

Marion County Junior Livestock Auction

Meeting Minutes
May 13, 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, Michael Clonch and Jace Anderson
- Officers: John Kuenzi and Carol Barham
- Other: Kimberly Clonch

Excused or Unexcused Directors/Officers: Letxy Molin, Bill Luthi, Becky Pineda and Dan Vannoy

Minutes:

Minutes for April 1, 2019 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The updated treasurer's report will be presented at the next meeting (June 3, 2019).

Old Business:

- 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.
- 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 1st & 2nd) weigh-in and the staff will hand out to the kids for their buyers/sponsors.
- Group discussion regarding responsibilities and equipment needed for the (May 1st & 2nd) weigh-in.

- Weigh-in is May 1st & 2nd, 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 2nd, 2019 (at weight-in) by 8:00 p.m.
- Michael Clonch provided information regarding livestock slaughter/butcher facilities. More follow-up is needed for the next board meeting.
- Michael Clonch purchased the small species (2019) “MCJLA” grand champion chairs and Kimberly Clonch will be in charge to get them screen printed.
- Bill Luthi suggested the board put all butcher processors names and numbers on the “Save the Date” postcards before being sent out to sponsors.
- 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!
- Melanie McCabe discussed the Silent Auction Fundraiser to purchase new fair cages and asked that mention be put on the (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.

New Business:

- a) Michael Clonch will communicate with Marion/Polk Food Bank’s director(s) regarding information about using Buxton Meat’s (FDA approved) for providing their own animal’s haul-out processing costs/fees (\$25.00 per animal).
- b) “MCJLA” approved the “Hitchin Post” to caterer for the 2019 auction meal with two drink tickets per buyer to use at the (Marion County Fair) alcohol booth.
- c) “MCJLA” approved “Elizabeth Lee” (“2018” photographer) to photo the kids for their “2019” auction plaquers.
- d) “MCJLA” trifold buyer brochures were handed out during the (May 1st & 2nd) 2019 weigh-in at Sublimity Harvest Fest Ground (Aumsville) for goats, sheep and hogs to all the kids that would be selling their animals at auction to give to their buyers and sponsors earlier. Thanks to Bill Luthi for printing them in time!
- e) Kimberly Clonch had a great success with the kids preregistering (on line) their market animals before the weigh-in and our new I-Pads worked great! Thanks everyone for effective team work to make this weigh-in a success!
- f) Total animals weighed for 2019 fair: Beef (30), Goats (43), Hogs (205), Sheep (131) and (3) overweight animals. Total of (409) auction animals.
- g) The final deadline for all 2019 scholarship applicants was May 2, 2019 (weigh-in) by 8:00 p.m. The “MCJLA” board discussed all the scholarship applicants and the full requirements

that were needed to award the winners. All "MCJLA" members will use the "2019 Scholarship Evaluation Criteria Form" to rate/score on each applicant.

- h) Michael Clonch will contact Ben Kokkeler Livestock and Woodburn Livestock Auction to get floor pricing for "MCJLA" to determine which one would be the best to hire.
- i) Bill Luthi will provide and get printed the "MCJLA" save the date cards. John Kuenzi in charge of mailing out the "MCJLA" save the date cards by the second week of June 2019.
- j) Michael Clonch suggested providing the "MCJLA" meat processors to be listed on the "Save the Date" post cards to help the buyers know who will/will not be a meat processor.
- k) John Kuenzi discussed what "MCJLA" ink branding supplies were needed and how to tag/brand the animals for sale order; also, buyer check-in/out supplies and the fair board work order. Bill Luthi to order pen tags and class winner prizes.
- l) Josh Augustus will contact Dan Sandburg (beef inspector) to be at "MCJLA" Wednesday & Saturday night July 10 & 13, 2019.
- m) John Kuenzi will contact "US Bank" to have four to six people (use as runners) to help with the 2019 "MCJLA". Their help is a considerable success to keep the auction flow smother!
- n) "MCJLA" to have Allen Richardson to certify large & small animal scales.
- o) Josh Augustus to contact sponsors for the "Row of Champions".
- p) Michael Clonch will contact "Cascade Sound" to rent the PA system for "MCJLA" July 10-14, 2019.
- q) Discussion was presented to the board about the animal load-out and needing more adult volunteers and how to accomplish this? More discussion will be at the next board meeting.
- r) Kimberly Clonch in charge of the "MCJLA" support team: buyer registration, computer help from buyers and block help on computers. Thanks Kimberly!
- s) John Kuenzi will contact (Abiqua Animal Clinic) veterinarian "Dr. Varney" for "MCJLA" animals vet check-in.
- t) Justin Brill presented a news release from the "Texas Animal Health Commission" regarding new national sheep and goat identification and recordkeeping requirement; Scrapie tags that are not needed if castrated sheep or goats less then under 18 months of age.
- u) An extra board meeting to review/pick winners for the 2019 "MCJLA" scholarship applicants will be held May 16, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2019 at 6:00pm, K&E Excavating, 3871 Langley St. Se, Salem, OR 97137

Board President: John Kuenzi

Board Secretary: Carol Barham