

Lynden Junior Livestock Sales Committee Meeting 2/17/11

Greetings & Introductions: President Gerrit VanWeerdhuizen

Meeting Called to order at 7:01

Present: See attached sign in sheet

Secretary: Georgana Webster, Minutes read from previous meeting 7/6/10, motion made to accept minutes as read by John, seconded by Christy.

Treasurers Report: Tanya Dostal, 17 page report with discussion of total expenses for the last 4 years. There was an advertisement placed in a Farm Finders brochure that did not warrant renewing due to limited phone response. The 4% commission is covering expenses within in a satisfactory margin. The last two years and last we were down on total animal numbers going through the sale. One error was noted on the last page for FFA market hogs avg. \$ per unit and will be corrected.

Old Business:

Gerrit brought up that the individual scale weights were not put back with the scale in the hog barn. There was an apology, and a comment of "And they were too heavy", by a member.

New Business:

Finance Committee: Pre addressed envelopes were handed out so that the tagging sheets could be sent to Christy for data entry.

3 or 4 checks did not come in as promised for support of some animal sales.

Load Out issues: Keiser picked up a hog by error and also one had to be purchased back, but this was creatively resolved by Gerrit.

Cell phone numbers for kids to contact for haul out problems or errors would be great. Everyone was encouraged to get cell numbers on the tagging sheets so we could contact the students in the event of a problem. So on the

The Haul out crew, John Grubs and Hugh Wight, there is a need for 4H and FFA students to help them on early Sunday morning after the fair.

Method to increase price for Grand Champions and Reserves: % to kid from sale committee, % from business, Framed picture, stressing quality, a single business giving \$, plaque to the purchasing business, , not taking \$ away from the rest of the kids, these were the ideas discussed on how this could be done. Also a slight discussion on the quality animals being sold came out.

John made a motion for a committee to look into this. Rhonda seconded. A Committee will explore those options and report back in the summer. The committee is composed of Tanya, Christy, and Stacy.

PR Committee: No adds in farm finders maps. Adds to be placed in the Herald, Lynden Tribune, North County. Sending out more letters to buyers was worth the time. Set up of the sale info, bidder number, and add on area worked well. A controlled walkway from the petting zoo was helpful. The straw behind the tables worked great and the committee would like to use that again. Last year we had 250 posters sponsored by Les Schwab. They will sponsor them again. We had some posters that were unused. There was a discussion regarding the use of the posters, brochures, and the internet. Fair face book, school newsletters, Chamber of Commerce, and Rotary were other options discussed to promote the livestock. An order of 1100 brochures will be made and less posters.

Photos: The same photographer will be used. Lisa. The committee wants to watch that the numbers on the pictures are the same as on the back of the photo.

Sale: Sale order of go: The Poultry Meat Birds & the Rabbits fryers were indeed champions. It was agreed that they should go first in the sale.

Auctioneer's : Auctioneers, Gerrit agree to be the contact for this.

Meat Goat weight minimum?: There was a discussion on raising the meat goat weight for entrance to the market sale. Some goats in the past couple of years have come in way to light. A Motion for 80# minimum for 2012 was made by Theresa Kats and a second by Hugh. Vote was taken by John, motion passed with all ayes.

Lambs back in the auction ring?: Discussion regarding this indicated that the NWWF is the one to decide this. The indication at this time is that this is not going to change any time soon.

Tagging: colors, tag sizes, dates, numbers, and integrity discussed. Tag colors, numbers, are changed every year. Tags being dispersed are tracked by total numbers and number sequences.

End dates for tagging are now perennial and posted on the NWWF website and to be posted on the LJLSC website. The 2nd weekend in April last tagging date for steers, and the 2nd weekend in June last tagging date for lambs, hogs, and meat goats.

Set up and Tear-Down Logistics: Projectors, screens, audio taping, panels. All are sufficient at this time.

Record book requirements were discussed with the announcement of no premiums being given at the NWWF. It was agreed that 4 H would continue to submit a market sale sheet at weigh in, and that each FFA member would have a record sheet submitted to their advisors, pertinent to their specific project, and specific chapter, before fair.

Dues collection for membership @2\$ each was taken. Those paid were noted on attendance sheet.

Meeting paused for dessert and then was abruptly adjourned due to an emergency for the President.

Elections of officers: Was not held, and will take place at the summer meeting. The Secretary handed off her 9 years of meeting minutes and the LJLSC historical records to Kristi Harting, who has agreed to be Secretary.

