



February 20, 2023 6:00 PM

Fair Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mike McLean, Jessica McLean, Shanda Masterson, Sean Booth, Patty Muhlhauser, Andrew Brinkley, Glenn Sailors, Chad Booth, Hannah Booth, Travis Forsman, Josie Booth, Jake Davila, Shannon Spraker, Fred Scheffelmaier, Elise Burton, Kelly Routt, Laura Kelly, Karen Smith, Michael Smith

February meeting minutes recorded by Elise Burton

Call to order at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike

Minutes

- Mike asked everyone to review January minutes for any errors or omissions.

Old Business

- Judge selection process update
- Mike explained that enough judge names were provided by the committee to make a selection for each species. As was originally decided at the December meeting, judge information will not be announced until the final initial weigh in is complete (June 11)
- Suggestion was made that there be a subcommittee for judge selection and there was discussion about who should be included in the committee and what the selection process should be.
- Several factors related to judging were discussed including: judging as a terminal show, meat quality and cost

New Business

- Feedback from Q&A Session
- Good feedback from a number of parents
- Clarified that while grand and reserve champions must be butchered as a USDA facility, any processor can cut and wrap the meat (at the buyer's expense)
- After further discussion, it was determined that exhibitors will not be able to choose their breed class for swine as was stated at the meeting. Sean will reach out to the parent who had the question to clarify.
- Committee Membership
- Jake Davila is now an employee of the Fairgrounds and is no longer eligible to serve on the YSSS Committee, per the bylaws. Ed Mael has agreed to replace Jake on the committee and as the chair of the policy sub-committee.
- Policy Review
- Copies of current draft policies were distributed to the committee for review and feedback. The conflict of interest policy needs to be completed first so it can be posted on the website. Elise asked all committee members to review and provide feedback by Friday, 2/24. It will then be forwarded to the Fair Board attorney for review.
- There was some discussion about the "feeder" or "prospect" class definition and naming. It was decided that all no sale and underweight animals will be put into a Progress class for showing. Fair staff will update the rules posted online to reflect the change.
- Karen brought up concerns about the lack of rules regarding use of muzzles and/or halters for showing lambs. There was discussion and it was decided that this issue would be monitored for the 2023 year and will be addressed in 2024 rules if there is an issue.
- Calendar
- The Fair week calendar is finalized and has been published on the website. Entries are actively being worked on and will be open no later than 3/30.



Barn Manager Reports

Swine

- Much discussion about how protests on breed class will be handled. Swine will be classified as they cross the scale by Sean, Chad and Travis. Travis had contacted a third party individual who will be present and will be the final say for any protests of class.

Goat

- No report

Sheep

- No report. Karen has ideas of new classes that may be used for next year

Beef

- Initial weigh in is April 2. Scales need to be certified before initial weigh in.
- Exhibitors must be registered for the Fair before initial weigh in. Beef leaders will work to get the word out to all exhibitors

Poultry

- Poultry judge will likely be someone local

Rabbit

- ARPA judge more likely to find in this area for rabbits

Subcommittee Reports

Policy

- Committee is actively working on policy development
- Elliot Taub has agreed to join this subcommittee

Finance

- ShoWorks was selected as the software to be used for the sale and online auction streaming.
- Fair staff are working with ShoWorks to sign contract and get all details for needed equipment, training, setup, etc

Advertising

- It was suggested that an email be sent to last year's buyers introducing the new committee and announcing the date of this year's sale
- Patty will work on getting an email put together and forward to fair staff for review and distribution

Wellness

- Shannon spoke to a vet from the University of Idaho who is very experienced in shows and drug testing. She would also bring student vets and is willing to be onsite all week. Fair staff will work to get information and contract her.
- Ed reminded everyone that after 6/11/23, owners cannot buy antibiotics over the counter any longer. Any antibiotics listed on animal husbandry declarations will need to be signed off by a vet.

Hospitality

- Deanna Taub and Amy Ballance met and discussed initial ideas for sale day.
- Glenn Sailor offered his FFA chapter to cook lunch with their equipment for buyers on sale day.

Processing and Animal Movement

- Mike is working to set up a meeting where all local processors can come together and discuss capacity for animals from this year's sale
- Animals will be able to stay on the fairgrounds after fair which may help with carcass quality
- If we can get processors committed early, hopeful that exhibitors will not need to secure their own processing dates
- Need to ensure we have secured spots for all grand and reserve champions at a USDA facility
- Fred said to keep in mind that steers need to be fed for 7-10 days in his experience before slaughter to ensure best quality

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm