

Livestock Association Minutes
January 31, 2017

Present: Julie Jines, Zoe Jines, Vincent Jines (Camo Kids); Kelli Muma (Country Blend); Carrie Shaver, Fred Shaver, Dawson Shaver (New Horizons); Martin Willford, Joannie Willford, Christina Bruse (Beaverton Buckaroos); Jeff Balzer (Berg's Barnyard Kids); Denise Shears, Carole Hoag (EUTS); Kristi Simrau, Logan Simrau, Lisa Schwager, Mike Simrau (Getting Down on the Farm)

Guests – Sienna Suszak; Jackie Martin (MSU Extension)

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. Pledges were said, introductions were made.

Secretary report – there was no report given.

Treasurer's report – Auction account checking balance - \$10,215.88; savings - \$5.00; Livestock Advisory Board checking account balance - \$1,880.81; savings - \$5.00. Discussion as to whether the money from the auction had been transferred from one account to the other, as the feeling was that there is too much in the auction account and not enough in the advisory board account. Carrie texted Melissa and she will be transferring the monies tomorrow, 2/1/17. There is still 1 outstanding check for sales tax in the approximate amount of \$340.

Fair board report –

1. Kristi is the 4-H liaison. If there are any questions we are to go to her with them and she will take them to Fred.
2. There will be NO 4-H ride passes this year; cheaper prices on the rides instead. There will still be a discounted 4-H pass for the grandstands.
3. There will be NO online Blue Ribbon program this year. Everything will be done on paper and all paperwork is due to the fair office by Wednesday, June 14, 2017, no later than 4:30 p.m.
4. Any and all fair book changes need to be to the fair office by Monday, February 20, 2017 by no later than 2:00 p.m.
5. Barns will be sprayed July 5, so all barn set ups must be done prior to this date, with the exception of the horse barn.
6. The Jesse Maxwell speed shows will be held on June 29 & 30; and July 1 & 2.
7. The fair board will be getting in touch with the superintendents.
8. The fair board is going to be meeting with Sienna from MSU on February 4 to decide which ribbons, if any, can be eliminated to save on costs.
9. Swine still need to be double tagged – 1 ear has to have the state tag; the other has to have the green 4-H tag. If the state tag is lost prior to fair, Fred MUST come out to your farm and replace it. The swine must be tagged with the state tags by June 1st.

Purpose of Boards – Jackie Martin, MSUE – this discussion was incorporated with the by-laws report

Old Business:

By-laws committee report – Jackie Martin, MSUE, passed out copies of the by-law changes and they were gone through with the members present. There were no questions on any of the changes that were presented. Kristi made a motion to adopt the revised by-laws as of today's date; Jeff supported. Motion carried.

Officers – election of treasurer – Kristi nominated Lisa Schwager for the treasurer's position; Lisa acknowledged she would be willing to accept the position; Kelli Muma supported. Floor was

closed for nominations. Vote was taken, it was unanimous. Jeff made the motion that Joannie Willford will stay on as the 2nd signer, Kristi supported. Motion carried.

Committee sign up:

1. Sale committee – Carole H.; Lisa S.; Kristi S.; Carrie S., Mike S., Julie Cameron
2. Buyer's Banquet – Denise S., Kristi S., Julie Cameron, Lisa S., Joannie W., Audrey Greer
3. Replacement committee – Jeff B., Mike S., Marty W.
4. Finance/Budget committee – Lisa S., Joannie W., Denise S., Sienna (MSUE)
5. Education committee – tabled until next meeting – need to talk to some youth
6. By-laws/nominating committee – Denise S., Julie J., Kristi S., Kelli M.

New Business:

Livestock Auction policy – proposed changes to be made to the policy.

1. All buyers must pay the night of the sale, unless other arrangements have been made AND APPROVED prior to the night of the sale with the 4-H Gladwin County Advisory Board.
2. Checks will NOT be written until ALL buyers have been paid, at the discretion of the Livestock Advisory Board.
3. All youth will pick up their checks at the MSU Extension office, along with their buyer pictures. Checks will only be released to the person or persons listed on the authorization form, which is REQUIRED to be filled out by all youth participating in the auction.
4. Checks will only be sent in the mail if they have not been picked up within 30 days of notification of readiness for pick up. They will be sent, via USPS, to the address on the 4-H paperwork.
5. A letter with the new policy will be sent via email; hard copy via USPS; posted on the Gladwin 4-H Facebook page; sent via the monthly newsletter; and uploaded onto the county website. This will ensure that all youth participating in the livestock projects will get the information regarding the new policy.

Copies of the buyer's letter, as well as the proposed changes and the check release authorization were passed out to the members present for review and approval at the next meeting.

Swine tags - Is there a need to reorder the green 4-H tags or do we have enough? Per Jeff, there are only 100 or so tags left, so we will need to reorder them; we order 1,000 at a time to get the price break. Joannie made a motion to allow Jeff to purchase more tags, Mike supported. Motion carried.

Buyer's banquet – Gladwin High School is available March 14th for the banquet. Sienna took the contract to show to the lawyers at MSU and be sure that there is no language in there that would be reason we could not sign it. Discussion of when/where we could have it if we could not use the school. Jeff made a motion that we have the banquet on March 14th at Gladwin High School if allowed by MSU Extension. Joannie supported. Motion carried. The banquet committee will look into this matter further and will meet to get things figured out.

Addition to agenda:

Marty Willford had questions on the sales tax issue. He feels that we should have discounts for numerous items that were not taken. Sienna tried to explain how it works and stated that as of this year we will no longer have to pay this on commissions. She is going to look into whether or not our

check has already been deposited; if it has, there is nothing she can do, but if it hasn't she may be able to stop the deposit and get the money back.

There were 28 steer registered/tagged this year; 27 with 1 replacement. This is up from past years.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at MSU Extension office.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Shears
Secretary