

Marion County Junior Livestock Auction Inc.
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President John Kuenzi in the meeting room of K&E Excavation.

Attendance:

Directors: Michael Clonch, Teri McKenzie, Becky Bates. John Kuenzi

Excused Absents: Shannon Gubbels, Roger Rodecap, Andrea Leao

Officers: Dolores Wells, Bill Luthi

Guests: Pete Brentano, Steve McCarthy, Grace McCarthy, Tyler McCarthy, Cary Breshears-Bean

Minutes:

Corrections

- Director Teri Mackenzie – correct last name to McKenzie
- Scholarships – include Kristin LaChapelle
- Resale Buyer – Ben Kokkeler

Approved with corrections.

Treasurers Report:

July statement was approved as submitted. \$39,148.45 in the General Fund. \$3,383.64 in the Scholarship Fund. Disbursements of \$97,701.19.

Old Business:

2014 Fair and Auction – open discussion regarding fair and auction overall. Overall consensus is that the fair and auction went very well. Talked about a few things that may like to consider changing or improving for next year. Decided to table specific changes/improvements for later discussion by the committee.

Thank you's - discussed sending a thank you card and/or gift to Eric and Jeremiah for all the work that they did at auction. Will discuss what to send at the next meeting.

Add on's – it was discussed that our current process for handling add ons for animals who do not sale is as follows:

The business is contacted and the add on money can:

- Go to another exhibitor
- Go into the scholarship fund
- Be refunded back to the business

There was discussion about ways for businesses to still support kids who do not sale with add ons. There are many restrictions to our accounting practice that make this a challenge. No solution was identified at this time. May continue to revisit this discussion.

Updates to rules – a few changes to consider

- may need to consider removing US Grade 1 and US Grade language from our rules.
- What about some definition for market animals
- Outline some sort of standard for market animals.

White Ribbons- A discussion was had about the animals that did not sale at fair based on white ribbons that were issued. It was decided that the judge's decision does stand at fair and as a committee we would not overrule. We agreed that we would not want to change our rules as to the sale. If the exhibitor was unhappy with the judge, that may be an issue to discuss with the superintendents or the extension office. We did agree that we would like to see some sort of educational piece developed for the kids in regards to animal selection.

New Business:

Hours of scales in 2015 – Ways to improve the process of final weigh in were discussed and included changing the hours to a shorter window and possibly moving the location of the beef check in. The parents in attendance indicated that they preferred the larger window as it allowed more time for parents/leaders that hauled multiple kids and/or species. It was decided to postpone any decision for further discussion.

Percentage of Commission – Many questions were presented regarding the percentage of commission that the committee charges:

Why 7% commission?

Why charge commission on add ons?

What about putting a portion of the commission charged into the scholarship fund?

It was agreed that we could look into the amount of commission that we are charging and determine if any changes are needed. It was decided to table this discussion for now.

Ultra-sound-The benefit of the ultra sound was discussed and the general consensus is that it is a great educational piece and that overall the parents/leaders in attendance would like to see it continue and progress. However the man power needed to complete this is a concern. It was decided to continue discussion at a later date.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri Mckenzie

Next meeting will be Monday September 8, 2014 at 6:30 PM.