



September 18, 2023 6:00 PM

YSSS Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Absent Committee Members: Patty Muhlhauser, Laurin Scarcello

Others in Attendance: Elise Burton, Michael Smith

Fair Staff in Attendance: Michaela Woempner, Alexcia Jordan, Shanda Masterson

Call to order at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public/Open Comment

- Dawn Knopp - for Linda Cederblom. Linda has concerns with the pig washing area. Her club has offered to help with a fundraiser to help improve the area. They back up a lot and have for several years. Linda had concerns with how dirty some of the pens were and suggested that club leaders check pens daily and especially before sale day. Sean added that he has already identified that as an improvement to be made for next year.
- Jay Ross - Jay feels that among swine leaders, everyone would be willing and able to help out monetarily or with labor for improvements. Live feed video of shows got rave reviews and were appreciated by family who could not attend in person
- Andrew Brinkley - One of his club members offered to help with excavation. Andrew will pass the name on to fair staff.
- April Bradshaw - Felt that the expectations were not clear until after the fair ended. Would like more information about what happens with animals after the sale concludes and what to expect.
- Laura Kelley - asked that the information that goes out to exhibitors also goes out to club leaders and be shared at barn meetings. The Fair is working on a solution for communication with all parents who would like to "opt in" via an email mailing list
- Tammy Ross - would like more information about when the meetings are held. Her club is still missing a pig waterer. Felt all the judges were great. Dawn Jennings from Stateline Stockmen shared via Tammy that she was upset about lamb judging for quality. Dawn had concerns about the judging system that was used and if it was used appropriately.
- Travis Forsman - suggested the "Remind" app for communication re: meetings. Travis supported the idea of having a vet check station before getting to the scale.
- Amy Greene - was unhappy that one of their animals was turned away for what she said was a healing injury. She feels there should be a secondary or appeal process for animals that are sent away. Mike said that policies are continually being reviewed and that Amy's feedback and suggestion will be taken into account.
- Joyce Dryden - suggested that animals with anything questionable need documentation. Her daughter provided feedback that small animals were a bit of an afterthought and felt that they were not treated with the same importance as the large animals.
- Megan Ost - her daughter had documented staph infection and treatment that had been administered and was passed for her health check. She would like to advocate for 4-H kids and help get information out to the appropriate parties. Megan said that at some shows they use a black light for a secondary check for fungus checks and suggested that health checks be done before animals arrive at the scale.. Megan felt the sheep judge was great.
- Ed Mael - would like to see better communication between exhibitors, fair, committee, parents and kids. Would also like to see a possible pre-vet check with the official fair vet the week before fair to address any questionable animals
- Nickole Eiter - Nickole said she learned a lot of information after her exhibitors switched to independent from 4-H. She feels there has to be a better way to get information to parents and leaders.



Old Business

- Barn/Ring/Fitting Areas
 - What should be changed for next year?
 - Would like to look into alternatives for electrical in the Jacklin building
 - Need to address the flooding of hog wash racks behind the Jacklin building
 - Panels up against the wall behind Jacklin were loose and unsafe for animals and kids
- Fair Weigh In
 - All species went well
 - Will continue with the current cattle chutes and scale and will weigh in behind the cattle barns going forward
- Judges
 - Mike asked for names from committee members for judges for next year. Please submit to Michaela
- Shows/Classes/Divisions
 - May be able to look to breed divisions for other species. Got good feedback from the hog divisions by breed for this year
- Drug testing
 - Drug testing process went well and will continue same process for next year
 - All results were clean
- USDA testing
 - We haven't heard anything but any issues would be addressed directly with families, not the committee

New Business

- Banners/Awards
 - Will order all banners, awards and buckles well in advance for next year to ensure they arrive before the Fair starts
- Judge selection process
 - Will maintain current process for next year's judges
 - Clarified that judges can return for more than one year, if selected through the process
- Market animal ear tags
 - Will need to change/improve tags for next year as current tags are hard to read
- Next meeting
 - Will move the next meeting to October 9th at 6pm due to scheduling conflicts for several committee members

Barn Manager Reports

- Poultry - no report
- Rabbit - no report
- Lamb - Karen thanked everyone for a pleasant Fair experience
- Swine - wash racks are biggest issue for the next year
- Goat - no report
- Beef - no report

Subcommittee Reports

- Policy, Rules and Regulations
- Financial and Sale Review
 - Checks will go out on Wednesday, tentatively
- Advertising and Marketing
 - No report
- Animal Wellness and Ethics
 - No report
- Hospitality
 - No report
- Processing and Animal Movement
 - Would like to sort the animals in advance next year so turn load out goes smoother next year
 - Processors were happy with the delivery schedule and information that was provided to them

Adjournment

- Next meeting October 9, 6pm
- Kelly moved, Ed second. Motion carried.