

10th District Junior Livestock Auction Committee, Inc.
September 19, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

BOD Present: Darrin Mercier, Jennifer Harrison, Jean Wood, Debbie Fogle, Jeff Fowle, Julie Brown

BOD Absent: Jim Scala

Membership: There were 4 members in attendance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Darrin Mercier at 5:33 pm at the Law Office of Darrin Mercier Conference Room.

Secretary's Report: Jeff Fowle moved to accept the July 25, 2024 minutes, second by Julie Mercier. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Darrin Mercier moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Jeff Fowle seconded, the motion carried. The Mechanics Bank checking balance is \$655,588.25 and the Lily's Gift Foundation investment account is \$3,361,677.77. The JLAC Edward Jones Investment account balance is 213,503.49.

Correspondence: The board received three Thank-You letters from Etna FFA, Cortlynn Cabitto, and scholarship recipient Jackson Wood.

Public Input: None

Fair Report: Darrin reported that the fair is going to reconfigure the hog washracks to increase size and reduce stall numbers from 10 down to 8. October 15, 2024, is the meeting when the SGF Board of Directors will vote on a proposed new fair date.

Old Business:

1. 2024 Auction start times were discussed and it decided to start opening ceremonies 20 minutes before the auction start time.
2. Wifi/Internet/and the need for more laptops was discussed.
3. The board discussed and recommended reconfiguring/downsizing the current exercise ring in the hog barn to allow for more market hog pens and a more adequate picture pen for auction photos. Darrin agreed to bring it back to the fair board for further discussion.
4. Jennifer Harrison discussed the possibility of creating 4-H and FFA divisions for the market shows. Darrin agreed to bring it back to the fair board for further discussion.
5. Board discussed options for the TV to be seen better by buyers. Recommendation to lower the current TV.
6. It was recommended that the back livestock gate receive a list and times for trucks and trailers hauling livestock to the processors.
7. The board would like to make sure Abby Salters was paid for her time helping the JLAC committee on Saturday and Sunday. Jennifer will follow up with Michelle to see if our committee needs to pay wages for those days.

8. The credit card processing was discussed. Julie and Debbie are working on getting the credit card scanner working with our equipment and making recommendations if we need to purchase an iPad.
9. A new type of buyer's letter was discussed by the committee and the need for them to be mailed earlier. This new style would include tear-off tickets for gate admission.

New Business:

1. Junior exhibitor Scout Hall of Fort Jones 4-H spoke with the committee about the fine levied against his proceeds from not running in the auction. He provided sufficient evidence of completing the duty and a witness. Jeff Fowle moved to refund his fine for \$250, seconded by Jennifer Harrison, motion was carried.
2. The committee had more questions about the online price support yearly subscription. Jeff Fowle volunteered to speak with Mary Heffernan to get more information.
3. Debbie Fogle reported that we need to reorder new tags for the 2025 fair auction as we depleted our inventory. Motion made by Debbie Fogle to reorder, second by Jeff Fowle, motion carried.
4. We decided to release publicly the 2024 carcass data for steers/market heifers by email request without eliminating other exhibitors' tag numbers since many people had already seen all the data.
5. The discussion about raising weights or paying to a max weight on market animals was tabled to the November meeting.
6. Discussion about projects to pitch to the Arthur Dubbs Foundation was tabled to the November meeting. Ideas included an electrical upgrade, water pressure, and a new sound system. This includes the quote from Garron Lee Sound.
7. Marc Whiteman who manages the Edward Jones Investment portfolio and Lilly's Foundation account reported on the growth and principal over the last year. The previous year's rate of return was 10.4% with an anticipated 9% in the coming year.
8. Lot 27 was recorded in the computer program at a different price than what was recorded on the block. Darrin volunteered to contact the buyer and clarify the situation. Motion made by Julie Mercier for JLAC to pay the difference in the event the buyer disagreed. Second by Jennifer Harrison, motion carried.
9. The board briefly discussed by-laws and number of board members. Topic was tabled to November if needed.
10. Elections were discussed and the Board Members up for term expirations are Jeff Fowle, Debbie Fogle, and Jim Scala at the October meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm. The next meeting will be October 17, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the SGF Beer Garden Area.