

## Marion County Junior Livestock Auction

Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President John Kuenzi in the board room of K&E Excavating, 3871 Langley St. SE, Salem, OR 97137

Present:

- Directors: Josh Augustus, Eric Pineda, Justin Brill and Michael Clonch
- Officers: John Kuenzi, Bill Luthi, Letxy Molin and Carol Barham
- Other: Kimberly Clonch and Melanie McCabe

Excused or Unexcused Directors/Officers: Jace Anderson, Becky Pineda and Dan Vannoy

Minutes:

Minutes for March 4, 2019 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The updated treasurer's report will be presented at the next meeting (May 7, 2019).

Old Business:

- Exhibiting more than one animal species and determining what sells at the auction: Justin Brill presented the rules that are currently stated as to how animals are selected for sale in the case of youth showing in multiple species. Youth need to declare by Thursday evening at fair what species they will be selling. The highest placing animal in declared species will be the animal sold in the auction. This is not a change to the rule, this is a clarification.
- Silent Auction items during the livestock auction for 4-H: Discussed and approved by the board. Bidders will use their bidder number to place bids on the items and funds will go through the committee. The current commission rate will also be assessed on all items.
- FYI April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Biosecurity Information Night. 4-H is sponsoring a Biosecurity session that will be required for all 4-H Youth exhibiting an animal at the Marion County Fair. There will be multiple options for viewing the presentation to meet the participation obligation.
- Equipment Lease agreement drafted by Saalfeld Griggs-The equipment lease was reviewed. Justin Brill made a motion to accept the equipment lease agreement as written. Eric Pineda seconded, the motion passed.

- Rate of Gain Contest: Jace Anderson is proposed a “Rate of Gain Contest” to provide youth with another opportunity for awards and education about their species. Jace proposed starting this in 2020 with beef. He will come to the next meeting with more information.
- John Kuenzi will contact the Hitchin’ Post about providing the meal for the 2019 Auction.
- Melanie McCabe will contact Sharon Davidson with Marion County Fair Foundation about Market Animals Awards (Belt Buckles).
- Michael Clonch is looking into slaughter/butcher facilities for the 2019 Auction. Please provide him with information on potential facilities.

#### New Business:

- a) A presentation (2 guests) from Marion/Polk Food Bank introduced a program partner with them to have buyers donate meat to help the 21 food banks and 127 pantries for Oregon and SW Washington. Discussion was presented:
  1. Marion/Polk Food Bank’s limit of animal haul-out/meat processing “2019” budget.
  2. Discussion about if Marion/Polk Food Bank can provide their own hauler to take out animal’s auction night from the Marion County Fairgrounds.
  3. If they can provide their own meat processor which would have to be “USDA” certified.
  4. Discussion regarding how office staff would keep track at auction when the donation limit is reached by buyers.
  5. The buyer would receive a charity donation 100% write-off for the donation.
  6. Marion/Polk Food Bank will notify “MCJLA” with more information regarding what they could provide to remove animals/their budget/animal quantity.
- b) Bill Luthi will need two “Row of Champions” buyers’ names to complete the 2019 tri-fold brochures. Bill will bring the brochures to the (May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) weigh-in and the staff will hand out to the kids for their buyers/sponsors.
- c) Group discussion regarding responsibilities and equipment needed for the (May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) weigh-in.
- d) Weigh-in is May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 (Wednesday and Thursday) from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Sublimity Harvest Fest Ground (Aumsville) for hogs, sheep and goats. Also, the final deadline for all “MCJLA” 2019 scholarship applicants need to be mailed or received by May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 (at weight-in) by 8:00 p.m.

- e) Michael Clonch provided information regarding livestock slaughter/butcher facilities. More follow-up is needed for the next board meeting.
- f) Michael Clonch purchased the small species (2019) "MCJLA" grand champion chairs and Kimberly Clonch will be in charge to get them screen printed.
- g) Bill Luthi suggested the board put all butcher processors names and numbers on the "Save the Date" postcards before being sent out to sponsors.
- h) Dean Sweeney is willing to put a printed ad in the "Swine and Wine Dinner Fundraiser Catalog" to help promote the 2019 Marion County Livestock Auction and bring in new buyers. Bill and Kris Luthi put together a half page ad and all agreed that it was perfect. Thanks Bill, Kris and Dean Sweeney!
- i) Melanie McCabe discussed the Silent Auction Fundraiser to purchase new fair cages and asked that mention be put on the ([www.mcjla.com](http://www.mcjla.com)) web-site. Items that are bid/won on to be picked up by the buyer at auction or at Marion County OSU Extension Service after the fair.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 6, 2019 at 6:00pm, K&E Excavating, 3871 Langley St. SE, Salem, OR 97137

Board President: John Kuenzi

Board Secretary: Carol Barham