



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

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

1. Call meeting to order: 6:35 p.m.
2. Additions to Agenda
  - a. Old Business E, Fair Entry
  - b. New Business C, Fair Board Correspondence
3. Public Comment - None
4. Secretary Report & Correspondence - Heather provided the minutes for February 21, 2023.
  - It was moved by Kevin and seconded by Bill to accept the secretary's report as given. Motion carried.
5. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Balances - \$56, 219.57
  - b. Auction Collection – Still some outstanding balances
  - c. Outstanding Bills – none
6. Old Business
  - a. Old Hog Show Arena Gates - Ionia County bought them for \$3,000.00.
  - b. Sale Commission Rate for 2023 - current rate is 3.5%, Ionia County for example is currently 4%, going to 4.5% this year with proposed rate of 5% for next year. Heather moved to set the rate for 2023 fair at 4%. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - c. Goat and Swine Assistant Superintendents - this was taken care of at the February 2023 meeting.
  - d. Kiwanis Club Judges Meals - Kayla was informed by Brian Oswald that 4 rabbit judges apparently ate there on show day and charged the meal. Kayla has not received the invoice yet. Heather will make sure this does not happen in 2023.
  - e. Fair Entry Computer Program - Tabled for this meeting. Blue Ribbon is paid by the fair, this year they fought a rise in pricing. It does not look like we could get it done for this year's fair. For 2023 the cost is \$500. Fair Entry goes by the number of entries 5,000-7,000 entries is \$2,500. Ten thousand entries would be \$3,000 for a year. Fair Entry also offers 24/7 tech support which would be helpful, especially Fair week.
7. New Business
  - a. Auction concerns, changes and updates:
    - 1.) Fair Entry offers online training, the bank people would have to be trained as well. Kayla will pitch to fair association at the May meeting.
    - 2.) Discussion was held regarding designating resale or processed while in the sale ring, auctioneers set up with ring men.
    - 3.) Discussed processors and carcass judge.
  - b. Judges Mileage - Angie moved and Kevin seconded the motion to cap judge's mileage at \$150.00 which would be about 120 miles radius. Motion carried.
  - c. Fair Board Correspondence
  - d. June Meeting date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at MSU Extension office
  - e. State Line show wants to rent new hog gates - discussion was held regarding the issue, concerns about proper set up and use.
  - f. Kayla would like to get the fair book printed as soon as possible. Please review changes and get this completed.
8. Adjournment - 8:47 p.m.