



**April 14, 2023 6:00 PM**

**YSSS Committee Meeting Minutes**

Committee Members in Attendance: Teresa Balderrama, Kelly Routt, Patty Muhlhauser, Elise Burton, Elisa Teal, Mike McLean, Ed Mael, Karen Smith, Shannon Spraker, Sean Booth

Others in Attendance: Elliot Taub, Deanna Taub, Dr. Lauren Christensen, Maddi Andres, Jessica McLean

Fair Staff in Attendance: Shanda Masterson, Michaela Woempner

Meeting minutes recorded by Elise Burton

**Call to order at 6:11 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Mike McLean

**Minutes**

- Shannon asked to correct the spelling of Dr. Dawn Knopp's name in the March minutes.
- Kelly moved to approve minutes as corrected, Shannon seconded, motion carried

**Public/Open Comment**

- Michaela introduced Maddi Andres as the junior fair board representative. Maddi introduced herself to the committee.

**Old Business**

- Judge selection process update
  - o 3 of 4 large animal contracts have been returned. Lodging has been confirmed. The 4th judge has confirmed but not yet returned their contract.
- Beef Weigh In
  - o Mike reviewed the beef weigh in.
  - o There was good representation from state brand inspectors.
  - o We averaged 3 ½ minutes per animal - good overall time since we added DNA sampling this year
  - o Brand inspectors would like trip permits and brand inspection paperwork for final weigh in. Mike will deliver blank booklets to the fair office and extension so exhibitors can get them in advance. Mike has sent pictures of the required documents to Michaela and they have been posted on the website

**New Business**

- "Save the Date" email
  - o The committee suggested some minor wording changes
  - o After those edits, can send out to past registered buyers
- Clarification of YSSS Policies/Market Champions Process
  - o Mike feels that we are working against misinformation being spread in the community
  - o Per our rules, the Grand and Reserve champions must be slaughtered at a USDA facility but can be moved to another processor to process animals
  - o Mike brought up the idea of the committee paying for the transport costs of the animal from the USDA facility to the buyer's choice of processor
    - Kelly thought it was a good idea but asked that we have some limitations on where the processor can be geographically located for the transfer to be covered by the committee
    - Patty would like to have confirmation that we have a USDA processor committed for the Grand and Reserve champions
    - Sean brought up the possibility of Grand and Reserve champions being purchased as floor animals - the idea was brought up that the committee could purchase at the floor price and donate or resell the meat



- Pig Weigh In - Saturday, May 20 9am-3pm
  - Sean reviewed the proposed traffic flow and will review with Travis
  - Patty will prepare weigh in slips for hog weights and drop off to the fair office
  - Sean has a good plan for the weigh in process and setup
- Dr. Lauren Christensen - NISF Official Fair Veterinarian
  - Mike introduced Dr. Christensen from the University of Idaho as the official fair veterinarian
  - Dr. Christensen introduced herself and gave some of her professional background
    - Dr. Christensen touched on what she will expect from exhibitors and parents during the fair
    - The committee had some questions about tagging and appropriate sanitization of equipment. Dr. Christensen confirmed that our current practices were more than sufficient for sanitization.
- YQCA/Quality/Q&A
  - Will separate the quality training and Q&A session
  - Quality will be June 1st at 5:30pm in building 1
  - Q&A session will be online/Zoom based at a different date
  - Q&A session will be recorded and can be posted online for future review if anyone cannot attend live

#### **Barn Manager Reports**

- Swine
  - Sean and Travis will work to get a map and instructions for weigh-in. Will get copies to the fair office for posting and distribution to exhibitors
  - Sean asked the committee for any known breeders who may request to weigh in first
- Goat
  - Ordering fans and portable coolers for the barns
  - Michaela added that fair staff will be moving some of the portable coolers around this year so more will be available for the barns
- Sheep
  - No report
- Beef
  - No report
- Poultry
  - Kelly will email name to Michaela for contracting of superintendent
- Rabbit
  - Leigh Willis would be approached to be superintendent. Michaela will reach out for contracting

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

- Policy, Rules and Regulations
  - Asked all committee members to submit acknowledgement for conflict of interest policy
- Finance
  - No report
- Advertising and Marketing
  - Buyer "Save the Date" email will go out
- Animal Wellness and Ethics
  - Vet is hired
- Hospitality
  - Centennial has offered to help with the hospitality tent and offered staffing
  - Have approached Cosmic Cowboy for catering for breakfast and lunch as part of the total fair catering proposal
- Processing and Animal Movement
  - Have reached out to several processors to get commitments for fair. Hoping to schedule a meeting to get everyone together and figure out how many animals each processor can take
  - Mike asked the committee for any processors who should be approached that have not been already
  - After we have committed processors, can add them to the website for options for buyers
  - Farm Bureau has generously offered to pay for the feed for animals that are held after fair



- Other
  - It was brought up again that some parents have reached out to large buyers and are spreading misinformation.
  - The committee asked fair staff to distribute a list of large buyers from last year and cross off any who had already been in contact with the office. The committee will then assign the remaining buyers and reach out to answer any questions and “set the record straight”

**Adjournment**

- Patty moved to adjourn at 7:35, Kelly seconded the motion, motion carried