

Lynden Junior Livestock Committee
Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2006

Attendees:

Michael Hollandar Pen Pals
Tanya Dostal 4H Country Club
Randy Anderson Lynden FFA
Gerritt P. Van Weerdhuizen Lynden Christian FFA
Bill Van Zanten Ferndale FFA Boosters
Micky Johnson Busy Barns 4H Club
Trish Lepper A-Z 4H Club & Mt. Baker FFA
Tamara Whitcomb Mt. Baker FFA
Rhonda Juergens Nooksack Valley FFA
Tina Harmer NW Livestock 4H Club
Cara Stuit NW Livestock 4H & Ferndale FFA
Suzie Reynolds NW Livestock 4H & Ferndale FFA Ferndale Boosters
Doug Stuit “
Bill Wight Valley Vaqueros 4H & Mt. Baker FFA Boosters
John Grubbs Lynden FFA
Mitch Davis Ferndale FFA
Todd Rightmire Mt. Baker FFA
Georgana Webster Valley Vaqueros 4H

7:05 p.m. meeting began at the Lynden High School library
Randy presiding and mentioning time limit on meeting and debate issues.

Minutes read from prior formal meeting 4/4/06
Motion was made to pass minutes by Mitch seconded by Tanya.

Treasurers report was read.
\$162,816.91 in sales. There were some address problems and data entry problems.
73 checks were cut with some outstanding bills of concern. Various people were billed twice and still have not responded. Discussion regarding volunteers to call specific people again to ask for monies for sale. Individuals and companies were listed that had not paid. Volunteers were assigned people to contact with outstanding accounts. Calls were to be made asap.
There were checks with no reference letter.

Suggestion was made to have complimentary food tickets change color every year because past years tickets were used this year. It was agreed this was a good idea.

Grievance committee functioned well.
Discussion regarding the judges criteria for blue ribbons and red ribbons. Conclusion was that this is the fair superintendents responsibility.

Ring set up was excellent. Decrease size of ring slightly. Animal rings designated to clarify who is actually selling.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was a slight discussion about acquiring a second digital scale. Also thanks were given to Ferndale for the use of their scale in the past years. \$250 rental fee, if no problems money would be returned. Next year spare cables to be purchased. Problems this year were mentioned and the loaning of the scale to out of county functions will be limited to reduce this.

Computer program issues:

3 settings were set back to default

2 tables in queries, property settings went back to default

200 settings, several reports, and 10-12 items were involved

New hardware and new operating system

Windows XP changes

Problem could happen again

Custom made program

Professional programmer would come at a high cost

Quick Book Presentation by Tanya was given for an accounting option with a business accounting system.

Use access for other parts of sale that quick books doesn't cover

To set up \$50/hour which is discounted. 35 hours assistance the first year charged.

Discussion regarding time consumption on committee part which was massive this year.

Move to Finance committee discussion for quick books program investigation

Discussion of credit card use at sale was suggested. Wrong entries and fax numbers.

Time spent on errors. Net \$ effect on students if we have to hire this area to an outside source.

Quick books set up then volunteers to learn it.

Quick books bare bones set up discussed.

At the January meeting new officers to be elected and the finance committee to report back on Quick Books.

Finance committee comprised of Tanya, Suzie, and Cara.

Discussion of group break out orders

Do we want other options? Peach Tree accounting or other options.

Database and accounting.

Need for less hours to be spent on sale and can't predict how well access will work.

Operating system changed

Motion for finance committee to discuss and make suggestions to all aspects. Doug seconded motion.

Billing process time is huge, need to separate from the other part of the sale.

"People" problems with data entry.

Brochures. Gerritt apologized for error. Everyone agreed on use of our student grand champions for photo portion of brochures. Digital photos.

Posters. Two year supply left. No sooner than 4 weeks out to post. Brochures out earlier. Two months for businesses. 6/1/07 target date.

White boards. Not for use with animals being sold at same time. Some people couldn't see sign well. Gerritt moved to scrap moving and showing of add ons.

Seconded by John and Todd.

Add-on's increased by dollar amounts this year.

There were some complaints regarding add-on's and companies being acknowledged.

Lot numbers to be printed in red at sale time. Need white board helpers for next year.

Need number and name on buyers card in black marker.

Publish the names of supporter over \$100.

If the amount of money contributed is greater than \$100, pass to fair would be given

Needs to be added to regular part of Lynden paper when buyers thanked.

Tribune was in error this year and size of add was discussed.

Sale order is always a small issue.

Tagging.

Ran out of tags. Georgana and John to order extra.

Need to have students tell us if they tag double and let us know which one they are actually bringing to the fair.

There were errors loading turned market animal on Sunday. Need more attention to detail. Need animal turned/hauling committee.

Need for 4H and FFA advisors there on Sunday.

Keizer meats to be USDA approved by spring.

Taxes. Paperwork and filing of taxes not completed. An extension has been filed by Gerritt and he will take care of this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Use of power point in sale agreed upon.

Sale to start at 1pm. Motion was made by Gerritt. Seconded by Bill. Need to change poster time.

NWWF to be notified in the spring regarding the change in sale time.

9am Monday worked well for weigh in and intention is to keep this same time.

Committee job descriptions need more structure to define duties assigned.

Committees should be in place with job descriptions.

Email minutes to Todd for posting on website.

Total outstanding checks were at about \$5,000.

Discussion regarding January meeting and further discussion of our tagging system.
Old Business postponed. Mitch would like to revisit the team-tagging concept. Georgana agreed. Tagging and penalties for cheating were also brought up.
9pm Motion for meeting to be adjourned by Doug and seconded by Mitch.
Minutes submitted and advisement of corrections to be made.