

Marion County Junior Livestock Committee Meeting Minutes:

February 6th, 2023

In Attendance: Gary Wall, Kim Clonch, Monica Baker, Michael Clonch, David Varner, Reynold Gardner, Jace Anderson, Ben Smith, Melanie McCabe, Tye Copple, Dan Vannoy, Russell Butler

Approval of January's Minutes: Unanimous

Treasurer's Report: Not provided, Treasurer in travel day of meeting.

Old Business:

- Scholarship Committee Report (Ben, Tye, and Monica)
 - Created a new Rubric, 5 needed criteria evaluation scale 1-10 allowing score comparison between interviewers
 - Decided not to add information about Tech schools due to them not being excluded in the rules as they presently written. Plans to clear up language regarding this.
 - Capped top scholarship amount at \$1,500.
 - Unanimously approved new score sheet
- Rule Change Committee Report (Michael and Ciara)
 - Changing Exhibitor Requirement Section B due to 4H and FFA market classes no longer being separated
 - Discussion around rule requirement for pigs needing to be easily loaded/unloaded at initial weigh in, committee to review previous years Facebook post for verbiage and report back
 - Discussion around having clear language around not washing animal once they have been branded with Market Auction Order number
 - Clarification around the level of halter trained at initial weigh in: Market animal to be able to be safely led from the trailer, parked at a distance indicated by MCJLA volunteers, to the scale. If the animal can not be controlled safely MCJLA Committee retains the right to not weigh in the animal with safety concerns present
 - Discussion around an exhibitor showing market animals in multiple counties, Melanie explained how this is monitored through the 4H system

- Discussion tabled at this time for committee members to reconvene and present rule changes discussed to entire group for approval
- Promotion Committee Report (Dan, Ben)
 - Have not met at this time.
- Beef Weigh in Review
 - Went well overall.
 - 32 cattle weighed, 27 exhibitors and an average weight of 800 lbs.
 - Jace to follow up with club leader of aggressive steer that was present.
- Trailer purchase
 - Double H estimate \$10,000-\$12,000 7ft by 16ft.
 - 7,600 price range leaves budget for improvements
 - John K. may have one, measurements unknown however wide enough to haul a car, may be able to lower chance of wheel well damage, Russ to follow up on this.
 - Discussion around increasing budget for trailer by \$1,500 to ensure internal modifications can be completed
 - Unanimously approved.

New Business

- Lamb, Swine, and Goat weigh ins scheduled for May 3rd and 4th 4pm-7pm
 - Unable to use other gate due to a neighbor
 - Once scale to be used for swine while to other to be used for goats and sheep.
- Bank Update
 - Updated with current president as well as granting online access
 - Added a second savings account to prevent too much money in one account as well as being able to earn small amount of accrual
 - Moved \$100,000 into savings
 - Unanimously approved
- Awards
 - Fair Foundation ordering belt buckles for champion market animal of ALL species
 - Melanie to order rosettes from hedges and badges company
- Inventory Ribbons and gifts for buyers
 - Adding t-shirts and silicone cups as presents for buyers

- Advertising
 - Michael connected with Louie Hubbard with KBZY (a radio station that has promoted shows in the past) Average price of promotion time is \$10-\$15 for each 30 seconds totaling in \$1,800 for 250 30 second add promotions in May. Discussion within the committee if most effective use of money
 - Facebook promotion discussed.
 - Potential to partner with fair board as they also run radio ads
- Meeting Dates
 - Discussion to move to the first Tuesday of the month, going to try then adjust if needed
- Hitching Post
 - The previous caterer for buyer meal priced at \$15 per plate.
 - The new owner may be interested in continuing to collaborate. Dan to follow up.
 - Alcohol is through the fair board
 - Discussion around having someone check bidder numbers to get food due to random people eating food.
- Secretary of state paperwork
 - Officers update
 - Bi-laws to be reviewed, last update was in 2012

NEXT MEETING: March 7th at 6pm in the 4H extension building.