

Livestock Association Minutes  
April 11, 2017

Present: Audrey Greer; Kelli Muma (Country Blend); Carrie Shaver, Fred Shaver; Dawson Shaver (New Horizons); Joannie Willford (Beaverton Buckaroos); Jeff Balzer; Klarise Shell; Laken Shell (Berg's Barnyard Kids); Denise Shears, Carole Hoag (EUTS); Lisa Schwager, Mike Simrau, Kristi Simrau (Getting Down on the Farm); Amy Grice (Hoofbeats); Melissa Preston (MSU Extension)

Meeting called to order at 6:0 p.m. Pledges were said, introductions were made.

Secretary report – Jeff made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Mike supported. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – Auction account checking balance - \$10,158.68; savings - \$5.00; Livestock Advisory Board checking account balance - \$9,493.48; savings - \$5.00. One outstanding check in the amount of \$439; Kristi made a motion to reissue the check; Jeff supported. Motion carried.

Old business:

Mike checked with Premiere tag company – they are no longer making the green ear tags for the swine that we used. They are \$16.50 for 20 tags; free shipping for purchases over \$100. Mike and Jeff will investigate other companies and see if they can find them for a cheaper price. Melissa can also contact her friends in St. Clair County; see what they use and where they get them from.

Weigh in is May 13 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the fair grounds.

Fair entries are due to the fair office by no later than 4:30 p.m. on June

PQA training – April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Gladwin Jr. High School. Online registration for all that need the training. Jeff is requesting an exception for Dylan Hilliard to not have to take PQA training due to the fact that he is in the military and has no access to the internet. Jeff will bring it up to the fair board as it is a fair board decision.

Buyers banquet – overall it went well; got a few ideas as to how to improve the seating situation

New business:

Fair board is no longer wanting to store the scales for 4-H due to the fact that they are in the way. Jeff's recommendation is that they be sold and the money put back into the 4-H account. List them in the paper; get sealed bids on them, and then sell them to the highest bidder. They will also put them out during weight in with a sign on them. The large set was approximately \$800; the small set was approximately \$450 when they were bought new. Kristi made a motion to sell them; Jeff supported. Motion carried.

Fair board report –

1. Fred is looking for a dairy judge. Overall judges are roughly \$1,000 each, he needs an overall livestock judge.
2. June 14 at 4:30 p.m. – fair paperwork due to the fair office by this time.
3. Anyone that needs the swine USDA tags – Fred has the tagger, needs it back ASAP since he needs to have the tag numbers turned into the state by May 25<sup>th</sup>. If you go to weigh in, you are all set, they will be tagged then.

4. Barn sponsors this year.
5. Rodeo – don't want to see so many kids come in and work the concession stand during this time. Last year they had 64 kids working at one time. Melissa and Christina Bruse will be walking through the concession stand next week to see what they need to do to get the flow better.

Are we going to do the pig roast for the buyers again during the auction? Kristi made a motion to purchase the pig, buns, and chips. Joannie supported. Motion carried.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at MSU Extension office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Shears  
Secretary