

## 4-H LIVESTOCK LEADERS MEETING MINUTES January 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by Bruce Modreske at 7:32 pm.

Pledges were led by Bruce M

SECRETARIES REPORT – Susan Ostrom

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

Motion by Laura Modreske to approve November minutes. Seconded by Jessica Hazen.

Motion passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

Motion by Missy Harvey to approve December minutes with change that in fair book, under Dept 2- Youth Dairy steers/starters, section 1, item #9, last sentence should read “Market class is required”. Seconded by Jessica H.

Motion passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

Correspondence –

Blake Pillars from the livestock judging team gave a recap of their trip to Denver and wanted to thank the group for their support & donation. They were 5<sup>th</sup> out of 28 teams.

TREASURERS’ REPORT - Jason DeWeerd reviewed the attached report

- A. Checking Account – 43,830.66
- B. Savings Account – 17,608.07
- C. Insurance CD – 17,457.71
- D. Geurink Memorial Fund – 32,224.38
- E. Bills submitted -

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Rabbit Leaders Report – Report from meeting

Mindy Laarman is the new rabbit superintendent. Gave review of their committee meeting. They would like to put on a rabbit carcass show this year and have a rabbit & poultry show at the fairgrounds in the summer. Mindy also discussed money that Jeremy Boeve paid out of pocket last year for testing to find why rabbits had been having health issues.

Motion made by Don Berens to give Jeremy Boeve \$300 for his extra work last year. Motion seconded by Angie.

Motion passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

B. Poultry Leaders Report – Draft rules to approve

Don Berens reviewed proposed poultry project rules. (see attachment)

Motion by Missy H. to approve rule changes. Seconded by Jessica H.

Motion passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2019 Auction Follow Up – Dian will be wrapping up this month.

From December meeting

Self Buy back discussion

There was discussion about changing auction payment procedure if a 4Her wanted to purchase their own animal back. No motion made.

Committee sign up for 2020 – Sign up sheet going around

Club vote to revisit the rule regarding member must show in showmanship, market and at the sale in order to sell market animals.

Lane Sturman made a motion to revisit the topic of the rule that was made at the November meeting. Motion seconded by Jason.

There was much discussion about the issue. Those opposed to the rule felt that the 19 year olds that may be in college were being penalized and wouldn't be able to sell their animals. Those in favor of the rule felt that all three components (market, showmanship, and sale) were vital to completing the project. If buyers are expected to take their time to come support the 4Hers at the auction, the 4Hers should be present as well.

Motion made by Jason to strike all references to the sale from the current rule. Motion seconded by Lane S.

Club vote. Motion Passed 14-7, 1 abstained.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Request to raise fee for Poultry Judges

Don Berens brought up issue that most of his prospective poultry judges are asking for more money than we have spent in the past. We have been paying \$125/judge. Most judges are now asking for \$300

Motion made by Brenda Flokstra to Raise poultry judging pay up to \$300 per judge from this point on. Motion seconded by Jessica H.

Motion passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

### Proposed Budget discussion –

Jason reviewed proposed budget (see attachment)

Proposed Income & Expenses were added in for rabbit carcass contest and rabbit & poultry summer show.

There was discussion about possible capital expenses. There was discussion about looking into purchasing our own gates to use for placing pens for the swine show.

Motion made by Jessica Hazen to add \$15,000 to the budget for capital improvements to investigate the cost of pig placing pens or pig fair pens. Seconded by Tina Klingenberg.

Motion passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

Motion by Don Berens to approve budget. Seconded by Jessica H.

Motion passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

Approved budget attached

### Can we have placing ribbons to 5<sup>th</sup> place?

Currently, the fair provides placing ribbons up to 3<sup>rd</sup> place. There was discussion that 4Hers should get ribbons to 5<sup>th</sup> place

Motion made by Jessica H that we ask the fair to provide placing ribbons up to 5<sup>th</sup> place for showmanship in all species. Seconded by Angie.

Motion passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

### Showmanship Derby discussion

There will be a Showmanship Derby Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 11 @ 7:30pm. The committee will bring a report to the March livestock leaders meeting.

## Announcements

- Next 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 7:30pm, Zimmerman Rm
- 4-H Council Auction, March 21, Hopkins High School
- Allegan County 4-H Camp Kidwell Annual meeting, Thursday, April 16, 6pm, 4-H Camp Kidwell – looking for 4-H leaders willing to serve for 3 years on the board
- Dian will be sending a note to all swine leaders to update that we will need to use RFID tags beginning in 2021.

Motion to adjourn by Don Berens.

Motion passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm

Clubs in attendance: Bovine Beauties & More 4-H Club, Country Clovers 4-H Club, Farm 'N Charm, Goin' showin' 4-H Club, Hilltop 4-H, Homegrown 4-H Club, Hopkins Clever Clovers, Hudson Corners Livestock, Kids & Kritters, Lakeview 4-H, Milk 'N Honey 4-H Club, Monterey Community, North Allegan 4-H Livestock Club, Purple Circle Swine Club, Purple Vision 4-H Club, Rabbit River, Riverview Beef, Rollin Hills, Spartan 4-H Club, Watson Wranglers (Ridin Wild) 4-H Club, Wayland Clover, Wayland Livestock