

8/11/2012 – Livestock Advisory meeting

Fair Judges – how did they do?

Sheep – good judge. Has been here 2 years.

Swine – Overall comments were mixed.

- Felt he was consistent, but judging for show ribbons not market quality.
- Felt he did not give ribbons correctly.
- Brett Cason was used as an example. Dustin was discussed with Brett.
- Brett felt that ribbon system is arbitrary.
- Candi has a power point presentation on the Danish Merit system of ribbon placement. Should judges be required to view this as a condition of contract?
- Dustin showed his youth and lack of experience.
- Future judges must have knowledge and be able to use the Danish Merit system for giving Blue/Red/White ribbons. Especially since white ribbons do not get to sell at auction.
- Ultrasound was mentioned as an alternative to judging for Market.
- Our contract must be review for completeness and make sure it lists our expectations.
- Judges must be able to educate the kids in the ring. Consensus was that Dustin did not educate well in the ring.
- Consensus was to have Candi offer the job to Dustin for next year based on our list of expectations. Candi to have conversation with Dustin and report back at the next advisory meeting.
- Candi wants to have judges hired by 1st of the year.
- Must have a judge that will be an educator of the kids.

Beef – CB Foss expressed concern over the cost and quality of our steers. This is a county fair after all, not a jackpot show for showy steers.

- Market steers can be purchased by kids for around \$1000.00
- Show steers are costing upwards of \$5000.00 plus. What is the purpose of our fair?
- Judge – Verdict still out.
- She was very fast in her judging.
- The final day, she was more concerned with getting on the airplane than on judging our show.
- Candi will make travel arrangements for judges to make sure there are not conflicts.

Goats – Judge was not consistent.

Question was presented about the quality of pig carcasses coming back. Referred to the Auction committee for further investigation.

Swine show ring ran good.

Swine Barn Feeding – Was it the cause of a pig death?

- Twisted gut caused 1 death.
- Per Vet – Bolting on feed or not feeding pelleted feed are causes.
- Lack of Exercise combined with excess feed can be a contributing cause.
- Next year we will have better guidelines for feeding in the barn.
- Everyone feed at 7:00 am and 5:00 pm
- Open feeding will be between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm
- If you feed more, you need to exercise more.
- Keep your pigs on a schedule. Don't shock them more than fair already does.
- Don't change what you have been feeding when you get to fair.

Questions for Auction Committee

- Auction checks and Add-on Checks
- Should we put a cap on selling prices so that no one sells for more than grand champion animal? (Respect for the position)

Candi encouraged and reminded that we need to have year around clubs.

Juniper Livestock show in June – Will not be a Jackpot show this year

- Want to focus on opportunity to practice showing.
- Reduced cost of entry fees.
- There will be awards and ribbons. Not large cash prizes.