

Marion County Junior Livestock Committee Meeting Minutes

August 1st, 2023

In Attendance: Gary Wall, Monica Baker, Micheal Conch, Tye Copple, Kim Clonch, Melanie McCabe, Reynold Gardner, Ciara Galvin, Ben Smith, Russell Butler, Patrick McKenzie, Miley Smith

Minutes from previous meeting with a name correction

Treasurers Report: Sale total for auction was \$1,277,456.

Currently there is \$170,000 due in outstanding payments from buyers. Motion was passed unanimously to begin to cut checks for exhibitors once outstanding payments is at or under \$100,000.

There was \$12,000 awarded in college scholarships.

Old Business:

Trailer needs

- Electricity
- Service Window
- Finalizing insurance plan

Scholarship Committee review

- Definition of family in application needs to be more specific.
- Years of service metric needs to be reviewed as FFA members and 4H members are measured on same metric.
- Committee to review potential changes to scholarship application requirements
 - Micheal, Gary, Tye, and Ciara
- Potential trade school rules review

New Business:

Administrative Fee

- Currently at 6% to cover operation funds.
- Discussion on whether this should be raised due to increased costs and the rule states that the administrative fee will not exceed 7%.
 - Voted to keep rule in place

Fair Reflection

- Discussion about buyer add-on's for animals that do not make weight, either over or under.
 - Add-ons are available for these animals as long as the child still completes showmanship requirement and exhibits in feeder classes for market.

- Small animal feeder classes may need to be developed, tabled discussion for now.
- Unsafe animals at final weigh in
 - Rules currently state that unsafe animals can be sent home at the discretion of the committee
- Row of Champions banner
 - New banner to be printed
 - Top 10 buyer signage to be printed as well
- Update To-Do list
 - Better distribution of work load
- Auctioneer for 2024
 - Rob committed
- Way to display current exhibitor during auction
 - Projector?
- Centering auction ring
 - Discussion on whether to add 2 additional panels to assist with the hog holding pens
- Buyer Gifts
 - Camp mugs were the most popular item
 - Items will need to be reordered prior to 2024 auction
- Load Out
 - Smoother however could be assisted by additional trailers
- Sound System
 - Overheating and cord issues were noted however current sound system is a rental
- Scholarship paddle fundraiser
 - \$50 dollar increments
- Missing tag
 - Exhibitor's market tag fell out and was not reported to auction committee
 - How to address in future
- Catering
 - The caterer has agreed to return next year however drinks and desserts will need to be discussed as they were not provided.
- Educational Outreach Event
 - Potentially in January, to be discussed further.