

Montcalm County Livestock Meeting
01/19/2015

Members present: Shaun & Jill Bartolo, Lee & Sally Frandsen, Allen & Linda Jenks, Steve Homich, Marvin & Lisa Johnson, Alice Hoitinga, Linda Peterson, Bonnie Havelicek, Doug Uzelac, Joel Nyenhuis, Nancy Story, Paula Plank, Jeane Steinberg, Sherry Brown, Melanie Rodenhouse, Todd Hetherington, and Tarin Minkel.

Secretary's Report: It was motioned to accept the minutes as published by Jeane Steinberg and seconded by Jill Bartolo.

Treasurers Report: Alice ordered beef tags, they were \$1.57 each and Alice needs to be reimbursed \$314.22. Account balances are as follows:

Chem Flex \$7326.30

Mortality \$4244.49

Checking \$5118.29

Auction \$4383.11

Cash on hand \$11.75.....Total of all accounts is \$21,083.94

The 4% has not been taken out yet, Alice will transfer the money out to make the auction account dormant.

A motion was made to put the report on record by Lee Frandsen and seconded by Todd Hetherington.

MSU Extension Report:

- Flyers will be coming out for a clover bud workshop on March 21st from 10am to 12pm at the Sidney career center, the cost is \$3. There will also be one for adults on March 17th from 6pm to 9pm, and the cost is \$15.
- February 11th and 19th there will be 4H online training at the Extension office from 5pm to 7 pm by appointment. All 4H families are required to input their own information. Club administrators should schedule an appointment with Heather Haag prior to February 1st to go in and learn the program.
- State award applications are due February 1st

Business Old & New:

- Additional money has come in to put towards the picture back drop. A donation in the name of Heather Wolfe, Lisa Johnson has \$3500 in memory of Ashley Drake, and additional \$600 from the Rasmussen Family was given to Alice Hoitinga. Alice will put all money in the livestock committee's accounts until it is needed.
- Auctioneers were discussed, Tarin received an email that Jason Clark, Joe Sherwood and Kevin Lathen all help with Gratiot Counties Auction and they are all willing to help either as auctioneers or ring men. Paula Plank has a ring man (Jason Brewer) and an auctioneer (Doug Sheridan) who would both like to work the auction again. Doug Uzelac says Pat Lous will want to come back. Todd Hetherington has agreed to make some calls and bring back information to the next meeting.
- Sherry Brown and Jeane Steinberg will head up the buyers meal again this year. Jeane gave an estimate of \$800 to \$1000 that Meijer donates towards the meal to Lisa Johnson.

- Serena Johnson is willing to clerk the auction again this year, per Lisa Johnson. Tarin talked about our options regarding how we clerk the auction, she will look into them each more and get back to us.
- Registration date for the non-market beef says June 1st; it should be May 1st
- Non market heifers don't need a MCF tag but they need RFID and one other way to identify them (ex: tattoo)
- The carcass forms need to be redone, the wording needs changed. Alice will stop into the extension office and take care of that.
- Lee Frandsen suggested that we look into a place to put the processed poultry after they have been sold. For many reasons: the kids can't find the buyers, to keep them cold during the sale, and so buyers don't have them piled up all around them during the sale.
- Weigh in time is Sunday only from 6am to 2pm.
- Alice Hoitinga would like to have the kids collect their own carcass money from the buyers instead of it going through the committee. This was tabled until the next meeting.
- Small animal superintendents are still needed.
- Tarin and Joel Nyenhuis presented the class sponsorships. For every sponsorship gotten 75% will go towards awards and 25% will go towards a bath house in the camping area.
- Summer horse fest is a new event coming to the fairgrounds August 28th through the 30th. Many volunteers are needed, this will provide a huge opportunity for the fairgrounds to raise money as well as individual clubs. Joel Nyenhuis is in charge of this event and will be putting out sign ups to work this event soon.
- Bonnie Havelicek wanted to clarify that the only tail docking rule now is that it has to be completely healed.
- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm was made by Nancy Story and seconded by Lee Frandsen
- The next meeting will be February 16th at 7pm at the fairgrounds.
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