



June 17, 2024 6:00 PM

YSSS Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Absent Committee Members: Robert Burnside

Others in Attendance: Elise Burton, Vanessa Brinkley, Mary Gronley, Gina Drayfahl, Brian VanKeuren, April Bradshaw, Blake McLean, Hannah Booth, TaShawn Lovett, Jessica McLean, Dawn Knopp

Call to order at 6:03 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of May Meeting Minutes

- Shannon moved to approve minutes as amended, Kelly seconded. Motion carried.

Public/Open Comment

- Mary Gronley asked that next year we ask active or suspected fungus cases weigh in last for sheep and goats. Committee agreed that would be an easy fix and will plan to do so next year.
- Ed Mael asked if any tags had fallen out yet. Sean said he had heard that one pig tag had fallen out. No lost tag information has been uploaded to the website.

Old Business

- Goat barn - new panels will be here mid-July at the latest. Still on track for the project to be complete before Fair.
- Awards update - everything has been ordered or is in the design process. Fair staff are confident that everything will arrive well before the Fair.
- Sponsors - Fair staff will provide a sponsorship menu with options to the committee to help find additional donors. Discussed moving our legacy pen donors to a banner rather than on the white signs in the Jacklin building ring.
- Small animal supers and judges - still on the hunt for a rabbit judge. Sponsorships would help make more options possible. Committee was asked to connect all potential sponsors with Shanda to ensure we're not approaching people more than once.
- Exhibitor camping superintendent - no additional needs from committee for camping superintendent above enforcing the rules. Fair staff will work on contracting.
- Judge announcements - all announced on Facebook last week. Will announce small animal judges once they are finalized.

New Business

- Superintendent/barn manager/livestock manager duties - Mike clarified that there will be superintendents and 2 livestock managers (1 for large animal species and 1 for small animal species). Fair staff will make appropriate changes to superintendent contracts to ensure all tasks are addressed.
- Weigh-in update
 - Primary Market animals: 155 hogs, 44 cattle, 52 sheep, 34 goats
 - Swine weigh in moved smoothly. Would like to continue to schedule appointments for future years as it prevented anyone from having to wait.
 - Would like to ensure that we ask suspected fungus animals weigh in last. It was also discussed that we could move to scheduled appointments for lambs and goats as it helped the swine process go much more smoothly.
- YQCA and Vet Talk - scheduled for Wednesday, 4-H will send out additional reminders as this is the only training they will be offering
- Committee meeting with Dr. Christensen - reminded all committee members to meet Wednesday at 4pm if possible
- 4-H rule change for open class -4-H exhibitor's animals are now allowed to be entered in open class and YSSS. Animals will be moved from the barns for turnover night while the barns are sprayed.
- Livestock office - Same location as last year. All livestock staff will move there and will centralize all livestock activities there (packet pickup, class lists, questions, etc)



Superintendent Reports

- Poultry - No report
- Rabbit - No report
- Lamb - No report
- Swine - No report
- Goat - No report
- Beef - Need new c-clamps for beef panels. Blake will follow up with Greg. Patty asked about backdrop sizes. Hannah asked for clarification on Kootenai/Shoshone class minimum numbers. Patty suggested that we maintain the classes even with the smaller size classes to promote future growth of these classes. Fair staff will send an email to all registered exhibitors to clarify what the new classes are and ask them to confirm their choice.

Subcommittee Reports

- Policy, Rules and Regulations - no report
- Financial and Sale Review - no report
- Advertising and Marketing - no report
- Animal Wellness and Ethics - Vet Talk coming up this week as well as the committee meeting.
- Show Production - Mauri Knott has tentatively agreed to help us run the Remind app during the Fair. TaShawn Lovett will help to ensure the shows run smoothly along with several others. Music for the beef show was discussed.
- Hospitality - Patty spoke with Super 1 about lunches and it was decided we needed approximately 350 since we had such a large surplus last year. Hannah will help coordinate with Terra for coffee and breakfast. Will use the same setup for the hospitality tent as last year.
- Processing and Animal Movement - July 1 at 6pm Country Meats and Mountain View Meats will be coming for a meeting. Please invite any other processors. Will help coordinate dates for drop off and how many they will take for processing. Hardy Boys is mostly full and may have room for a few swine. Mike will reach out to C&L Meats from Moscow to invite them to the meeting as well as the small animal processor.

Adjournment

- Andrew moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM, Patty seconded. Motion passed.
- Next meeting July 15, 6pm