



# **ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

1. Call meeting to order - Steve Trattles, president called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. All members were in attendance.
2. Additions to agenda
3. Public Comment – Fawn Hostetler, JoJo Torrey
4. Secretary’s Report & Correspondence – Heather read the report and correspondence:
  - A. We received a thank you note from the food bank for donations after fair 2022.
  - B. It was moved by Ryan and seconded by Bill to approve the minutes, motion carried.
5. Treasurer’s Report
  - A. Balances - Bank balance as of 1/31/23 is \$124,171.83. Outstanding checks of \$31,613.53. Balance available \$92, 558.30.
  - B. Auction Collection - Outstanding \$2,396.71. Jerry Waltke Memorial fund stands at \$35,613.20. Fair expenses Balance \$65.31 left
  - C. Outstanding Bills - Yoder’s Donuts receipt from Tonya \$64.88. It was moved by Ryan and seconded by Kevin to pay this bill. Motion carried.
  - D. It was moved by Diana and seconded by Heather to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.
6. Old Business
  - A. Computer Program- We are still looking for options. Fair Entry is a commission-based program. This topic is tabled until we have more information.
  - B. Jerry Waltke Memorial Collection & Donation - Livestock Auction withheld 3.5% for a total of \$1296.28, there is an outstanding donation of \$50.00 as well. It was moved by Angie and seconded by Heather to return the whole amount \$1296.28 to the Jerry Waltke Memorial Fund. Motion Carried.
  - C. Old hog show arena gates update - This has been posted on our Facebook page with no response, Kevin will post on Facebook Marketplace to reach a broader audience.
  - D. Show Schedule for Poultry and Rabbits - Angie and Heather have been working to coordinate schedules to best align for the members.

Rabbit Show will be as follows:

8:00 Cloverbud Check in

8:30 Member Meeting – All Rabbit members should attend

9:00 Rabbit Show begins.

Tentative Show Order:

Showmanship for 8-19 year old members

Cloverbuds Showmanship

BREAK FOR LUNCH (1/2 hour)

Breeding Stock Rabbits

Market – Raised

Market – Purchased

Poultry Show will also begin at 9:00 a.m. with show order TBA

E. Work Session Items:

- a. Swine- Ractopamine allowed as directed – animal welfare in front
- b. All animals will be sent home if they are under or over weight limits for their species. If the animal can be used for breeding stock, they may stay and show under breeding stock ONLY. This motion was made by Heather and seconded by Kevin. Motion carried.
- c. No YQCA required for 2023 fair
- d. Champion Project will be eliminated for each species
- e. Showmanship and Evaluation age groups remain the same – ages will remain the same as last year across the board for all species
- f. Universal Registration forms – there will be a Large Animal Registration form and a Small Animal Registration form
- g. County Wide Showmanship Clinic August 5<sup>th</sup> – times will be the same as last year, with different species every ½ hour
- h. Cloverbuds added to Sheep and Dairy Feeder Steer Projects
- i. Asst. Goat and Asst Swine positions- Maree Gerig will be the newest Goat Assistant Superintendent, Rick Gould will be the newest Swine Assistant Superintendent.
- j. Sale Commission Rate to be reevaluated for 2023 – Will discuss at April Meeting

7. New Business

- A. Auction concerns, changes & updates - Postponed until next meeting
- B. Carcass Class - Steve went to see Willie
- C. Election of Officers - Elections were held and unanimously approved to keep the same officers and positions for 2023-24. Moved by Diana and seconded by Kevin. Motion carried.  
President: Steve Trattles  
Vice President: Diana Yeager  
Secretary: Heather Teadt  
Treasurer: Angie Landis  
Fair Liaison: Ryan Waltke
- D. Judge's Mileage - Swine Judge is 4 hours away. Rate is \$0.60/mile with no cap. Rabbits needs will be postponed until next meeting.
- E. April meeting date: April 11, 2023

8. Adjournment - 8:12 p.m.