

## Livestock minutes May 2011

When we broke off into our individual areas we started out talking about volunteers needed for auction. Jay said, "everyone needs to help." It was asked what kind of duties needed to be done.

Jay talked about the runners, dad's with pig boards, bidder numbers, ect.. It was discussed and it is felt that a lot of help would be needed. If clubs don't step up and volunteer, Candi will assign them duties.

Bo and Amy were introduced as the new pig barn superintendent(s).

Candi talked about the differences between the auction committee roles and the livestock committee roles. Auction committee is not just about the 4-H. It covers all parties involved i.e. the Fair Board, 4-H, and the FFA. Everyone come together at the auction committee. It consists of 7 voting members--Candi, and Bob Marler for 4-H, 2 at large, 2 FFA, and 1 Fair Board member.

Heritage pigs were also discussed. Candi said that she would do some research on them.

We discussed weigh-in. We come in the same we always do. The shearer will start at 2:30 pm with rams and ewes. Bob said that he would like to have all the lambs done by 6:30 pm.

We need to get any changes to Candi for the Exhibitors handbook ASAP.

The carcass contest was discussed Hogs go first at 9 am. Lambs and Steers go at 1 pm. Bernie ask if the goats go then and was told to check with Candi, but it was guessed that the goats would go with the lambs and steers.

There are still some awards left to be sponsored and we were advised to check the website.

We were reminded to advise our kids to check the withdrawal times on feeds and dewormers, and to be sure to be documenting on thier health forms. We were also reminded to tell them that the health form needed to be complete and presented at the fair weigh-in.

We were told that the State Livestock Judging contest was Saturday July 9th at Marion County Fair.

Under other business we discussed a feeder class for qualifying market pigs for State Fair. It was discussed and decided that all that was necessary was to get a hold of Candi and get her approval. We also discussed free feeding the pigs at fair instead of the two times a day as we do now in the swine barn. Jay said that he would do some checking into it and get back to us at the next meeting in July.

The meeting was adjourned.