

Livestock Meeting
September 8, 2009

Facilitator: Jay Morrison Scribe: Jodi Ford

Introductions:

Assign Note Taker:

Premium Book Schedule:

Dawn Morrison found something, she thinks it was in reference to the beef. She will find it again and let the appropriate people know.

Need a goat awards volunteer:

There are a few mix ups that need to be remedied.

Do letters need to be sent?

Susan Foster was a suggestion for an awards volunteer.

Fair Debrief:

People movers were OK, but...

--idea to leave someone at the gate, or an on call situation.

--leaders need to be briefed on the purpose and schedule of people movers, at Tues. Fair meeting. They can pass that information on to parents.

--invest in one more tractor.

--use a flat wagon to move goods rather than the people mover.

--have a parent, or a bunch of parents run a people mover.

--have a parent donate a tractor.

Parents need to have integrity about driving in to the fair grounds.

Cars in and out during fair address issues of safety and inappropriate free admission.

Thanks to Jay and Dawn Morrison for their excellent superintendent-ship.

There was a disrespect for rules and leaders as youth refused to ...

--have clean language.

--exchange flip flops for appropriate barn duty foot-wear.

--eat outside of the swine barn.

--replace shorts with long pants for barn duty.

At what point are they escorted out of the barn?

At what point do they get sent home?

Let's be clear on some rules to the leaders and youth so that we can have the kind of representation that the 4-H program deserves.

The premium book states that we will be on barn duty until 8:00 pm. The barn was pretty quiet after 7:00. Do we need to reiterate this rule to the leaders.

We would like to see a greater level of participation at the fair during show events and auction.

We would like to recommend that all 4-H youth are present during the entire duration of showing and auction times, that they watch the shows, cheer for each other and learn the judge. If you are not showing or preparing to show including the auction, you are cheering for your fellow 4-H youth in the barn or at the ring.

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Herdsmanship:

Could we please change some language on the form to reflect a more relaxed expectations during show time. In the goat barn all of the youth show in such a condensed period of time that there are periods of time when the youth are not available for barn duty.

Sheep weigh in request.

Get with Candi (Sorry, I didn't write anymore on that. I hope the people it applies to really do contact you.)

Swine weigh in request.

--FFA and 4-H youth are NOT allowed to weigh in with obvious mud.

--Lance and Justin must give 100% support and trust in Jay's decision and back him up!

--Allow Jay to have the authority to make a correct decision based on obvious appearance.

--When an animal approaches the scale with mud heaped onto it, the scale will close, and

the animal will be sent to the wash racks, and asked to return with a clean hog.

Rain Etiquette: Help the each other know what is safe and what is not.

No Glass in the barn! It is in the premium book, but the rule was disregarded by many.

Sheep, Overall Supreme Female:

Occurrence--Rumor that prolapse happened before the fair. Animal won OSF. Two hours latter animal was sent home for prolapse. This is genetic.

Feelings--This is NOT how we want things to go.

Ideas--Choose an alternate

--rescind ribbons

--document previous prolapse

--call Candi

--the premium book could say that if a breeding animal is sent home from the fair for XYZ you lose ribbons.

--create a protocol for what should happen to a stall if an animal goes home.

Decision--The judges decision is a snapshot in time and is irrefutable. You can't take ribbons away.

We all liked the table decorating for the auction.

The food drive went poorly. The Beef Barn won. The fair board rule is that if you are going to experiment with an idea, you need to plan to do it at least three years in a row. Repeat food drive and then evaluate again.

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One more section of shade is needed on the swine barn.

--Can the shade fabric meet the permanent sidewalk cover?

--Can the shade fabric cover the bleachers?

--We like the shade fabric!

Is there a possibility of recycling at the fair?

--recycle specific bins

Quiz Bowl:

--should we combine sheep and swine?

--some interest is shown, but no leaders jumping up to say that they would love to take it on.

--Jodi Ford has swine bowl questions in a file at home if anyone wants them.

--maybe it would be something to do at idea fair instead.

--Nancy volunteered her daughter Mandy West as fun helper for a swine bowl.

--Please repeat this topic at November meeting.

Other:

Parents breaking rules at the fair:

--treating other person's animal without permission/presence.

--come and find Jay.

--Parents can be asked to leave or sometimes the whole family is asked to leave.

--deal with the situation promptly by involving Jay, Candi, Fair Board...as appropriate.

No Livestock meeting in October. It is on November 9.