



December 18, 2023 6:00 PM

YSSS Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance: Elisa Teal, Mike McLean, Patty Muhlhauser, Ed Mael, Madison Sotin, Kelly Roult

Absent Committee Members: Laura Kelley, Sean Booth

Others in Attendance: Elise Burton, Mary Gronley, Vanessa Brinkley, Andrew Brinkley, April Bradshaw, Chad Booth, Josie Booth

Call to order at 6:01 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of October and November Meeting Minutes

- Shannon moved to approve minutes for October and November meetings. Kelly seconded. Motion carried.

Public/Open Comment

- Chad Booth had a question about new proposed rules on animal ages. Ed clarified that there are some species that may have issues where others do not. Chad added that it is difficult to prove and uphold rules related to animal age because it's difficult to determine age accurately. Chad felt that the proposed animal age rule would limit exhibitors and their choice of animals. Mike asked for clarification on goat and lamb ages and when the carcass quality is best. There was good discussion about the age requirements of animals.
- Andrew Brinkley asked if the animal age requirement was in addition to ADG or in lieu of. Mike confirmed that no rule has been changed yet but the proposed rule was in addition to the ADG requirement.
- Patty shared that she felt it is very important to have quality meat for the sale buyers and that's the root of the conversation on animal age requirements.

Old Business

- Kootenai/Shoshone county born beef class - These will all be market ONLY classes.
 - Patty would like to add farm-born/raised
 - Good discussion about scrapies tags and brand documentation.
 - For the 2024 Fair, the committee would like to add Kootenai-born for cattle, goats and lambs. Will also add a class for farm-born cattle (born and raised on the farm where the exhibitor lives as proved by brand documentation).
- Superintendent, barn manager requirements during Fair week
 - Would like to require superintendents or their designee to be on site during open barn hours. After hours must be available within 20 minutes to respond to issues
 - Superintendent attendance will also be required at:
 - Initial and final weigh in
 - Load out sorting
 - All shows - quality and showmanship
- Show coordinator position(s)
 - Lonnie and TaShawn are interested. Will meet with them to go over expectation and ensure they have what they need
- Results/data input position
 - Will approach Vanessa about doing this
 - YSSS were asked for volunteers to attend ShoWorks training in Cody, WY the first week of April. Elisa and Kelly expressed some interest. Chad Booth may also be interested.



New Business

- Rule changes
 - There was more discussion about animal age requirements
 - The committee agreed that since this is not a current issue, it will continue to monitor going forward and not put a new rule into place for 2024.
 - Needle Ban: Committee suggested that we talk with the committee and confer with the attorney - what should the wording be for needles. There was good discussion about wording - any needle that can puncture the skin of an animal.
- Committee application process
 - Discussed that there are 2 current openings on the committee. Will post applications on the website and Facebook this week.
- Superintendent/barn manager application process
 - Same as above - only superintendent not returning for 2024 is Sheep. Will still accept applications for any species
 - Discussed that the Sheep barn should have 2-3 superintendents.
- Judge selection
 - Species groups
 - Will revisit after new YSSS members are appointed.
- 2024 weigh in dates
 - Cattle: Sunday, 4/7/24
 - Swine: Saturday, 5/18/24
 - Lamb/Goat: Sunday, 6/9/24
 - Poultry banding: Wednesday, 8/7/24
 - Rabbit tattooing: Sunday 7/7/24
- Fair Board holiday party reminder - All committee member welcome 12/19 at 5pm in Building 2

Barn Manager Reports

- Poultry - No report
- Rabbit - No report
- Lamb - No report
- Swine - Wash rack project still under development
- Goat - No report
- Beef - No report

Subcommittee Reports

- Policy, Rules and Regulations
 - Small changes to sale agreement to extend check deadline to 30 days following payment
- Financial and Sale Review
 - Process for reimbursement to Fair for expenses - Shannon would like a monthly invoice
- Advertising and Marketing
 - Facebook post will be going up for committee and superintendent applications
- Animal Wellness and Ethics - no report
- Hospitality - no report
- Processing and Animal Movement
 - Will bring everyone together in February to start conversations for 2024 Fair.
 - Patty suggested working with Hardy Boys more closely as she has had good experiences with them.

Adjournment

- Patty moved to adjourn, Shannon seconded
- Next meeting January 15, 2024 at 6pm