



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes, June 14, 2022

1. Call to Order
2. Members present: Angie Landis, Bill Prichard, Steve Trattles, Ryan Waltke, Diana Yeager, Kevin Yeager
3. Members absent: Heather Teadt
4. Public Comment - none
5. Additions to the Agenda
6. Secretary Report – Heather
 - a. Approval of April 19th minutes – tabled to next meeting
7. Treasurer Report – Angie
 - a. Moved to approve as presented by Kevin, second by Ryan. Motion passed.
8. Old Business
 - a. Auction Update
 - i. Last year’s auctioneers have been contacted, all are available to help again this year.
 - ii. Ringmen/proxy bidders need contacted – Autumn will do Wednesday.
 - iii. An extra printer is available for use at the auction in Autumn’s office
 - b. Processor Update
 - i. Smokin’ Butcher is good to go for business as usual, someone will need to contact them if things change due to HPAI
 - ii. Steve is calling Chester’s in Kalamazoo for processing
 - c. Assistant Superintendent update
 - i. Brady Littlefield is the new swine assistant superintendent, Tarina Jansen is the new goat assistant superintendent
 - d. Carcass contest
 - i. Finalize dates/times for weigh-in and hung contest
 - 1) Weigh in will be on Saturday, September 10th. Goat department will weigh the sheep since Ryan is unavailable. Times TBD.
 - 2) Hanging classes will be September 13th and 14th.
 - 3) Judge is lined up. Jeff Leiniger (574) 210-1327.
 - ii. Willie Bontrager is good to go to process carcass animals.
 - e. 2022 Judges
 - i. Pay and mileage – federal rate is now \$0.62/mile. Angie moved to pay mileage at a rate of \$0.60/mile for show judges only and evaluation judges will not be paid mileage. Ryan second. Motion passed.

- ii. Send judge information to Jenny and Tonya ASAP so they can send out agreements and confirmation letters.
 - iii. Kevin would like to use MSU judging team for evaluations. Working with Brady on this.
 - f. Evaluations and Champion Project
 - i. Breeding stock record books are on the website for large livestock, still need poultry and rabbits
 - ii. Weigh tapes have arrived – putting it in the newsletter that they can be checked out from the Extension Office
 - iii. Stagger start for evaluations on Sunday of fair week – times in the fairbook are subject to change, maybe doing sign-ups instead of first-come, first-served.
 - iv. Champion Project prizes – Becky Hunt can do lawn chairs for \$28 each for age division winners. Need 21 total.
 - v. Another idea for overall per species was soft shell jackets. Autumn is looking into this and other options – sherpa blankets, garment bags
 - g. Species Clinics for Summer 2022
 - i. Brainstorming: Multiple species showmanship clinic, kids pay \$5, have skillathon set up for kids to practice during downtime. Looking at Saturday, August 6th (backup is Sat. 8-13), start at 10:00 a.m. Fairgrounds will not charge for old open beef barn.
 - ii. Work session to finalize details on July 12th at the Yeagers' house.
 - h. Sweepstakes – add small animals?
 - i. Needs to be referred to sweepstakes committee
 - ii. Angie requests breeding stock for poultry if so
9. New Business
- a. Autumn updates
 - i. Autumn will call Grand Rapids Metrology for scale certification, preferred date September 6th
 - ii. Memorial money for Mary Ann Smith will be split 50/50 between the swine and dairy feeder steer funds. Thank you notes need written.
 - iii. Post-fair meetings: Autumn recommended considering other ways of doing these meetings. Maybe do one post-fair meeting (or one large and one small) and only do a species meeting if something major happens. Could also double up meetings on evenings – worked well in 2021. Kevin mentioned doing them within 30 days of fair ending.
 - iv. There is a 4-H supervisor in the district, her name is Jennifer Weichel. Julie Pioch is the other contact, she is district director. They both have the meeting dates for all the county's councils.
10. Next Meeting: August 9th at 5:30 p.m. at the Yeagers' house – potluck
11. Work session for showmanship and skill-a-thon: July 12th 5:30 at Yeagers'
12. Adjourn – Ryan moved, Diana seconded. Meeting adjourned.