

## 10-A DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION – TULELAKE-BUTTE VALLEY FAIR

### Livestock Exhibitor Meeting Notes

Monday September 19, 2022

All of the board members were present. Lizzie Struble, livestock superintendent; Nancy Sites, CEO and many guests were in attendance.

President Schaad called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. She then read some comments that had been submitted by livestock exhibitors that were not able to attend. She then laid out an agenda for the evening.

#### Livestock Weigh In's

- Handling of livestock during fair weigh in, some of the swine were not handled very gently, need to make sure the people that are helping move animals are trained on how to handle them
- The market turkey max weight may be a little out of date, it was suggested we look at raising it just a bit. Also, when we weigh the Turkey's do not have their scale on a table, have something closer to the ground.
- Scott Seus suggested that we change the rule that overweight animals cannot sell. He suggested that we instead move to a weight limit for the sale price but if their animal is overweight, they are still able to sell.

#### Livestock Schedule of Events

- There was some discussion about expanding the schedule of events as it seemed that some shows were right on top of each other this year. Possibly: Beef Thursday; Sheep & Goats Friday; Swine Saturday and the parade of champions just prior to the auction on Sunday.
- It was suggested that we move the poultry show to the morning to avoid it being too warm

#### Livestock Auction

- Angie King spoke on behalf of the Tulelake Rotary Club. They suggested that we move the auction earlier, possibly a 2pm start time. Also, maybe have a TV outside the pavilion to stream the auction live so that more people can watch. They would like to consider having a buyer's lunch events and would like to serve alcohol at this buyer's event. The people loading the animals after the auction noticed that the pens were dirtier than normal which could have been the result of the later start time.
- Livestock Auction Sale Order – The rule in the exhibitor information will be changed for 2023, it was very unclear this year. The judge will place all of the animals and the sale order will be champions, first blue, second blue, first red and so on.....
- This year there weren't rubber mats in the auction ring and it was very slick, need to make sure there are mats next year.

#### Master Showmanship

- There should be more clarification as to who goes into master showmanship
- It was proposed that we add a local showmanship class in addition to our general showmanship classes
- Awards for 1-8<sup>th</sup> place for showmanship instead of 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Showmanship order – Senior, Intermediate and Junior

### Awards Ceremony

- The award donor letters were very helpful and a nice addition
- They would like the award pictures to be sent to the exhibitors so they can send them out with thank you notes

### Other Notes:

- It was suggested that we have a livestock exhibitor leader meeting about a week before the fair
- Turkey and Chicken silhouette cut outs for their area of the barn
- Sheep and goats – more breeding awards
- The parents like to see the judges that talk to the kids more, maybe let them know that when they are hired to judge
- The beef exhibitors need more room for grooming. Possibly on the south side of the Junior barn
- The senior beef barn would like some kind of barrier between them and the public on the south side of that barn
- Maybe we don't need to move the Champions and Reserve Champions from their spot in the barn to special pens. Could order banners instead of the big wooden signs that we have to mark the champion pens.
- For the beef ultra sound carcass contest, maybe a larger screen so they can see it better
- The beef ring needs an entry and exit gate instead of entering and exiting the same gate
- Possibly have the national anthem sang by one of our exhibitors before the auction
- It was suggested that we have more individual awards for herdsmanship instead of just the podium for the group.