

Marion County Junior Livestock Auction Committee Meeting

January 6th, 2024

In Attendance: David Varner, Gary Wall, Jace Anderson, Monica Baker, Ben Smith, Reynold Gardner, Kim Clonch, Melanie McCabe, Tye Copple, Ciara Galvin

Previous minutes: Approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Net income from fair \$62,516.29. Approved unanimously

Discussion around whether committee should assist in buying low price animals, concerns around equality of this. Selling price comparison between county fairs is difficult due to fluctuating quality of animals, local economy/support, etc.

Discussion around add-on's and how they affect the kid's income from the auction as well.

Old Business

- Memorial Rule
 - Decision to utilize the state 4H rule should the occasion arise.
- Education Outreach
 - Youth Quality Assurance, Melanie to follow up and report back
- Updated scholarship rubric
 - Approved unanimously
- Top 10 Buyer baskets
 - All delivered
- LaPorte Insurance
 - No longer cover alcohol permittance
 - Covered by fairgrounds insurance? Follow up needed.
 - Board Insurance
 - Operational Insurance
- Trailer
 - Insurance
 - David found a vendor, Progressive.
 - Inventory needed with serial numbers, etc.
 - David to Follow up

- Improvements
 - Windows and awning to be installed
 - \$1900 approved by committee for task.
- Auction Ring
 - David to follow up with Fitzpatrick Corral for estimate
 - Bow Gate Medium duty to be purchased from Wilco
- Weights 2025
 - Lambs
 - Initial weigh in max and final weigh in min changed to 110lbs
 - Compared other counties weight to ours
 - Goats
 - Initial weigh in max and final weigh in min changed to 70lbs
 - Previous rules project could lose weight from initial to final and still qualify.
 - Rate of gain to be addressed later.
- Harvest Fest
 - Approved weigh in for May

New Business

- FFA Membership
 - Clarifying that summer directly after graduation is last year eligible to sell through the auction.
- Rule Clarification
 - Clarify that summer directly after graduation is the last year to be eligible to sell in the auction for both 4H and FFA
- Budget Item Request
 - Small animal cages for Turkeys and Market Chicken's
 - \$3000 approved
- Awards
 - Ribbons ordered
- Show Works 2024 Version
 - \$1000 off, approved unanimously to purchase
- Discussion around budget and allocations.

Next Meeting: February 5th, 2024

