

Livestock Committee Meeting, November 7, 2023

In attendance:

Cory Poser, President

Alex Long

Nick Schultz, Vice President

Mardi Linhart

Leslie Long, Secretary

Jared Long, swine superintendent

Mike Vanek, Beef superintendent

Chris England

Allison Smith

Cody Ream

Charlie Ahlgren

Reba Ahlgren

Tammie Poser

Justine Curry

Rob Curry

Judah Curry

Sira Curry

David Curry

Stockton Stroh

Josh Stroh

Amanda Gillett

Julia Gillett

Jack Gillett

Karen Barta

Hailey Gallagher

Sydne Nichols

Cooper Nichols

Judi Martin

Mason Schultz

Paul Mayberry

Maggie Barth

Wyatt Schultz

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

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

Finance Report: Current Balance — as of today \$ 19,011.13

Checking: \$ Will have total at meeting

Sound System: \$ 4674.73

Restricted (Awards): \$ (347.46)

Checking Outside Other: \$ 14,683.86

Maggie Barth moved to accept the finance report, and David Curry seconded.

#### New Business

1. Clinics\Fair Board Funding- the fair board is discussing not charging 4-h for fairgrounds us for clinics, etc.
2. Policy changes (Action Items)

1. **Motion:** Applying a standard shrink

**Disposition:** motion failed

2. **Motion:** Changing number of animals for non-market classes  
Tammie moved to allow all breeding species/classes to show two animals in the breeding sections.

Discussion: Let kids show

Motion was seconded by Judi

**Disposition:** motion was passed by voice vote

3. **Motion:** Schedule change  
Change show schedule so all market classes are on one day and all showmanship classes are on the next day

Discussion: with multiple animals, this is too much for kids, no way to help others, current way is easier for parents, and this proposed way would allow kids to fit two times.

**Disposition:** motion Failed

4. **Motion:** Round Robin change

Discussion: Small animal is different from livestock com. So it is not even able to be voted on.

5. **Motion:** Quality Assurance changed to getting certified when change age bracket.

**Disposition:** motion Failed

6. **Motion:** Weight changes

Josh moved to amend the policy change for market beef to 1150 lbs. minimum weight, and maximum pay to 1500 lbs.

Discussion: This is more industry standard. The proposed sentence that any steer not making minimum sale weight will be dismissed immediately was struck out, as this will be discussed at a later date.

Motion was seconded by Reba

**Disposition:** motion was passed by voice vote

7. **Motion:** Jack moved that there are no Feeder Classes for any livestock species.

Discussion: All species will stay at the fair, or all leave after weigh in when they don't make weight. We should not have feeder classes for animals that don't weigh enough for industry standards.

Motion was seconded by Maggie

**Disposition:** motion was passed

8. **Motion:** Reba moved that market weight minimum for lambs go to 110 lbs.

Discussion: We are not up enough on industry standards to make this change at this time.

Motion was seconded by Tammie

**Disposition:** motion failed

9. **Motion:** Bred and Owned classes

Tammie moved that all species add a bred and owned class.

Discussion: this gives kids that are raising livestock another class to enter and show off their projects.

Motion was seconded by Jack

**Disposition:** motion was passed

10. **Motion:** Heifer Cross entries

Mike moved that replacement sale heifers may be cross entered in the beef breeding classes. The exhibitor must be currently enrolled in the beef breeding project. The champion replacement sale heifer is not eligible for the supreme breeding class.

Motion was seconded by Tammie

**Disposition:** motion was passed

11. **Motion:** Out of county ear tags

12. **Tammie moved that market animals entered by 4-h and FFA members from out of Fergus/Petroleum Counties will be governed by the same tagging and information deadlines as Fergus Co. Exhibitors. This includes dates due and photos.**

Discussion: Why would they not follow our rules and dates? Most did not know they had extra time for entries.

Motion was seconded by Chris

**Disposition:** motion was passed

Special Items:

1. Requiring back tags on all participants while in the show ring, this was agreed upon, and discussed that the back tag on showmen should reflect the animal they are showing's ear tag number.

2. Cooper Nichols and his mom came to the meeting to ask if he could show pigs and sell at the 2024 fair. Cooper's pigs did not make weight at his first fair, 2023. So, on Friday at noon they loaded them up and took them home. Someone told his mom it was fine to leave because they did not make the sale, and mom did not know that they were not supposed to leave until Sat. at noon. It was decided that Cooper can show and sell, if eligible, at the 2024 fair.

Next meeting is set for: 12/4/23

Items for next meeting:

Feeders, all stay or leave?

Committees, awards, judge, photo/backdrop, clinics

Sale coordinator