Montcalm County Livestock
Committee Meeting
11/21/2016
Ash Building

The meeting was called to order at 7:14.
Those in attendance were: Mary Gee, Sherry Brown, Paula Plank, Nancy Story, Melanie Rodenhouse, Jill Bartalo, Jeane Steinberg, Lisa Johnson, Todd Hetherington, Carl Black, Al and Linda Jenks, Kelly Dines, Doug Uzelac, Brian Plank, and Richard and Wendy Graves.

Secretary’s Report: Lisa made a motion to accept the secretary’s report and seconded by Jill.

Treasurers Report: Mary presented the treasurers report, along with a list of outstanding livestock exhibitor checks.
ChemFlex $11,956.62
Checking $1,028.15
Auction $28,174.67
Mortality $4,493.89
Accounts Grand Total: $45,653.33
Mary has gotten the last payment for the auction.
Lisa made a motion to place the treasurers report on file, and it was seconded by Jeane.
Mary has an invoice for $72.05 from Country Press to pay. Paula makes a motion to pay and seconded by Jeane.

MSU Extension: Hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8am to 4pm closed from noon to 1.

Old Business:
• Swine pens- Tabled; haven’t heard anything back from the company. We will work on getting other quotes.
• Fair book changes are done and submitted. Judges have been submitted.
• Auction: Dairy are willing to move to Wednesday morning but that would bump the beef to the afternoon. Carl was here to report for dairy committee. There was discussion on time change. Mary made a motion to move the dairy show to Wednesday at 9 am and the beef to follow at 1 pm with the alpaca show to start at 5 pm in whichever arena is available. Seconded by Jill.
• Mary makes a motion that we move the dairy to come in on Monday at noon and any cows in milk be allowed to leave on Friday at noon. Seconded by Kelly
• Discussion on the auction, for small animals sell in the morning with a break in between for dinner and the large animal auction to start at 5. Another suggestion to speed up the show that we don’t run the pigs through the arena but use pictures of the pigs. Lots of discussion. A motion was made to start the auction check in at 2 with the auction starting at 3 by Paula, seconded by Doug. One opposed.
• A motion was made to take pictures of the pigs and physically leave the pigs in the barn and send the kids through the sale with their photo by Mary. Seconded by Melanie.
• Budget for the auction meal, Sherry can’t get the old receipts but she will work on figuring it out. Sherry is going to change her donation sheet for Meijer this year.
• Show works- no discussion from the fair board
• Club Herdsmanship score sheets- Jill will contact LeAnn McCarthy
New Business:

- We are going to possess the livestock tags…. Melanie will email admin leaders that they need to get tags from her. Mary makes a motion that we charge a dollar for every market tag that we hand out, payable at the time of receiving the tags. Seconded by Wendy.
- Beef registrations are due January 10th.
- Thank you and holiday cards we did last year to our auction buyers, do we want to do it again? November 29th at 6 pm. Jill will print the letters and get envelopes. Mary has return address labels, Sherry will do labels from Show Works.
- Next meeting January 16th, 2017 at 7pm.
- Beef registrations can be turned in at the fair office. On Tuesday January 10th from 10 am to 4 pm, they can be emailed to livestockcommittee76@gmail.com or mailed to Montcalm County 4H Fair Association PO Box 513 Greenville Mi 48838, and we are working on putting a drop box outside the Ash Building. We need to get the registration forms linked to the fair association website.
- Paula says the small animal committee is having a clinic, the same day as the yard sale. She thinks we should have one for the large animal. Spring rabbit show on April 15th. Tabled.

Motion to adjourn by Mary and seconded by Jill. The meeting adjourned at 8:31.