

4-H LIVESTOCK LEADERS MEETING MINUTES July 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by Bruce Modreske at 7:37 pm. On Zoom

Pledges were led by Bruce M

SECRETARIES REPORT – Susan Ostrom

Roll call (list clubs represented at the end of the minutes):

New Business

1. Review suggestion from fairboard & Livestock Leaders officers meeting.
 - a. Fair has been cancelled. Recommendation made from fairboard and officers meeting to cancel livestock auction as well
 - i. Biggest problem is slaughterhouse availability – we have not been able to find processers willing to take the pigs
 - b. Motion made by Randy Petroskus, 2nd by Peg Berens to host a virtual livestock auction
 - i. Discussion:
 1. what are we selling? With no resale value for hogs and no processing available – what will the buyer be getting?
 2. Some kids wont show if they can't sell.... But 4H shouldn't be all about \$\$
 - ii. Vote - NO 15, Yes 2 . Motion failed
2. YQCA for next year --- discussion tabled
3. Live shows being held at the fairgrounds for MARKET beef, dairy beef, sheep, swine & goats only. These will NOT be 4H shows
 - a. Question of why no feeder calves classes? -- Fair offered facility for market animals only. Breeding & prospect animals can be shown next year. Market animals have "expiration date"
 - b. Further discussion about ribbons, cloverbuds
 - c. Don Berens asked about poultry. May potentially offer a poultry show at his home
 - d. Motion by Susan Ostrom, 2nd by Jessica Hazen to accept the offer of a show for market beef, dairy beef, sheep, swine and goats as proposed by fairboard and livestock leaders board
 - i. Motion amended by Susan, 2nd by Jessica to read "Market & Showmanship classes for Market beef, dairy beef, sheep, swine, & goats...."
 - ii. Vote: Yes 13, No 1. Motion passed
 - iii. Discussion of what to do for rules? Who can come? Shows will be ran by superintendents. Contact your species superintendent if you would like to help put the show together. Market tags excluding beef are due July 15.
 - iv. Motion by Susan Ostrom, 2nd by Laura Modreske. Animals must be tagged for the Allegan Fair to show at the youth live show.
 1. Motion amended to add that Exhibitors must be YQCA certified to show at youth live show.
 2. Vote – none opposed, motion passed
4. Beef Processing spots
 - a. The fair has 21 beef processing spots reserved at West Michigan Beef/ Byron Center Meats.
 - i. Discussion of how to assign the spots to kids needing them. Preference by age? Random drawing?
 - ii. Motion made by Susan Ostrom, 2nd by Aimee Geurink: Ask each club to report to Dian by Friday, July 17 how many spots their club needs. If total requested is greater than 21, then judge will pick the 21 at the live show. Animals must be present at the live show to be eligible for the processing spots.
 - iii. Vote – yes 15, no 0. Motion passed
5. Virtual showcase – at the fairgrounds the week after the regular fair dates
6. Mindy Laarman has a girl in her club that completed YQCA training July 2. It was due July 1.
 - a. Motion by Kevin Germain to let the girl show. 2nd by Don Berens
 - i. Vote: Yes 10, No 7. Motion passed

- ii. Discussed that any YQCA that has not already been completed will not be accepted for this year
- 7. Live show @ fairgrounds
 - a. Further discussion & direction for live shows?
 - i. Due to social distancing regulations, will likely have to limit attendance to exhibitor plus 2 other people
 - ii. What will we use for rules? 4H guidelines?
 - iii. Ribbons/ plaques? Judges?
 - iv. Entries due Aug 10?
 - v. Contact superintendent if you would like to help organize show

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm

Clubs in attendance: Bovine Beauties, Country Clovers 4-H Club, Goin' showin' 4-H Club, Hilltop 4-H, Homegrown 4-H Club, Hopkins Clever Clovers, Hudson Corners Livestock, Kids & Kritters, Lakeview 4-H, Martin Area Livestock, Milk 'N Honey 4-H Club, Monterey Community, North Allegan 4-H Livestock Club, Overisel Champs, Purple Circle Swine Club, Purple Vision 4-H Club, Rabbit River, Riverview Beef, Rollin Hills, Spartan 4-H Club, Trowbridge Troopers, Watson Wranglers 4-H Club, Wayland Livestock.

Submitted by
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Secretary