Marion County Junior Livestock Auction Committee

January 6th 2025

In Attendance: Melanie McCabe, Reynold Gardner, Marylynn Verner, David Varner, Gary Wall, Tye Copple, Ben Smith, Micheal Clonch, Kimberly Clonch, Eric Ferro, Jace Anderson, Russell Butler, Monica Baker, Ciara Galvin

Approval of Minutes: Passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report: $192,000 approximate amount currently in accounts including the scholarship fund. 13 exhibitor checks still outstanding with for an approximate total of $24,000. 1 outstanding buyer payment for $200. Passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Advertisement
    - Brochure design approved, 3,000 copies to be printed and distributed.
    - Flier was also completed and approved by the committee
    - Save the Dates
        - Happy New Year editions to be send out next year
        - Letter with parking pass to be sent to buyers in May
- Budget
    - Discussion around having 2 years of operation costs in account
    - Photographer
        - Accepted $1,000 for services and confirmed for 2025 fair
    - Caterer
        - Reynold to follow up with Mckillups for price
    - Proposed Budget for 2025
        - Approved
- Video Display
    - David and Russell to follow up
- Database system

    - Discussion around potentially transitioning to another system, Showmen
    - Some other counties in the state have transitioned to this program
    - Tabled for now
- Auction Block
    - Block person requested a larger black due to how tight the space is for the amount of people.
    - Potential to borrow Linn Countys
- Scale Maintenance
    - NW Scales adjusted a setting to correct the issue with how long it takes to zero out again. NW Scales did state if the reading is quicker than the updated setting the weights would be inaccurate.
    - Maintenance completed at no charge but an ad will be created to support them
- Trailer
    - No update
- Rules
    - Mike and Ciara to follow up
- Harvest Fest Grounds
    - Have weigh in on their calendars
- Insurance
    - Seeking quote from Wheatland. La Porte prices have increased.

New Business

- 4H update
    - YQCA training required to exhibit in Marion County and needs to be completed every 3 years
    - Margi, 4H office Specialist, is retiring
    - Judges contracts are being sent out
- FFA Update
    - No Meetings yet
    - District Animal letter to be generated

- Fair Book
    - Clarification for hands on animals
    - No major rule changes
- Carcass Judging
    - Jace to follow up
    - Most likely will only be for beef exhibitors this year
- Rate of Gain
    - Potentially reinstate next year
    - Discussion around past years utilization and purpose
- Beef Weigh ins
    - February 2nd 2p-4p
    - One family has conflict, committee voted to allow them to weigh in on Saturday at 2pm
- Sound system
    - Tabled to February
- Buckles
    - Melanie to follow up with fair board
- Auctioneers
    - JB committed for next year