

Lynden Junior Livestock Sales Committee Meeting
June 21, 2007 @ Lynden Christian High School shop area

AGENDA

Meeting Called to order 7:10pm

Desserts brought by Gerrit were described

Goal for meeting to end at 8:30 pm

Minutes read from previous meeting of 1/29/07

Treasurer Report: handout was looked at for 2006 and 2007 budget.

Income is speculative with a 3-5% variance.

\$100,000 dollar year budget would require an increase in the 4% commission.

Bellingham Hearld add book bill was reviewed

Computer expenses

Doug Stuit motioned to pay these expenses

All seconded

137 4H and 137 FFA animals

Old Business: None

New Business:

P.R.

- Brochures & Posters: press release made for radio and newspapers. 560 brochures made. Needed for mailings, made available for clubs to take, posters need to be put up 4 wks before, everyone take some for their area, post in businesses.
- Newspaper, radio, fair booklet: stress kids procuring buyers, signage for weigh in of what were doing in the pig barn. Add in Lynden Tribune would be \$350 and

put in classified ¼ page. Discussion followed. Letters will be sent out to every buyer from last years sale, need help for stuffing envelopes at the end of June. Rhonda, Tamaria are heading this up.

Discussion use of Lynden Tribune add, costs, exposure, feature articles free, P.R. person did press releases last year who has contacts.

Doug made motion not to do press release & Lynden Tribune add

Hugh seconded

Motion carried

- Buyer Registration Prior to Sale: preprinted buyer cards, multiple add-ons available now already. Exhibitors all entered as of yesterday, buyer numbers pre-printed on cardstock, no hand writing buyer cards. Buyer cards start at 1,000 ear tags are separate numbering system. Almost all have been entered, individual cards, and group add on cards available
- Add on/ Info Tables setup at NWWF: Set up Wed buyer registration Fri. by 10:30 am. They need to be on Friday in order to be on the screen during the auction. Buyer letter should have a list of registered exhibitors
- Information on Debit/Credit Card Use: Peoples Bank was contacted for debit card system that needs an application, no monthly fee, no minimum, credit card terminal, swiper, provides all , %2.56 is the charge fee for the auction , credit and debit, phone line installed to protect us, 3% additional charge for

usage, discussion of use of live system for verification, most people pay without problems , would this be a convenience?

- Motion made to try this year at 3% to use debit credit card on a volunteer basis and make it available. Seconded by all, motion passed.
- Multiple Add on Cards available
- Direct Letter to 560 buyers
- Buyer information/Child information allowed: list student, club, city, Tina is in charge of master list.
- New stall card usage: Like Marysville auction uses. An example was made available for discussion. Discussed size to see on stalls, with fewer lines, add cost per day.

Motion made to accept new stall card by Georgana seconded by Doug. Motion passed.

Weigh in

- Monday 9am: order goats, sheep, hogs, steers
- Set up
- Scales, status: Beef Platform scale from NW Livestock. Club, \$100/day usage fee picked up by an adult, \$250 damage deposit
- Photographer: Tamaria will check with Lisa Surchild professional photopgrapher with digital capabilities. Lynden Tribune volunteer?
- Photo numeric recorder: Rhonda, Tanya, Georgana at scales for recording photos, weights, id, etc;.
- Weigh in order (meat goats last year & 4H)
- NWWF parade at 11am to honor FFA & 4H: seen as a fair and extension office responsibility.

- Tagging update: Tagging went well. Need correct date & time on web sites of the NWWF and our own webpage.
- Ultra Sound proposal: Discussion was not positive to use this type of tool at the fair. Discuss as old business in the fall.

Showworks computer program update

- Use of youth fair lap top
- Data entered
- Interfacing all 3 laptops: Chris Paul to load us her laptop to be another companion program
- Overview of expected fair procedures: Need students social security numbers if the amount sold is greater than \$600. Have leaders inform students.
- Anything else Tina wants to talk about: need more buyers.

Sale Set Up

- Sale Friday 1pm : Judge to have responsibility with ranking and superintendents to manage this. Red sells last
- Water, drinks, snacks: The George's and Doug Stuit
- Sale order (last year FFA hog, goat, sheep, rabbit, steer: Rotated by showworks programs
- 205 animals sold last year
- Auctioneers contacted: Doug will contact
- Floor prices obtained: Gerrit any additional contacts tell Gerrit.

- Holding Facilities prior to slaughter for Lynden Meats and Keizers. Keizers USDA status is imminent they hope to be ready by fair. Georgana to check in Mid July to relay status.
- Tagging sheets were checked for errors.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Members Present:

Gerrit VanWeerdhuizen LCFFA

Tina Harmer NW Livestock Club

Tanya Dostal 4H Country Club

Suzie Reynolds NW Livestock Club & Ferndale FFA

Doug Stuit NW Livestock Club & Ferndale FFA

Cara Stuit NW Livestock Club & Ferndale FFA

Christy Douge Busy Barns 4H

Janet Marcile Country Partners 4H

Brenda Dunford Valley Vaqueros 4H

Mark Harting Critters & Co. 4H

David Wight Valley Vaqueros 4H

Bill Wight Valley Vaqueros 4H

Georgana Webster Valley Vaqueros 4H

Rhonda Juergens Nooksack Valley FFA

Darlene Westhoff Happy Hoofers & Handcrafters 4H

Tamara Whitcomb Mt. Baker FFA

Minutes respectively submitted for correction