

**LIVESTOCK MEETING
MARCH 15, 2011**

With a large group attending representing all species the meeting was called to order by Jay Morrison.

Ray Austin, County Insurance Agent, gave a little presentation on the insurance that was available for livestock, both market and breeding animals. If you have any interest feels free to contact Mr. Austin and he will give you the particulars.

Bob Marler gave a report on what the Auction Committee had been working on and requested that anyone available check out the leader's website for things they can do to help with the duties that need to be filled. If we do not have enough help to hold the auction then the auction cannot happen. Both members and parents will be needed to fill the positions needed to make it happen. Bob can be contacted if anyone has questions. Auction meetings are open for general attendance if you have an interest. Leaders are asked to take this back to clubs and see if anyone is available to help. Sheep weights was another topic, it was suggested to the committee that the bottom weight be changed from 110 to 120 and the top from 165 to 185. This has brought some concern from breeders as the sheep are already bred for this year and this could cause some problems. During discussions with input from members, parents, breeders and leaders a consensus was given to change the bottom weight to 120 and leave the top weight at 165 and make the changes for next year (2012), leaving the weight limits alone for this year. This can be revisited next year to move the top weight if it is needed. Vote was unanimous.

Rate of Gain was brought up to see if we wanted to have it as part of the requirements for sale at Auction. It was decided that we would revisit this only if FFA has agreed to do it as well since it is not fair to put additional rule on the 4H members and not the FFA members to participate in the same auction. Most were agreeable if FFA would also follow the same rules.

FFA had made a proposal that would allow for 2 market animals of the same species are shown by a single member. After the scenario's were discussed and explained there were several other suggestions made by the attendees. If the purpose was to put more animals in the barn a good suggestion was made by a member to allow more breeding animals to be brought to fair. All felt that this was a good suggestion and the Barn Superintendents will look at numbers and bring back some suggested limits that will allow for that. Concerns were also voiced that even though only one animal would be allowed to sell that this might make buyers feel that they were being taken advantage of. It would also raise some problems with the shows for the market animals if show ring organizers were trying to make sure that individuals were not in the same class with 2 animals. After a lengthy discussion looking at several alternatives, it was decided that only one market animal per species should be allowed and that only one would be sold. The animal number limitations would be relooked at during this time of lower numbers and be brought back to the next

meeting. Bob also agreed to allow older Rams to be brought in for the breeding shows. It was discussed to create a feeder class or a State Fair qualifying class to allow those animals going to State fair to qualify.

With not more items the meetings was adjourned.