



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2024

1. Call meeting to order - President Steve Trattles called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
All members present: Steve Trattles, Diana Yeager, Angie Landis, Heather Teadt, Kevin Yeager, Ryan Waltke and Bill Prichard.
In addition - Kayla Mitchell and Charity Thompson
2. Additions to agenda - none
3. Public Comment - none
4. Secretary Report & Correspondence - no changes needed. Kevin moved and Angie seconded to accept/approve. Motion carried.
5. Treasurers Report
 - A. Balances
 - B. Auction Collection for 2023 - Angie moved to send a letter to members stating: "You have 60 days to cash this check at Sturgis Bank & Trust or it will be void and cash returned to St. Joseph County Livestock Association", Bill seconded, Motion carried. Moved by Kevin and seconded by Ryan to implement for 2024 to include a note with checks stating that they have 120 days to cash the check or it will be forfeited back to the St. Joseph County 4-H Livestock. Association. Motion carried.
 - C. Outstanding Bills - none
6. Old Business
 - A. Fair Entry Update - Charity demonstrated, Tonya wants to enter via paper - Charity agreed, Charity will teach members and leaders next year to use it. Each Superintendent will work with Charity to set up their species. Diana calling MEC to see if we can get internet at the fairgrounds.
7. New Business
 - A. Auction - contact auctioneers & ring men: Kayla will call to set up
 - B. Judges - show, evaluation, carcass
 - Carcass class is September 10th 5:30 goats, 6:00 swine, 6:30 sheep, 7:00 beef. Ryan confirming with judge.
 - superintendents send Charity judges' information for shows and evals so she can get contracts out.
 - C. Fair Book - Kayla will follow up with adjustments per our conversation
 - D. Rabbit Cages -Diana moved that we budget up to \$4,000.00 to replace rabbit cages. Bill seconded. Motion carried.
 - E. Jackie Brazo - Jackie inquired about working this fall, we are unsure how many hours, but do believe she will be needed.
 - F. Bylaws Review - Dogs and Cats finances will move to be under Youth Council. Moved by Angie, Seconded by Diana. Motion Carried. Bylaws will be reviewed this winter.
 - G. Tagging - Sheep, Goats, Beef have been tagged; Swine tagging is in process; Poultry tagging and Rabbit tattooing dates remain.

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H. Kayla updates, contract, liability waiver, MDARD: Youth Council replacing clovers in Barn 43 &44. Horse Council and Youth Council are using Crown Trophy. Contract with fair board approved. MSUE made recommendations, waiting to hear back from Fair Board. Livestock exhibitors must have liability insurance to cover their animals. At this time, poultry has been approved by MDARD to show at fair. They are considering options for lactating dairy cattle. Storage options for our equipment stored at the fairgrounds is being discussed. Nineteen members are attending Exploration Days at MSU with Kayla.

I. August meeting date: Wednesday, August 14th, 6:30 p.m. @ MSUE Extension office

J. Pre-Fair Meetings:

a. Rabbits: Thursday, August 1st, 6:00 p.m. @Adams Park in Centreville

b. Dairy: Tuesday, August 13th, 6:00 p.m. @ MSUE Extension

c. Sheep: Tuesday, August 13th, 6:30 p.m. @ MSUE Extension

d. Beef: Wednesday, August 14th, 6:00 p.m. @MSUE Extension

e. Poultry: Monday, August 19th, 7:30 p.m. @Fairgrounds

f. Swine: Thursday, August 22nd, 6:00 p.m. @ MSUE Extension

g. Goats: Thursday, August 22nd, 6:30 p.m. @ MSUE Extension

9. Adjournment: Moved by Ryan seconded by Kevin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.