Montcalm County Livestock Meeting

October 17, 2017

Ash Building

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Sherry Brown. Those in attendance were: Jill Bartalo, Mike Jensen, Wendy Graves and Rich, Michelle Nitengale, Doug Uzelac, Todd Hetherington, Jason Nadeau, Tim Chaffin, Cory Wall, Lisa Johnson, Tom Gittus, Marvin Johnson, Heather Anderson, Ben Anderson, Kimberly McIntyre, Nancy Story, Paula Plank, Brian Plank, Melanie Rodenhouse, Sherry Brown, Kadren Grawburg, Brad Heft, Hailey Heft, Zach Wall, Angie Wall, Amanda Wall, Megan Wall, Ali Wall, and Tom Bell.

**Secretary’s Report**: A motion was made to accept the minutes as published by Brian and it was seconded by Doug. Motion Passed.

**Treasurers Report:** The treasurer was not present, and no report was given.

**MSU Extension Report:**

* Extension will have clerical starting tomorrow; a mileage is planned for 2018
* Send fairbook changes to Lisa and judge recommendations to Jenn Senn by November 1st
* Nominations are needed for council and applications for county awards
* Be healthy at the county fair, November 1st from 6-8:30 pm at the fairgrounds. Dinner is provided, please send reservations to Lisa

**Old Business**:

* Judge Recommendations:
  + Sheep: Remove Matt Scramlin and Ron Dingerson. Add Robbie Chapman. Doug will send more sheep recommendations to Sherry.
  + Swine: Remove Brad Mortenson. Keep Ben Cannier and Joe Kelpinski. Add Al Sneadgear, Ben Lenig, Jake Gosset, Brian Hines (1st choice), Ben Burtch, Cody Riecke, and Jesse Kimmel
  + Steers: Remove Larry Sheridan. Keep Dan Vassin (1st choice). Add Nancy Thelen.
  + Llama: Nancy Rogers
* Fairbook Changes: Lisa has them, youth classes are 9-19; it was suggested to change all due dates to the first of the month. A motion was made to change all dues dates to the first of the month in which they are due by Kim and second by Doug. Motion carried. There was discussion on whether to add a market heifer class, it was decided to leave it as it is.
* County clerical wages: Clerical is covered currently though August of 2018. We will drop this from our agenda
* Buyer payment due: There was discussion of 30 to 45 days
* Line of credit information: Lisa reported that the banks are more than willing to do it at a cost of $100 to $250; Percent wasn’t clear; more information is needed; maybe we can also do a credit card?
* Sherry reported that the last buyer was collected from and the last kid was paid.
* Bylaws changes: Sherry is working on those
* Nominations: There were no additional nominations. The bylaws were discussed in regards to nominations. Paula made a motion that we do not hold elections tonight and we table them until the next meeting. This was seconded by Lisa and the motion carried. Voting was tabled until November. Sherry will look into the voting process in the bylaws.
* Kadren will look for the original copy of the bylaws at the extension office.

**New Business:**

* Swine tags not returned from last year, what happens?
  + A motion was made that extra tags need to be turned in when registrations are due or the registrations are not valid by Todd and seconded by Doug. The motion passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug and seconded by Todd, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

The next meeting will be November 20th at 7 pm in the Ash Building.