JR Livestock minutes

Sept. 16 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:35

Pledges

No secretary’s report

Treasurers report

Superintendent’s report

Swine, Goat, Poultry no report was given

Sheep - Judge enjoyed working with the youth. Any questions call Ramona Okkema

Rabbit - Need a better plan for tear down of barn at fair on Sunday.

Beef - Show went good, Suggestion made to have gates at both ends of barns during weigh in at fair.

Dairy - Jen would like to have a Dairy committee meeting.

Mecosta County fair board

Steve Cramer

Very good Herdsman ship this year. Little Buddy age is 6-8 this show may become an open show. Still in discussion. The fair will be a 4-H fair. Can sell 4 animals in auction 1 large and 3 small. The milk project will not count as a trip threw the ring. Jr. livestock needs to decide on moving auction To Thursday or keep it Saturday. Fair Board will not keep Thursday open they will have events going on in Grandstand. No matter what happens with sale Fair Board will try to get more advertisement out (Radio) want ideas of were to place a sign on east side of county. Will be more outlets added to barns this year. Was suggested that the pigs will be sold last in Auction and Big steers first. Someone asked if Little buddies could do Feeder projects? Steve said he would ask the Fair board but was leaning towards no. Someone wanted to know who cleaned the showers on fair grounds? Steve said he would look into this concern.

4-H report Melissa Bowman

All decision for Jr livestock need to be in place by Nov Meeting to go in effect by Jan 1 and the new fair year. 4-H enrollment deadline is Dec 1. New enrollment forms and medical/media release forms from state office will need to be used. Everyone should nominate someone for the end of year banquet they are due Sept 30 by 5:00 in extension office. Kettunen Center events are starting if needed 4-H council has scholarships available. Livestock checks are not wrote out until all money is in the checking account Thank you cards must be in office to receive your check. Might have a clinic on how to write correct Thank you cards. Country critters volunteered to set up and tear down room for Jr. Livestock meetings. If changing clubs do now no changes after Dec 1.
Committee reports

Educational com.--- Doug, Donna, Elizabeth, and Casy.

Buyers Luncheon---- Sandy Carey, Jen Marfio, Julia Doty, Rebecca Herzog, and Andrea Doty.

Auction Com.--- Patty Holiday, Trudy Herzog, Tiffany Spedowski, Zane Carey, Wyatt and Remington Fuller.

Luncheon Report
Sandy Carey

229 meals served for a total of $1744.46 Which is $7.62 per person. Hopefully next year ice will be free.

Business

Motion made to approve Jr Livestock meeting dates of Nov 18, 13 March 17 2014 May 19 2014 June 16 1014. Feeder Calf project will now be Open to all 4-H ages 9-19, weigh in will be first sat. in April, max weight of 350# at April weigh in, 350# still minimum weight at fair max weight is 949#. Discussion was held and changes were voted in. Jr Livestock requires 1 educational requirement was suggested after Jr Livestock meetings have a breakout session you would need to attend at least 3 of these to count as your one educational requirement. It is youths choice to fo to these not mandatory. It will be voted on at Nov. meeting.

The following motions were tabled until November Jr.Livestock meeting when they will then be voted on.

1. Make feeder calves a small animal.
2. Move livestock auction to Thursday eat at 5:00 sale at 6:00
3. To rotate Beef and Dairy steers in the top two positions in auction sale order. Pigs will always be last and the rest of the market animals will be rotated in between.

Weigh in Dates

Dairy Beef and Market Beef Dec 14 2013 9:00a.m to 11:00 a.m.

Dairy feeders First Saturday in April 2014

Other Business

Paws and Claws would like reimbursement to expenses from the chicken barn ine the amount of $222.20 Motioned and passed. There is no Poultry superintendent anyone interested please contact Steve Cramer or Mecosta County fair board. Some changes for pictures at 2014 fair. Buyer was hurt that they were not announced at auction when others were.

Meeting adjourned 9:00p.m.