

10/19/05

MARKET LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING FALL 2005

Meridian High School
Meeting Began 7:12 p.m.

Present: Tanya Dostal, Randy Anderson, Gerritt Van Weiderhuzien, Todd Rightmire, Rhonda Jergens, Lisa Sanderson, Erica Webster, Georgana Webster, Hugh Wight, Jeannie Smith, Bill Van Dyken, Sheri Miller, Pauline Van Weerdhuizen, Lacey Vanderveen, Debbie Vanderveen,

Meeting was brought to order by Randy Anderson.

Discussion at this meeting would be limited by one opinion per agenda/subject per member present in order to expedite coverage of all topics. Agenda was full and needed to be completed. Time limit for meeting was set from 7-9pm.

1. Discussion regarding newspaper article in the Whatcom Independent regarding holding of monies since August sale. Somewhat negative press but good information balance was supplied by Todd Rightmire in the article. No action taken.
2. Add On's input from sale regarding limited time of sale and the time spent reading add on's. Need use of a reader board Discussion of naming individuals with Add On's too time consuming reducing sale quality.
Motion made by Debbie to have add on's not read and procure reader board large enough to see well and have add on's scrolling through in large print.
Motion 2nd by Georgana
Erica agreed to check into pricing on renting reader board with the option to buy.
3. Proxy add on's discussed. Students need to know what information is needed and then go through proper registration with correct addresses and phone numbers for cards. There have been problems resolving information due to this.
4. Communication to students and others of this process and other issues needs clarification. Later discussion of web site will clarify this.
5. Market rules passed out for review/comments. They were examined and discussed rule by rule.
6. Out of County Students will not be an issue at this time.
7. Tagging dates set for June 15th Thursday 5-7 Everson Livestock Auction yard as last tag date. April 15th last date for steers.
8. Market Sale record book discussion regarding the relevancy of the market record. Motion made by Todd that 4H exhibitor must turn in a Market Livestock Record on the project animal in the record book and receive a red or blue. Motion passed. White 4H record books need pre-check to adjust book if there is a completed market livestock record. Seconded and approved. Need to contact record book personnel within 4H regarding this. Jeannie and Georgana believe this is doable.
9. Motion made for Rabbit Fryers to be 7# minimum. Seconded and approved.

10. Discussion about the duties of the grievance committee. It exists for pre sale hardships, and emergency situations.
11. Correction to wording on animals/specie in rules. Also need wording to emphasis weights needed on all market animals to be shown.
12. Discussion and suggestion regarding changing the sale day to Saturday to get more buyers. Adjustment to the billing would be needed to accommodate this. Phone questionnaire to purchasing businesses was suggested.
13. Suggestion made to look into this with a committee to be appointed next meeting. Need statements and paperwork to organize the animals.
14. Motion made by Randy to change weigh in time to Monday morning at 9am. Seconded and approved. Notify NWWF that each market animal section needs to have weigh in time listed as 9am, also rabbits and poultry sections. Weekly calendar schedule also.
15. Add time for weigh in, tagging dates on the 4H yearly calendar and the web site.
16. Web site. Motion made by Garrett for Todd to set up web site. Seconded by Rhonda. Motion approved. Web site to be named Lynden Jr. Livestock Org. This would be advertised in the 4H premium book and the 4H bulletins.
15. Update form for ear tagging needs extra signature lines on bottom. Ask Cheryl at 4H-extension office for contacts regarding tagging communication.
16. Monies collected at this time total \$150, 129,11
Extra collected total \$153,359.00
Not collected \$3,220.00.
17. New printer was purchased by Randy for auction accounting and paperwork.
18. Motion was made by Randy to employ Larsen & Gross as accountants for tax return work and general audits. Cost would be \$250 for non-profit organization. Debbie seconded motion. Approved.
19. Need for new computer, donated ones are out of life span. Motion made to purchase 2 new laptops by Georgana. Seconded by Debbie. Approved. Mike Hollander would be contacted for purchase advice.
20. Discussion regarding Randy's position and workload being restructured at fair time. Workload consists of post scale, loading, bills, etc; Need to utilize other people, not students. Need for help with data entry. Certain days 4-6 hrs. For 3 days 20hrs total for 1-2 people. They need set up with understanding of procedures and pre-training. Possible paid position, with a commitment to help. Sunday afternoon people delegating for specific times and specific chores. Examples; bill pre-paid, envelopes, folding. Need person with passion for show, good with a computer, sales, and competent. Motion made by Debbie to hire accountant and assistant. Amended Motion. Motion not voted on and referred to committee. Randy will expose sales committee with access use training to program in July. Tanya expressed interest. Rebecca's name was brought up. Refer matter of hiring and sales committee to investigate program.
21. Hugh Wight brought up the matter of the cord on the platform scale being worn to the point of disrepair. Repair of scale to be done.

22. USDA Inspection and Butchering with Island Grown Farms Coop. brought up by Georgana. They would be available to slaughter off site and give students access to market to grocery stores. Agreed to contact owner and procure his services.
23. Hired computer person needs to learn program, learn computer process. Discussion of \$10-12/hour. 1 Hired position, 1 volunteer position. Tanya interested. Contact Randy Anderson with thoughts and people for position.
24. Early spring meeting set for MARCH. That meeting will have election of officers, new board members. Demo of Web site by Todd. Web site to tentatively include tagging rules, process, map to fair, dates, pictures how to buy, buyer cards, add on cards and procedures, 4H record book info/rules, tagging sheet, etc; Todd needs email addresses to send this to.
25. Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Minutes respectively submitted. Please advise changes or corrections needed before they become final to gwebster@fidalgo.net.