Montcalm County
Livestock Committee Meeting
Ash Building
May 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at: 7:13 pm. Those in attendance were: Amanda & Allison Wall, Melanie Rodenhouse, Sherry Brown, Mary Gee, Paula Plank, Kadren Grawburg, Lisa Johnson, Jeane Steinberg, Jamie Nichols, JoAnne Larsen, Nancy Story, Bonnie Havelicek, Brian Plank, Doug Uzelac, Carrie Harkness, Sally Tomsen, Brad & Hailey Heft, Al & Linda Jenks.

Secretary’s Report: A motion was made to accept the minutes as published by Lisa and seconded by Jamie.

Treasurers Report: Mary handed out a report, she is still missing several bank statements. Kadren will go back and find the missing statements. The account balances are as follows: Checking $1,167.19, Auction account $11,362.25, Chemflex $$11,959.61. Lisa made a motion to accept the report and put it on file and it was seconded by Jamie.

MSU Extension Report: Superintendents have been approved, and a list was provided. There are 22 kids going to exploration days.

Old Business:
- Consequences of not attending the mandatory meeting were discussed. It was suggested that if you miss the meeting you will be put at the end of the auction for your species and you will need to sign up for work. Discussion. Meetings are May 24th at 6pm and June 3rd at 10 am. A motion was made that if you don’t come to one of the exhibitor meetings, all of your market animals will go to the end of that species of market animals in the auction line up or if it is a breed animal they will be signed up for fair volunteer hours, made by Paula and seconded by JoAnne. Discussion. Motion carried.
- Permanent fencing, Cory Wall is willing to do it before fair. Amanda will get a price and email us.
- Mary has set up rental of a livestock office.
- Photographer is on board per Mary. She still needs to look into the frames, she needs the additional frames from the extension office.
- Ribbons Mary needs to order tomorrow so she needs a count of animals. The ribbons will be $1.60 per ribbon and the button is 60 cents if we ever need to change them out.
- Scale certification is scheduled for June 19th. Sherry will be here.
- They are looking for belt buckle sponsors, does livestock committee want to sponsor one? Lisa makes a motion to give $150 to cover whichever buckle is left, seconded by Amanda. The motion carried.
- Buyer’s letter assembly: we need a date to get them out in June. Lisa will have parking passes. We will do it May 24th after the mandatory meeting at 7pm in the Ash Building.
- Schedule for photographer for poultry is needed. It will be on Sunday!
- Melanie needs all the pig tags back.
- Should we return money for returned tags? Tabled until June.
- Sherry has had a lot of questions on PQA. Discussion. Chris says we should have a copy of PQA on file at the extension office. We need to create a protocol, table for next year.
- Think ahead on building or buying a permanent building as an office and storage. The building we rent, a ball park to buy it is $5000. Tabled.
- Kid’s day Friday of fair 10am to 2 pm, one planning meeting so far. Per Bonnie H. She needs some kids to run the swine booth at kid’s day. If any clubs want to set up a booth there is still space available, if you are interested contact Shari Potter.
- Lisa has fair sponsorship forms for ribbon and trophies. As well as a list of people who have already been contacted for sponsorships. She handed out.
- Brian talked to the guy that is building the swine gates, they are planned to be done the first week of June. He is requesting a $4000 down payment. Mary will write a check.
- Doug and Lisa believe that we have animals for the livestock auction buyer’s meal.
- Next meeting is June 19th, do we need a meeting prior to fair? Move it the 12th of June.
- Paula contacted Mr. Yoder, and he will come. We will put him first to auction so he can leave earlier.

Motion to adjourn by Mary at 8:23 pm and seconded by Lisa.