

Marion County Junior Livestock Auction

Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by President John Kuenzi in the Board Room of K&E Excavating, 3871 Langley St. SE, Salem, OR 97137

Present:

- Directors: Josh Augustus, Justin Brill, Becky Pineda and Eric Pineda
- Officers: John Kuenzi and Letxy Molin
- Guest: Melanie McCabe

Excused or Unexcused Directors/Officers: Bill Luthi, Michael Clonch and Carol Barham

Minutes:

The minutes for January 8, 2018 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: December financial statements were presented. No uncashed checks at this time. Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

- It was decided after review of the Bylaws that the officer/director cycle could be different than the organization's fiscal year. The annual meeting could be held at on a more appropriate day/month, at which time the vote for new officers and directors would take place.
- New computers were purchased by Mike Clonch (to be reimbursed) that meet the specs for the Showworks software. These computers should enable us to run the software for another few years without requiring another upgrade.
- Justin Brill updated the website with current dates, final weight of goats to (120 pounds) and scholarship applications on the (www.mcjla.com).
- Melanie McCabe has placed an order for plaques and ribbons to give to past buyers (that didn't receive any) and for MCJLA "2018" (paid during the meeting check number 327 for \$802.85).

New Business:

- a) John Kuenzi hired new insurance providers. The insurance will need to be renewed annually. The policy is good from February 01, 2018 to January 31, 2019. The cost is similar to the premium we paid in prior years; however, it is about \$200 over budget. The board deemed this to be an acceptable overage.

- b) John Kuenzi and Josh Augustus debriefed the board on the beef weigh-in held on Saturday morning February 3rd. Overall it was well attended and went smoothly with no incidences to report. They weighed-in 30 beef at \$5 a head (\$150 fees received).
- c) The board decided to change the due date for the scholarship applications to 8pm on the date of the last weigh-in each year. The last weigh-in is usually held in May (May 3rd for 2018). This will allow the committee time to select the recipients and make an earlier announcement. The schools and clubs would like to be more involved in recognizing the winners at awards assemblies prior to fair. The change will be advertised on the website.
- d) The board discussed the idea of printing the ribbon on the placard instead of stapling an actual ribbon. Other auction committees do this and it looks appealing. Justin will research this option more and discuss at the next meeting.
- e) John Kuenzi proposed that we offer two drink tickets or tokens (for beer or wine) to our buyers during the meal. He has seen the benefits of the additional special treatment at other auctions and feels that our buyers should be given the same consideration. The committee voted and approved the purchase of two drink tickets (for beer or wine) per buyer. The committee further discussed that it is the responsibility of the vendor with the liquor license to determine eligibility of the person cashing in the token. Further research needed to determine how to obtain tickets or tokens.
- f) John Kuenzi proposed that the board asks the Hitchin Post to submit a quote for catering the buyer dinner at the fair. The Hitchin post is already at the fair. He also has a verbal quote which compares in price to Adams Ribs (the prior year vendor) but includes much more food options and larger portions. He feels the quality of food is very good and would be a positive change. The Hitchin Post has their liquor license and could provide our drink tickets as part of the package. Melanie will look into whether or not it would be allowed by the fair board. The committee agreed that it is a good idea to get new quotes for this service at the fair. All quotes will be due by the next meeting and a vote will be held at that time.
- g) Justin Brill proposed that the board use some of the funds to purchase a new show ring. The board agreed it would be beneficial and safer to have a new ring, but required more research to be done before voting. Jason will bring price options to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2018 at 6:00pm, K&E Excavating, 3871 Langley St. Se, Salem, OR 97137

Board President: John Kuenzi

Board Secretary: Carol Barham