

Livestock Committee Meeting, September 11, 2023

In attendance:

Cory Poser, President	Maggie Barth
Nick Schultz, Vice President	Charlie Ahlgren
Leslie Long, Secretary	Alex Long
Jared Long, swine superintendent	Sarah Orms
Casey Wilmore, sheep superintendent	Jondie Rianda-Hodge
Mike Vanek, Beef superintendent	Jeanine Pendergrass
Chris England	Jondie Rianda
Allison Smith	Bronya Willmore
Jeremy England	Stacie Arntzen
Cody Ream	Hailey Gallagher

Cory called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Minutes: Nick moved to accept the minutes, Stacie seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

Finance Report: Current Balance: \$18,275 (includes 3% of sale fee from 2023)

Sound system: \$4,674.73

Restricted (awards): -\$347.46

Checking Outside other: \$13,945.86

Old Business:

Buyers' survey: 8 responses, on a 1-5 scale

Buyers liked: Kids coming and inviting in person, like drinks and appetizers, like lineup of animals being mixed, want buyer's name announced after each animal sold. Check in and check out process was a 3.

Buyers would like to see changed: Beef buyers are not happy with the product they are receiving from red ribbons and light beef meat, figure something out so sale animals are only of quality, such as if the animals are too light, they go home.

New Business:

Reflection on fair roundtable:

Ear tag number on back of exhibitors and need to match the animal.

Larger backdrop and time on Sat. for pictures

Online sale did not do well this year, only one chicken sold. We were not charged for this service this year.

People complained about exhibitors wearing t-shirts, want it stricter. The dress code is in the fair book.

Jeanine Pendergrass of Farm Bureau wants to donate a scale that weighs in 1 pound increments.

Someone (shared with Chris England) questioning if supplements are legal. Look at labels, ask people, supplements are sold legally.

Judge needs to be hired before November

EID tags would be much better than what we have, the numbers were worn off of so many tags this year!

Carcass info. Out to the buyers at the sale?

Selling 2nd animal, a huge fuss was made about a steer and market heifer both being sold. The rules say this is ok, so let the kids sell the second animal and be happy for them they were grand or reserve with one.

Born and Raised in Fergus Co. signs, people liked these.

Fair book and day sheets need to have the same schedule.

Other Business: Fundraising Ideas:

Sponsorship banners on the show ring. Discussion: how make it known and open to all, where is line drawn?

Let businesses know about buyback program, or resale of animals.

Have a "get together" in March with buyers to let them know how all the financials work for the sale.

Next meeting is set for: Nov. 7