



November 18, 2024 6:00 PM

YSSS Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance: Andrew Brinkley, Tami Goetz, Elisa Teal, Shannon Spraker, Shannon Roman, Robert Burnside, Josie Booth, Ed Mael, Sean Booth, Patty Muhlhauser

Others in Attendance: Elise Burton, Hannah Booth, Blake McLean, Vanessa Brinkley, Shanda Masterson, Alexcia Jordan, Megan Hamlin, Greg Bennett, Amy Greene, Dawn Knopp, Leigh Willis, Kelly Routt, Travis Forsman, Joyce Dryden, Linda Cederblom, Brian Taylor, April Bradshaw

Call to order at 6:06 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

- Andrew moved to approve the October minutes, Robert seconded. Motion passed.

Public/Open Comment

- Kelly Routt brought up the question of breeding animals being able or not being able to be sold during Fair. Andrew mentioned that it was addressed in the rules and policy subcommittee meeting and is in the report that will be voted on tonight.

Old Business

New Business

- New Committee Members, forms to return, election of officers:
 - Mike asked everyone to go around the table and do introductions including what animals they or their children/grandchild have shown. All committee members introduced themselves.
 - Mike asked all committee members to fill out and return their packet to Hannah including emergency contact information, conflict of interest attestation and code of conduct acknowledgment.
- Election of officers
 - Nominations for president: Sean nominated Andrew Brinkley for president, Robert nominated Mike McLean. Mike was elected president through a written ballot.
 - Nominations for vice president: Ed nominated Sean Booth, Sean nominated Andrew Brinkley, Andrew nominated Robert Burnside, Sean nominated Ed Mael. Sean declined the nomination. Ed declined the nomination. Andrew was elected vice president through a written ballot.
- Small animal workgroup recommendations
 - Rabbit/Poultry: Shannon S. proposed that showmanship for poultry and rabbit market, breeding and pet be combined for showmanship. Elisa reminded everyone that only market animals go to round robin so that may be an issue for poultry and rabbits if a pet or breeding showman wins under one combined show. There was good discussion about the current process and what it may look like going forward.
 - Poultry and rabbit will continue to show in 2 different shows for showmanship, market and exhibition. Pet projects only have optional showmanship and if they show, they will be included in the traditionally 4-H round robin. Breeding rabbits will be included in the exhibition for showmanship.
 - Round robins going forward will now be called market and non-market.
 - Pet, pack and dairy goats and dairy cattle: Hannah reviewed the recommendations from the workgroup for pet, pack and dairy goats. There was good discussion about current and future processes.
 - Top 3 in each division will get banners, overall grand and reserve will get buckles and banners unless sponsorships are secured by March 1.
 - One dairy goat showman and one pet/pack showman will go to non-market round robin. Dairy cattle will go to non-market round robin.
 - Pocket pet: animals come in and leave the same day so this program will fall under the Fair programming rather than YSSS.



- The champion has traditionally received a 4-H buckle. The Fair will handle the pocket pet awards for this program and it will be open to independent exhibitors.
- Pocket pet showmanship champion will be entered in the non-market round robin.
- Judge process: The judge selection process was discussed, specifically about judges who may be returning for second years and judges who may change species.
 - The committee consensus was to leave the judge selection process as it is. Judges returning or coming back for a different species can be approved through a google form sent by the fair office to the committee to keep the process secret.
 - The committee also agreed that a judge can come back in sequential years if they switch species and don't have to have a 2 year off period.
- Non-Kootenai Born division title: For lambs, goats and beef we need to clarify wording for non-Kootenai and non-Farm Born animals. There was good discussion about what is done at other shows.
 - Brian Taylor had clarifying questions about if an exhibitor could choose to enter the market division even if they were Kootenai/Shoshone or Farm Born. It was confirmed that exhibitors have the choice of which division to enter as long as they qualify (for Kootenai/Shoshone or Farm Born)
 - The committee agreed that this division will be called "Market" going forward.
- Tags: This was addressed in the Policy, Rules and Regulations subcommittee and will be discussed in the subcommittee report.
- Review 2025 dates: Hannah asked that the committee review the dates included in the packet and mark their calendars. Elise asked that superintendents connect with Greg if any projects are needed for their barns, the sooner the better. Hannah highlighted the ShoWorks help sessions scheduled and asked 4-H leaders present to help spread the word. Elise reminded everyone that 4-H static exhibits must be registered for Fair in order to receive premium money.
- Blake asked about potentially moving the livestock judging contest to earlier in the week to encourage more participation. There was discussion about the pros and cons of different times this could be offered and the consensus was that Sunday is not the best time since many exhibitors and parents are tired and "checked out", especially so early in the morning.
 - Fair staff will look at the calendar and present options at the December meeting

Subcommittee Reports

- Policy, Rules and Regulations -
 - Mike reviewed the minor/wording recommended by the subcommittee when they met.
 - Committee agreed to no private treaty advertisement for non-market animals. Market animal advertising may only be done on approved YSSS signs after the market sale concludes.
 - Need to add that rabbits need an 8 week age requirement. Will discuss this wording further and distribute recommendations via email for the committee to review.
 - Patty moved that the minor/wording changes be approved as amended. Andrew seconded. Motion passed.
 - Mike reviewed the rule changes recommended by the subcommittee.
 - Clarifying wording is needed for tagging at initial weigh in. Exhibitors may choose to not have their animals tagged at initial weigh in, but they would then be responsible for attaching their tag before final weigh in.
 - ADG changes proposed per Sean's recommendation based on beef industry standard.
 - There was significant discussion about ADG, how numbers are calculated and what the intent of the ADG rule is.
 - Sean moved to amend hog ADG to 1.1 lbs and goat ADG to 0.15 lbs, Shannon Spraker seconded. Motion passed.
 - Clarification was requested on the terminal verbiage and it was confirmed that all market classes will now be truly terminal, including females entered in market classes.
 - There was a question about processors who have historically not been a "destination" and whether take outs would be an option for them. Mike confirmed that they would need to be set up as an official destination to be able to take animals from our sale.



- Change wording that animals must be fit in “A” designated area, not “THEIR” designated area as sometimes exhibitors will fit in different areas. It was confirmed that the intent of the rule is to be only in approved areas and not interrupt power, traffic flow, etc in non livestock areas.
- Will amend the showmanship rules to be inclusive of the decisions made for pet/pack/dairy and small animals.
- Andrew moved to approve the rule changes as amended. Shannon Roman seconded. Motion passed.

- Financial and Sale Review - No report
- Advertising and Marketing - No report
- Animal Wellness and Ethics - No report
- Show Production - No report
- Hospitality - No report
- Processing and Animal Movement - No report

Adjournment

- Patty moved to adjourn at 8:22 PM. Andrew seconded. Motion carried.
- Next meeting December 16, 6 PM.