



November 20, 2023 6:00 PM

YSSS Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance: Shannon Spraker, Elise Burton, Patty Muhlhauser, Kelly Routt, Sean Booth, Mike McLean, Elisa Teal, Ed Mael, Laura Kelley, Madison Sotin

Absent Committee Members: Karen Smith, Laurin Scarcello

Others in Attendance: Dawn Knopp, Mary Gronley, Jessica McLean, Linda Cederblom, Hannah Booth, Chad Booth, Amy Greene, April Bradshaw, Josie Booth

Fair Staff in Attendance: Michaela Woempner

Call to order at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

- Tabled for next month - copies not in packets

Public/Open Comment

- No comments

Old Business

- Beef classes
 - Would like to add Kootenai County born class and Farm born class for next year with a minimum of 5 animals per class
 - Cattle barn will help to come up with some verbiage for the new classes and send to Michaela for publication
- Independent exhibitor - financial record keeping requirement
 - Example provided and asked committee to review and provide feedback by next meeting
- Committee member personal code of conduct
 - Did not have a policy for last year but need to look more closely at this for 2024. Will require all superintendents, barn managers and committee members to sign and agree to the policy annually.
 - Mike reviewed highlights of the code of conduct
 - Elise asked that any edits or additions be emailed to her and she will bring back to January meeting along with Conflict of Interest policy for signature by all committee members
 - Further discussion of committee member conduct for 2023 was moved to the end of the meeting when the public will not be present

New Business

- Barn manager and superintendent requirements and expectations
 - Mike would like to see additional hour requirements added
 - Committee members were asked to review the current job descriptions and provide feedback
- Showmanship policy
 - Read the showmanship proposed policy
 - Added that the exhibitor exhibiting someone else's animal cannot qualify for the final drive for Showmanship



- Need to have clear verbiage about what final drive is vs. what the age group championship is
- Need to add that the exhibitor must agree to have their animal used
- Will bring back to policy committee for further development
- Progress class evaluation criteria and progress vs market readiness
 - Mike discussed the feedback he got from RMAF convention re: progress vs market
 - Will not change our “no sale” progress class rules for 2023
- Awards
 - Will decide on final classes by December 1
 - Aiming to have all awards ordered by January 1 and will ask any sponsors to reimburse the Fair so all awards are similar and on theme
- Tags
 - Asked the committee for feedback on what type of tags to order for each species
 - Committee agreed that hang tags are the best way to go
 - Committee asked that appropriate sized tags be purchased for goats/lamb/swine (not cattle sized)
- Show/sale staff for 2024
 - Would like to have a dedicated person for show coordination for things like lights, music, etc
 - Will hire ShoWorks representatives for sale
 - Will hire someone to be specifically dedicated to inputting results and providing reports to superintendents and barn managers
- Judges
 - Asked that committee members submit names to Michaela and she will compile and distribute
- 2024 weigh-in dates
 - Weigh in dates were decided
 - Will post save the dates on social media

Barn Manager Reports

- Poultry - Banding for poultry will be 8/7/24
- Rabbit - Tattooing for market rabbits will be the middle of July - exact date to come
- Lamb - No report
- Swine - No report
- Goat - No report
- Beef - Mike will request needed supplies from Greg for adding some type of barrier behind steers

Subcommittee Reports

- Policy, Rules and Regulations
 - Animal age requirements - Not an issue with our current ADG requirement
 - Weight/ADG updates - No updates needed
 - Hypodermic needles - would like to institute a ban per the vet’s recommendation
 - Committee agreed that this is appropriate and will be added to the rules
- Financial and Sale Review
 - Met before meeting and worked on budget
 - Still a couple buyers that need to be collected but they are fairly small dollars
 - All checks are out
- Advertising and Marketing - no report
- Animal Wellness and Ethics
 - Dr. Christensen spoke at the RMAF conference and the feedback from other fairs was great
- Hospitality
 - No report
- Processing and Animal Movement
 - Will have a kick off meeting with processors in January or February to get them engaged
 - Patty suggested that clubs or volunteers be engaged to take care of animals the week after fair, specifically the hogs



Adjournment

- Next meeting December 18, 6pm
- Patty moved to adjourn public meeting at 7:39, Shannon second. Motion carried.