

LIVESTOCK MEETING

May 4th, 2010

The livestock portion of the meeting was facilitated by Jay Morrison. Introductions were made around the room, and we got started.

The beef fitting and showmanship clinic was not able to be discussed as there were no Beef people to give their opinions. This subject was tabled for this meeting and suggested that Sara Pick pick it up and see if there is any suggestions on who to have do it and some good dates to schedule it.

Jessica Arnold would like to do the swine showmanship clinic in late June or early July. She will check with Candi and see if there is a place at the fairgrounds that would be available on July 11th or 17th. She will coordinate the date time and place as well as the instructions. More to follow on the website.

It was requested that anyone interested in taking over doing the awards, both general and for the sheep ring. Dawn Luther will work with Sherry this year but we will need to find someone that is willing to take it over for the long term. Please check with your clubs and see if there is a parent or other leader that might be willing to take on this assignment. Dawn Morrison asked what it took to do the awards. Sherry reported that it was finding sponsors when needed and sending out the letters, purchasing and coordinating the actual awards for the 4h shows.

Jay reminded all present that the 4H kids will NOT be cleaning up after the concerts this year. So the morning meetings will be held in the sheep ring. This will include everyone, including the beef barn, sheep and swine barns. FFA will be meeting in the Swine ring.

All Fair entries for the 4H show will need to be turned in by July 1st this year. Please don't be late in getting these into the Fair office. We will have Reaza put a reminder in the OTC and on the website.

This year's livestock auction will not be in the event center because of the additional concert taking place. So the BBQ will be in a tent in the center circle near the water feature. This will happen from 12 to 2pm. The Auction will start in the Beef ring at 2:30 where the champion steer will sell followed by the rest of the beef. Then people movers will be available to move the buyers to the sheep and hog rings where the rest of the parade of Champions will be done in the hog ring. The sheep, goats, rabbits and chickens will sell in the sheep ring. It is not know what order yet, that will follow at a later date. The hogs will go through the hog ring. Remind the clubs that they will need to coordinate the help with set up for the buyers BBQ on Saturday morning; lots of help will be needed. Also help will be needed setting up the auction sites.

Candi wanted to remind everyone that the Juniper jackpot will take place on the 5th of June and needs all your support, please attend it you can. It is very good practice for showmanship, and a good place to get those new kids out to a show prior to fair so they know what to expect on a smaller scale. There is also a need for sponsors for the show and for additional silent auction items. If you have either one please contact the extension office. This year there will also be a Judging competition on Sunday following the Jackpot June 6th at 1PM in the sheep barn. No early sign up is needed. Please come and participate. Jessica Arnold has volunteered to take a class of Novice Judgers and help them through the process and give pointers. Candi is still in need of a couple of additional beef animals for this competition if anyone has any available.

This years weigh in will be Monday may 17th from 4PM to 8PM. Sheep will be weighed in front of the sheep barn; they should enter the Fairgrounds through the South gate, along with the goats who will be weighed between 6PM and 8PM. The hogs will have several scales set behind the swine barn and the trailers should enter through the North gate behind the Beef barn, which gives more room to line up. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A COPY OF THE PROOF OF ORIGIN PAPERWORK. IT WILL NEED TO BE TURNED INTO THE PEOPLE DOING PAPERWORK AT THE SCALES DURING WEIGH-IN.

Clinic or training ideas were asked for. Judging clinics and training was the main topic on this one. Pam Cyrus reported that she has gotten a lot of feedback from previous members that did the judging and even though it was not their favorite thing to do while they were competing, it gave them a lot of well needed skills when they moved onto college and adult life. It was suggestion that we ask Candi to put in some of the other opportunities for Judging in the OTC and on the website.

A reminder was given that the members are only required to make progress on their advancements this year. They will need to make a minimum of 4 additional items checked off before record book check this year.