

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

**Special Livestock Committee
Wednesday October 25, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: The 10A District Agricultural Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Livestock Committee Chair Struble at 6:40 pm and was held in the fair office conference room in Tulelake, CA.

ATTENDEES: Directors Schaad, Hernandez, Sutton, Luscombe, Struble and Fine were all in attendance. Staff Present: Nancy Sites and Lizzie Struble. Guests: Ellen Cundall, Heather Criss, Megan Root

2023 Livestock Show Schedule

There was some discussion from the group about the livestock schedule and the need to move some things around as Saturday is a very busy day. There were many versions of the schedule discussed. Nancy will put together a couple different versions for review by the committee.

2023 Livestock Auction

Some things that the committee agreed on was the auction time: it was suggested that it be moved from 4pm to 2pm. We discussed having the parade of champions directly before the auction and also a buyers lunch/snack type event for buyers.

Having the auction inside or outside was also a big discussion. Nancy will look into the possibility of getting some kind of shade over the beef ring bleachers and possibly re-designing the beef ring so that it will work for the auction as well.

There was some discussion about having an online auction as well as in-person. If we could find a more cost-effective way to do it, it may be a possibility but it just was not the most efficient use of funding when most of the animals were sold to in person buyers.

Weight requirements

It was suggested at the last meeting that we look at raising the top weight for the Turkeys to 40 or even 45 pounds. There was some discussion about raising all of the top weights for the market animals.

There was also discussion at the last meeting about eliminating the rule that if they are over the top weight, they are not allowed to sell but the buyer would only pay to the top weight, not the actual weight, if the animal is overweight. Nancy will check the state rules on this to see if there are any state restrictions. She will also check with some other fairs to see what their rules are.

2023 Show Suggestions

There was discussion about offering in-district and out of district showmanship classes; It was suggested that we offer banners for down to 5th place in showmanship.

We could possibly order banners for herdsmanship awards as well. Have some individual awards and club/chapter awards besides the podium.

The group discussed how 4-H has changed over the past three years and the possible need to have a mandatory exhibitor meeting with the board members where we go over the rules, entry deadlines, how to fill out entry forms. At this meeting we could invite the advisors, leaders, parents and also the 4-H administration for Siskiyou and Modoc counties as they could present as well. Also the FSA loan officer could be there to talk about loans for purchasing market projects.

Grooming area: A larger grooming area is needed for the beef exhibitors. Lizzie has an idea of how she would like to handle blocking chutes and the grooming area in 2023. She may assign spaces and each exhibitor will only have a certain amount of room for grooming.

The open class beef exhibitors also need more room for tack areas and would like to build a wall on the south side of that barn so that there is a barrier between the public and their cattle.

We need entry and exit signs for each show ring

We may need to purchase more rubber mats for the grooming area if it is on the black top. Also an option to move the Thai booth a little ways to have the grooming area fenced and under the big tree.

The intent to sell forms should be turned in right after they are finished showing instead of waiting until Saturday afternoon.

We will have a livestock committee meeting Tuesday, November 8th to discuss some recommendations for the board meeting on Wednesday, November 9th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm