



October 21, 2024 6:00 PM

YSSS Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance: Mike McLean, Shannon Spraker, Sean Booth, Patty Muhlhauser, Andrew Brinkley, Robert Burnside, Kelly Routt, Elisa Teal, Madison Sotin, Ed Mael

Absent Committee Members: none

Others in Attendance: Elise Burton, Hannah Booth, Blake McLean, Josie Booth, Alexcia Jordan, Jessica McLean, Shanda Masterson, Brian VanKuren, Gina Drayfahl, Megan Hamlin, Amy Greene, April Bradshaw, Nickole Eiter, Joyce Dryden, Shannon Roman, Kiera Burnside, Travis Forsman, Vanessa Brinkley, Leigh Willis, Mary Gronley, Kate Forsman, Amanda Deeds, Dawn Knopp, Linda Cederblom

Call to order at 6:04 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

- Andrew moved to approve September minutes, Patty seconded. Motion passed

Public/Open Comment

- Josie Booth asked if there was a way for exhibitors to be more involved in YSSS shows and give feedback based on her students' questions. Shannon suggested that anyone interested attend the YSSS committee meeting and Mike encouraged interested students to get involved with the junior fair board.
- Sean mentioned that if we are going to talk about rules, he would like to get feedback from the public. He brought up the ADG rule, showmanship and fitting specifically. Nickole Eiter mentioned that she is not in favor of the average daily gain rule and had heard that it was in response to "cheaters". Dawn Knopp shared that she felt the ADG rule is unfair to ask the judges to place a class then tell them that a kid is not eligible to come back to finals. Dawn also mentioned that she felt the showmanship rule was unfair to kids. Kate Forsman brought up that any rules that were in the rule book need to be enforced. Mary Gronley asked about the dress code rule for collared shirts. Chad Booth provided feedback on the fitting rule. He feels that some edits should be made to the rules to make it easier on superintendents to enforce and clearer wording.

Old Business

- 2025 Contracts
 - o Photography - Quote was received for 2 photographers for next year for 6 days for \$4,500, an increase of \$1,500 from prior year.. The quote also includes the design of the banners and all the sale day photography. The committee will still need to provide a hotel room for photographers. There was discussion about charging a photography fee to exhibitors and fair staff will investigate ShoWork capabilities and bring it back to a future meeting to review. Patty moved to accept the 2025 photography contract, Kelly seconded. Motion passed.
 - o Judges - Mike reviewed the updates to the proposed judges contracts which included some limits on the dollar amount allowed for rental car, lodging, etc. Mike asked that all the committee members as well as the public submit names for judge suggestions for 2025. Robert brought up a suggestion for lodging that we provide a stipend for lodging and allow the judges to pick their own preferred hotels, if desired. Robert also asked that committee members get more information on judges. Committee members asked Hannah to set up a Google form to send out to exhibitors soliciting judge names.

New Business

- Pet/Pack/Dairy Showmanship - Mike asked Madi why the pet, pack and dairy goats all showed under the same showmanship class. Pack goats do an obstacle course for quality judging, pets do a poster for quality judging and dairy goats show in their own quality classes. All showmanship shows in the same class. Mike asked Joyce about why this had been this way in the past and Joyce Dryden shared some historical context as to why they showed this way. Dairy goats show differently than pet and pack and it may be a good thing to split dairy goats out from pet and pack. Would like to set up a pet/pack/dairy goat working group with Elisa Teal, Hannah, Joyce Dryden, Megan Hamlin, Shannon Spraker and Mike McLean.



- Pet rabbit, pet poultry and pocket pet shows will also come under the YSSS. Pocket pets are any non-domestic house pets who come in only to show for the day. Pet poultry, family flock and layers also fall under poultry. Family flock is 2 or more birds that come from a single family's farm. Pet poultry is one single bird. Layer is laying hen. Projects do not have to be chicken or turkey, could be any bird species. Pocket pet, pet poultry and pet rabbit work group will be Gina Drayfahl, Megan Hamlin, Leigh Willis, Kelly Routt and Elisa Teal.
- Superintendent applications and requirements were distributed and the committee was asked to provide feedback.
- YSSS exhibitor requirements - 4-H is working on a new process to "vet" the exhibitors who want to join Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H who live outside the county. There was a lot of discussion on this issue.

Subcommittee Reports

- Policy, Rules and Regulations - Ed and Elise reviewed the changes to the rules that were discussed in the subcommittee meeting. There was discussion among committee members and the public present about changes to the rules. The subcommittee will meet again to clarify possible questions and clarifications needed. Kelly asked about the possibility of selling breeding small animals at the Fair and if it was allowed or not. Alexcia mentioned that she has seen a variety of ways this has been handled in the 10 years she has been with the NISF. There were some options discussed and will be reviewed further and added to the rules. Andrew asked that we review the ADG rule. The minimum and maximum weights were reviewed. Andrew feels that the ADG requirement be a contest and not a rule because animal management to meet ADG can be unattainable. Each committee member shared their perspective on the ADG rule. Will be tabled for vote at the November meeting.
- Financial and Sale Review - All checks have gone out. Only one check was returned, but the address was corrected and sent back out.
- Advertising and Marketing - No report
- Animal Wellness and Ethics - No report
- Show Production - Mike asked Madi about the streaming equipment and if we would be able to use it next year. Madi reported that the streaming equipment is owned by Kootenai County 4-H. Alexcia is meeting with Tami and will discuss this issue with her. Gina shared that 4-H will likely still be using the equipment for streaming during the Fair but that personnel had changed who would be heading that up.
- Hospitality - No report
- Processing and Animal Movement - Patty asked about Cain's capacity. Kelly reported that they would take as many animals as they could get.

Adjournment

- Andrew moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM, Patty seconded. Motion passed.
- Next meeting November 18, 6 PM