



September 16, 2024 6:00 PM

YSSS Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Absent Committee Members: Robert Burnside

Others in Attendance: Elise Burton, Hannah Booth, Blake McLean, Tami Geotz, Brian VanKuren, Gina Drayfahl, Dawn Jennings, Vanessa Brinkley, Alexcia Jordan, Katie Forsman, Amanda Deeds, Dawn Knopp

Call to order at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of July Meeting Minutes

- Patty moved to approve July minutes, Kelly seconded.

Public/Open Comment

- Mike offered a comment form for those present to submit feedback if they didn't want to publicly provide it
- Elisa mentioned that wooden self feeders in the pig barn are not great and we would like to no longer use them, if possible.
- Amy brought up that we need some further action for exhibitors who do not clean their pens after warnings, superintendent warnings, etc. The committee will work on updating the rules to include a fine after warnings.
- Ed would like to have specific barn meetings after the all-exhibitor meeting rather than one big meeting.
- Amy asked Madison how to get contact information for exhibitors and parents. The Fair can ask that they provide name and contact phone number on the back of stall cards and require contact information in ShoWorks for next year which should help.
- Patty asked how we could encourage participation in the judging contest. Some ideas were discussed including a prize.

Old Business

- Sale Numbers - numbers were distributed in meeting packets. Hannah clarified that the summary sheet includes all animals who got add-ons, not just those who sold through the sale. The per pound prices for only animals sold was also distributed.
- Animal Haul Out - would like additional help for loading out animals throughout the week for those hauling to processors. All processors were happy with the timeline of all animals being delivered and harvested as well as the sale process. Processors felt that the animals were well hydrated when they arrived.
- 2024 Fair Recap - supers reviewed areas for improvement as well as successes in the pre-meeting review. Mike again asked for feedback via comment forms from anyone wanting to share.

New Business

- 2025 Contracts
 - Photographers - Hannah asked if we could hire an additional photographer for next year. Hannah will reach out to get an estimate for two photographers for next year.
 - Remind - Hannah will ask Mauri for next year
 - ShoWorks - Would like to bring both Randy and Vanessa back for ShoWorks input and sale support.
- Judges 2025
 - Budget - Mike asked the committee to think about where we may be able to save going forward with judge expenses. Might want to look at one judge doing 2 species. Mike also brought up that small animal judges should go through the same selection process as large animal species.
- All livestock species under the YSSS umbrella including youth producers
 - Madison explained further details about the youth producers bringing their meat through the sale. Hannah clarified the idea of moving all the shows under the umbrella of YSSS.
- Alexcia Jordan brought up a concern about clerks scribing results for the judges and potential conflict of interests. Alexcia shared that there had been actual issues this year with static exhibits.



Superintendent Reports

- Poultry - Need new flooring
- Rabbit - Need new flooring
- Lamb - Need some alternative to carabiners for keeping pens closed
- Swine - no additional report
- Goat - Need a solution for pens that do not get cleaned after Fair and exhibitors are no longer available.
- Beef - Need to schedule help after Fair for feeding and cleaning next year. Patty wanted to especially thank Marissa Drayfahl for stepping up for this year.

Subcommittee Reports

- Policy, Rules and Regulations - Ed will bring some ideas to the next meeting
- Financial and Sale Review - Shannon reported only a few buyers still have a balance to be collected. There are a couple independent exhibitors who have not yet turned in their reports but this will not delay checks for other exhibitors.
- Advertising and Marketing - No report
- Animal Wellness and Ethics - One incorrect animal was tested for goats (random was #6 instead of #7). All USDA tests and drug tests are complete.
- Show Production - Lonnie and TaShawn did a great job with the show production, Mike Harrel did a great job with the streaming. Lots of compliments from the judges on the show production and organization and will strive to have the same staffing for next year. Would also like to explore the possibility of having hired clerks, ring stewards, ribbon people, etc for next year.
- Hospitality - thanks to Terra Coffee for their donation of breakfast and coffees. Super 1 did 325 lunches this year and we still had extras.
- Processing and Animal Movement - Although it was difficult for some the week after the show, processors were happy with the Fair, delivery schedule and delivery. James from Vandal Meats is willing to take animals next year and is another option for a USDA processor.

Adjournment

- Patty moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM, Kelly seconded. Motion passed.
- Next meeting October 21, 6 PM