



**June 19, 2023 6:00 PM**

**YSSS Committee Meeting Minutes**

Committee Members in Attendance: Kelly Routt, Sean Booth, Patty Muhlhauser, Laurin Scarcello, Karen Smith, Ed Mael, Laura Kelley, Elisa Teal, Shannon Spraker, Mike McLean

Others in Attendance: Elise Burton, Michael Smith

Fair Staff in Attendance: Shanda Masterson, Michaela Woempner

Meeting minutes recorded by Elise Burton

**Call to order at 6:07 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance canceled for no flag**

**Minutes**

- Patty moved to approve the minutes as presented, Shannon seconded. Motion carried

**Public/Open Comment**

- No public comment

**Old Business**

- Weigh in review
  - o Positive comments on judge selection
  - o Have heard that the tags are coming out easily. Something to consider for next year.
    - Shanda will reach out to All Flex to see if they have any suggestions or solutions
- Processor update
  - o Mountain View and Classic Meats agreed to open their books for custom processing. Animals will be delivered over the week to the processors.
- YQCA/Vet Q&A Review
  - o Heard feedback that the YQCA platform was difficult to use after the kids left the training.
  - o Have had interest in another date being offered. Fair staff will look for a date that may work

**New Business**

- Retagging of animals
  - o Exhibitors have reached out directly to Mike with problems like missing tags
  - o Fair staff will work to create a form on the website where exhibitors can submit their information and attach pictures
- Judge hospitality
  - o Past experience has been that judges have been escorted throughout the show.
  - o The committee feels that judges can be more independent and we will reimburse whatever they need.
- FFA rule change
  - o Animals can now be shown in open class and during the market show.
- Sale fees
  - o Have received the official letter of required fees
  - o Finance committee agreed that all fees will be paid out of the overall commission and not passed on directly to the exhibitors
- Fair badges
  - o Please email pictures to Michaela by August 1 for use on badges
- New chute
  - o Delivered last Friday to the fairgrounds
  - o Can accommodate all large animal species, if needed



- Volunteer schedule
  - Discussed the volunteer sign up sheet
  - Committee members were asked to think of others who may be willing and able to help
- Fair vet update
  - Discussed vet schedule
  - Dr. Christensen can use the Livestock Office as a “home base” and can be reached by staff, committee and barn managers via cell phone
- Drug testing
  - Shannon will provide a lockable cooler for samples
- Buyer contact/pre-registration
  - Assigned large buyers to committee members to contact
  - Committee decided day-of registration is the best process for buyers
- Kootenai Classic
  - Top animals were taken directly to processors. Should not have any issues with animals coming back to the sale.
- Barn set up
  - Jacklin needs roof work and may be able to do it in the first week of August. All other barns will be available the first week of August. August 4th is the cutoff date for all fair entries and we will know final numbers.
- Sale brochure draft
  - A draft was passed out for review. These will be provided to exhibitors for potential buyers, along with a sample letter

#### **Barn Manager Reports**

- Poultry - judges have been selected but not yet contracted
- Rabbit - no report
- Lamb - no report
- Swine - no report
- Goat - no report
- Beef - Sean is working on some physical improvements in the cattle barn

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

- Policy, Rules and Regulations
  - Please review for questions. Will be submitted to attorney for review at the end of the week
  - Michaela will ask auctioneers to review as well
- Finance
  - Discussed turn buyers. Mike asked if anyone had contacts for pig or steer buyers.
  - Committee members will ask around for possible turn buyers so we can contact them early
- Advertising and Marketing
  - Patty would like to work with Michaela on the sale brochure
- Animal Wellness and Ethics
  - No report
- Hospitality
  - No report
- Processing and Animal Movement
  - Excited to have Mountain View Meats back

#### **Adjournment**

- Shannon moved to adjourn, Karen seconded. Motion carried.