

Lynden Jr. Livestock Sale Committee Meeting July 7, 2011

Present: Teresa Kats, Stacy Tronsdal, Rhonda Juergens, Todd Rightmire, John Grubbs, Debi Gavette, Christy Douge, Tanya Dostal, Kristi Harting, Tamara Whitcomb, Colleen Piehler, and Gerrit VanWeerdhuizen.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Gerrit VanWeerdhuizen @ LC Central Office.

Officer Elections: Since the last meeting on February 17 was finished quickly due to an emergency, officers still need to be elected. Nominations were as follows – Gerrit to resume as President; Mitch Davis to resume as VP and Tanya Dostal to resume as Treasurer. Kristi Harting was nominated to replace Georganna as Secretary. All officers were voted in favor, unanimously.

Board of Directors: FFA Advisors represent the FFA portion of the Board of Directors. 4-H needs more board members. Teresa Kats, Christy Douge, Debi Gavette, Georganna Webster, Kristi Harting and Tanya Dostal were all added to the Board of Directors.

Treasurer's Report: Tanya reported checking balance of \$4998.05 which should get us through start up. In 2010, \$264 of reserve was used. Expenses are expected to be slightly higher this year since they always seem to increase. Scales bought by committee a few years ago (?) were not used last year. Todd now has them @ MB, but they do not work. He was told to take them last year. In 2010, the committee used Laurel's scales which worked very well. Christy Douge agreed she will ask Weylin to borrow these again.

Tanya reported that the IRS Tax 990 forms need approval. John Grubbs moved and Todd 2nd the motion to accept 990 taxes as presented.

Buyer dinners – Tanya brought up that \$7 buyer meal ticket doesn't cover a buyer dinner anymore and we should consider raising that to continue to encourage buyers. Tanya moved and it was seconded to raise the buyer meal ticket to a value of \$8. The vote passed with 8 in favor and 3 opposed.

Secretary: The secretary read the meeting minutes from February. Kristi clarified that weigh-in sheets are due Monday afternoon of fair in the fair office, not directly at weigh-in. Todd moved and John seconded to accept the minutes as read.

Grand Champion Issue – the committee of Tamara, Stacy and Christy met via e-mail to discuss how best to address the issue. They agreed it would be uncomfortable asking businesses to donate extra \$\$ in the current business climate. Discussion about other incentive options such as a buckle, signs to hold in ring, etc. Rhonda has looked into prices for basic plastic signs (about \$20-25 each). There was much discussion about the kids doing the marketing of projects, the method in which some schools/groups select animals through a draw (luck of the draw), etc. Todd said the kids could get the trophies before the sale to carry in the ring. John moved to purchase the signs for kids to hold in the ring. Stacy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Haul Out Sunday morning- Sunday morning help needed from 4-H – Debi Gavette offered her 2 sons, and Christy Douge offered her daughter to help with haul out. In the past, Gerrit has spent a few days sorting out haul out mix-ups for days. John reiterated it is usually a tag-reading issue. It was decided to “close the hog barn” from 6 a.m.-10 a.m. NO PIGS ARE TO LEAVE SUNDAY between 6 & 10. Todd will announce this at the exhibitor meeting on Monday morning & advisors/leaders should tell their members. Suggested to add this on to the tagging sheet but no need to make it an official “rule” at this time.

Set up – we are assuming Hugh will help again.

Chairs & Panels – Christy Douge will ask Weylin @ Laurel about borrowing these again. Edwin and John will go get chairs.

Brochures & Posters: Colleen Piehler will take some to Acme/B’ham; Meridian officers will go to Bham; Lynden officers cover Lynden; Kristi took some for Ferndale.

Keizer & Lynden Meat: John Grubbs will talk to both of them about butchering.

Floor Prices & Auctioneers: Gerrit will work on floors and contact auctioneers.

Pork Producers: Todd brought up that it is a federal law to pay 40 cents per \$100 of pork sold (buyer auction price) to the National Pork Producers. A pork check-off. We need to do this in 2011, and there was discussion on how to best do this. The beef has paid this for years and it has been paid for by the committee out of the general fund. There was discussion on charging a fee, paying out of commission & how that is not fair, how would it work in the ShoWorks, etc. Tamara moved that Tanya and Christy will look into an update of ShoWorks for 2012 and will report back at the winter meeting. John 2nd and the vote passed unanimously.

How would we pay the pork commission issue – Christy moved to pay for pork commission out of the general fund for this year only. It was seconded by Tamara. Much discussion on the equitability of all kids paying for this when only pigs need to pay. Todd moved to postpone the above motion and the committee will discuss this via an e-mail & vote that way if needed. Stacy seconded the motion and the vote passed w/ all in favor. Tanya agreed to call ShoWorks to ask them how this could work in the current system.

Certificates to Buyers @ Sale: 10-15 buyers last year commented that they were not thanked. Tanya moved to hand certificates of thanks to buyer at the sale & kids will get a copy of the certificate also. Kids should still go thank in person, of course! Rhonda seconded the motion and the vote passed 8-1.

Vet Checks, etc.: Todd reported that he received an e-mail from Sarah DeKoster at Kulshan Vet about a recommended checklist for each animal at vet check in. A de-lousing station will be at fair w/ a charge of \$10 each animal on the spot or animal will go home. Also, the vets ask that stall cards go up as soon as the animals are hauled in so they know who to contact, etc. Sheep and goats do this at check in, but pigs, beef & dairy need to do this. Fair website is updated with check in times.

Fair passes for auctioneers: Gerrit will let Tanya know who needs these.

Signaling in auction ring: suggestion for a separate person to hold sign to show which ring is selling. There is still some confusion with this at times.

Water & Ice – John & Edwin will get water and ask for a donation of ice.

Projectors & Screens: Edwin and John will get these also.

PR Committee: encourages kids to be on radio on site at the fair to promote the sale. Letters to the editor and an article about FFA/4-H members, special circumstances, etc. will help get buyers there.

The meeting was adjourned.

Brochures & Poster