



April 15, 2024 6:00 PM

YSSS Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance: Mike McLean, Andrew Brinkley, Madison Sotin, Elisa Teal, Kelly Routt, Ed Mael

Absent Committee Members: Patty Muhlhauser, Shannon Spraker, Robert Burnside

Others in Attendance: Michaela Woempner, Elise Burton, Brian VanKeuren, Mary Gronley, Amy Greene, Dawn Knopp, Nickole Eiter, April Bradshaw

Call to order at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

- Kelly moved to approve March minutes, Elisa seconded. Motion passed

Public/Open Comment

- Amy Greene has concerns about new panels in the goat barn and ensuring that breeding stock are not able to get nose to nose contact. Andrew explained the tentative plan to retain some of the wood from the old pens to be able to separate animals as needed.
- Dawn Knopp had a comment about the grand and reserve process. Dawn also had questions about the 1099 process as her CPA felt that the proceeds from an auction should not be taxable as income. Elise will follow up with Shannon and get information to Dawn.

Old Business

- Judge selection update - all 4 large species judges have been contracted and will be announced via social media on June 10
- Superintendent contracts - asked that any supers who had not returned their contracts to do so.
- Hog wash project - new french drain has been installed with a large drain cover. New racks will be going in this week and dry well will be vacuumed out.
- Goat barn work day - new panels will be ordered for the East side of the goat barn. Will need to coordinate timing for a work day carefully as we will need crushed asphalt from the airport to be spread before putting new panels in. Greg and Shanda will coordinate with goat supers.
- Awards - buckles have been ordered and banners are still with the designer. All exhibitors will have awards at Fair
- Scales - Mike shared the scale update with the committee and asked if anyone remembered history on where and when current scales were purchased. Per Sean's recollection, the pig scale was purchased 5 or 6 years ago from the Denver National livestock show. Sean is going to look into any records he may have.
- Small animal superintendents and judges - still working on selections. 4-H poultry and rabbit superintendents have been secured. Still need a poultry superintendent. Rabbit judge has confirmed.
- Social media video ideas - Asked the committee for recommendations for videos to be made. Suggestions included looking over goats/lambs for skin issues, entry help, YQCA/vet talk reminder
- Senior spotlight - committee was supportive of going forward with senior spotlight for this year. 4-H and FFA will help get the word out to seniors. Elise will email links to Madison and FFA advisors to distribute to seniors.

New Business

- Swine weigh-in planning - Sean will work on gathering volunteers and the committee can fill in via email
- Tags - Patty was approached with a question about tags being removed and put back in before Fair. Will enable the form from prior year for anyone who would like to willingly remove tags. Asked that anyone opting to remove tags submit a picture of the animal with tags before removal. Also need to add to the website that if the exhibitor willingly removes tags and there is a question about identity, the exhibitor will be responsible for the DNA testing cost. Michaela will add verbiage to the lost tag form from last year and enable it on the website. The consensus was that this should not be a problem for other species as long as goat/lamb tags are placed in the ear opposite the scrapies tags



- Livestock show staffing and “flow” - asked that superintendents start thinking about show staffing for traffic direction and paper results
- Buyer “Save the Date” email/postcard - good committee discussion about whether the cost of sending the postcard via USPS was worth it. The committee agreed that sending the “Save the Date” via email was the preferred option.
- Adding entry help workshop after Vet Talk - Mike brought up that those likely to attend YQCA and Vet Talk are likely already engaged exhibitors and registered. The committee agreed that an additional session would not be beneficial.
- Turn buyers - Mike briefly reviewed the turn buyer process for the committee and others present. Asked that anyone who hears of interest parties please send them to Shannon.
- Exhibitor camping superintendents - Fair staff will pursue an exhibitor camping superintendent to help regulate behavior in camper village and document issues.

Barn Manager Reports

- Poultry - No report
- Rabbit - No report
- Lamb - No report
- Swine - No report
- Goat - No report
- Beef - Ed reviewed beef weigh in. Tagged 52 heads including 8 alternates.

Subcommittee Reports

- Policy, Rules and Regulations - will need to address tags and exhibitors leaving early
- Financial and Sale Review - no report
- Advertising and Marketing - will go forward with email to buyers rather than sending postcard
- Animal Wellness and Ethics - Andrew is going to work with Dr. Christensen on a handout of some kind for lamb and goat exhibitors that can be distributed at initial weigh in
- Show Production - still need to schedule something to get this committee together. Sean asked about Lovett's contract (distributed via email). Good discussion about how the cattle show finals could be “spiced up” some.
- Hospitality - Terre has donated coffee and breakfast for sale day. Committee will still need to arrange for lunch
- Processing and Animal Movement - looking at scheduling in May due to butcher conferences/meetings being attended by Mountain View and Country Meats. C&L would like to come back to the auction and wanted all to know that they put steers out on pasture before harvesting. Will also invite Hardy Boys to the processors meeting.

Adjournment

- Andrew moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43, Kelly seconded. Motion passed.
- Next meeting May 20, 6pm