Montcalm County 4-H Livestock Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2014

Member’s Present: Marvin Johnson, Doug Uzelac, Jeanne and Karly Steinberg, Alice Hoitinga, Todd Hetherington, Nancy Story, Paula Plank, Sherry Brown and Heather Haag.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and the pledges were recited.

Secretary’s Report:
• Alice Hoitinga suggested a correction be made to the Beef Ultrasound motion - Livestock committee to pay Kevin Gould Mileage and $4 fee per animal.
• Motion made to accept the meeting minutes as submitted with the correction to the Beef Ultrasound motion, supported. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:
• Livestock Committee received a bill from Ellenbaus for steel for the sheep pens for $4,850.90 to be paid from allocated funds.
• Motion made to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted, supported. Motion carried.

MSU Extension Report:
• No report was given at the meeting.

Old Business:
• 4-H Record Books – Discussed record books, not online yet.
• By-Laws – Doug Uzelac drafted and asked everyone to read and bring corrections/changes to the next meeting.
• Sheep Pens – Eric Plank has about 66 gates together (30 hours of his time into this project) and expenses of $300 for gas and welding rod.
• Auction Meal – Sherry Brown has talked to Sage’s and she will meet with them next month to set up details. Roxanne Russell donated a 3 year old goat to auction meal.
• Photographs – Cheryl for livestock photos was sick, will ask her to come to next meeting
• Auctioneers – Need more ringmen. Everyone bring names for auctioneers and ringmen to the next meeting. Tabled until next meeting.
• MSU Montcalm Extension Website – Heather Haag presented the new MSU Montcalm Extension website. Highlighted the 4-H sections. She is willing to do other trainings on usage if needed. Animal Registrations are listed with dates. Fair Books are not available yet.
• Banners for Livestock (Grand & Reserve Champions) – Sherry Brown will bring examples to next meeting
NEW BUSINESS:

- Swine Ear Tags
  - Doug presented information on MDARD (Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development) for State Swine Ear Tags. Free tags are available this year for Fairs.
  - Motion for Alice to order as many as possible for our fair and to have them put "MCFA" (Montcalm County Fair Association), seconded by Todd Hetherington. Motion passed.
  - The Market Swine registration forms need to be changed to reflect the requirement of using this new tag.
  - Next year swine breeders will be required to put tags on all pigs sold, like other livestock (sheep, cows, etc.).

- New PA System – This idea was presented. Asked people to bring prices to next meeting for discussion.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, supported. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Montcalm County 4-H Fairgrounds.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Steinberg