Montcalm County 4-H Livestock Committee
Minutes
April 20, 2015

Member’s Present: Doug Uzelac, Paula Plank, Butch Migoski, Dave and Bayley Wolfe, Jill and Shaun Bartolo, Roxanne Russell, Allen and Linda Jenks, Jeanne Steinberg, Lee and Sally Frandsen, Linda Peterson, Joel Nyenhuis, Alice Hoitinga, Lisa and Marvin Johnson, Sherry Brown

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. and pledges were recited.

- **Secretary’s Report:** No report available.

- **Treasurer’s Report:** Chemflex: $7947.96, Chemflex Morality: $4245.41, Checking: $5813.06 (a transfer of $1,000 from auction account to checking was made), Auction: $3383.73, cash on $11.75 for a total $21,389.96. Motion was made to file treasurer’s report at written by Lisa Johnson and seconded by Paula Plank. Motion carried.

- **MSU Extension Report:** No report available. It was noted that the MSU Montcalm Extension office is in the process of hiring a new 4-H Program Coordinator someone to replace Tarin. Heather Haag also mention that all 4-Her’s need to check his/her status on line to see if it states “PENDING” if it does please make sure that you have an emergency contact listed.

- **Picture Backdrop:** Todd Hetherington, Bill Knapp and Jerry Davis will meet back by the livestock building on Thursday, April 16, 2015. They were taking measurement and determining the best location for the wall. This was all told by Lisa Johnson. No one from the committee was present at the meeting.

- **Fair Biz:**
  - **Vet Letter:** The letter is from Sparta Vet Clinic regarding Tail docking on Lambs. Place copy here.
  - **Judges:** Amanda Wall has received all recommendations for judges from every species.
  - **Livestock Auction Buyer’s Meal:** Sherry Brown reported that everything is set with Meijer’s and Sage’s. She does have to get a list to Sage’s. Meats donations are as the following:
    - **Farm Credit** will buy a sheep and pig for the livestock auction buyer’s meal.
    - **Jenk’s** donated a goat, but made a motion that the livestock committee buy one from them and donate it for the meal. An addendum was made to the motion by Jill Bartolo to add a sheep. An amended motion was made to have the livestock committee purchase a goat from Allen Jenks and a sheep from Doug Uzelac and donate them to the livestock auction buyers’ meal, seconded by Marvin Johnson. Motion carried.
    - **Sage’s** usually provided Turkey and Beef to the livestock auction buyer’s meal.
  - **Clerking:** Paige Gebhardt and Sabrina Johnson worked with Brian Gardener on the old program. They are good to go for clerking at the livestock auction this year. Tarin will also help.
  - **Auction Issues:** Pigs weighing over 300 pounds will sell at auction for a maximum of 300 pounds. Any pigs over 300 pounds for carcass class will be disqualified.
    - **Resale:** All re-sales will happen at the end of each species. Please notify Heather Haag to add a space on the buyer sheet. Doug will make sure Auctioneers are aware of this.
- **Tanks for chickens at the auction:** Joel Nyenhuis will provide some tanks to hold the coolers during the auction.

- **Market Goats:** Roxanne Russell wants to know if the livestock committee would be okay with the goat committee doing away with the de-horning rule for market goats. This will be tabled until the October Small Animal Committee meeting, so we can do some research on de-horning at other fairs.

  - **Registrations:** GET IT DONE!!!! ALL OF THEM ARE DONE BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING.

  - **Poultry Leg Bands:** Linda Peterson made a motion to have the livestock committee purchase all poultry leg bands, seconded by Lee Frandsen. Motion carried. Alice Hoitinga will contact Heather Haag regarding on where to order them from.

  - **Ultra-Sounding Market Steer:** Joel Nyenhuis made a motion to move the market steer ultra-sounding day to Thursday morning, seconded by Jill Bartolo. Motion carried.

  - **Trailer for Storage:** Alice Hoitinga brought up that the photographer would not have a place to store her equipment and the livestock committee would not have a place to store the PA system during fair. She brought up a company who rent constructions sheds for $400 a week. The livestock committee decided to see if someone can donate the use of their trailer for the week for storage.

  - **Sale Bill:** Alice made a motion to have the Livestock Auction Program be printed in Greenville, seconded by Roxanne. This motion was tabled until the next meeting as Alice is going to check on pricing.

  - **Auctioneers:** Jason Clark, Doug Sheridan, Jason Buener, Joe Sherwood (Alma) and Kevin Lartern (Alma).

  - **Photographer:** Cheryl Strautz – someone was going to confirm.

  - **Thank You Buyer Rosette:** 4-H members need to bring Thank You Rosettes to their buyers.

**Next meeting:** May 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Montcalm County Fairgrounds Ash Building.

**Meeting adjourn:** 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Brown