,000 plus and wanted to give some back to kids, those two years it was done. Nick: This is a moral issue, get rid of buckles too. Mike: Loves all the awards the kids get, we shouldn't hold it against kids that are working hard and earning the prizes. Jeremy: Livestock Committee streamlined all kill fees and percent taken from their checks has gone from 5% down to 3%. Families started with awards and buckles and it rolled into 4-h. We were trying to give back to the kids. Nick: We should lower the percents more then. There were only a few kids getting the money and it is not realistic. Jared: We were paying 5 or 6 deep per class, so something like 65% of kids were getting the cash prizes. When we asked kids if they liked cash prizes, they said yes. Cory: You should not punish someone for being successful. Leslie: What about the kids that get their animals bought at the sale for high dollar and don't do much work with them, they are getting a huge reward? More went back and forth, giving too many prizes currently and kids needing a drive to be involved and in the real world you earn for working hard.

Motion was seconded by Chris.

Disposition: Motion was passed by hand raised vote.

Special Items:

1. Pavilion set up- same as last year, as no one had a different proposal to share.
2. Cement for scale- Fair board will donate the cement, but need man power for forms. In May they will let the Extension office know when they are pouring sidewalks. The cement will be poured around the sale barn part.
3. Jordi show pigs would like to use the older green panels for her pig sale. There was discussion if there should be a charge for these, it will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Next meeting is set for: May 6, 2024

Items for next meeting:

Charging for use of panels owned by livestock committee

Prizes

Workers to help with cement.