

Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale Committee

Meeting Minutes
January 31st, 2024
Celeste Winther's Home

Attendees: Robin, Amanda, Neal, Dawn, Celeste, Tessa, Josie, Nicole, Cassie, Myron, and Mona
Guests: Katherin, Jessy, Justin, and Ronda

President, Celeste Winther at 7:00 PM, called the meeting to order.

Minutes approved from 10/25/2023 meeting. Cassie moved to approve minutes, Tessa seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Balances given. 1 partial payment outstanding as well as 3 checks for a total of \$760.

Gravity has not yet been cancelled; Josie will take care of that soon.

The Officers still need to get together to go into the bank to be included as signers on the accounts.

Poultry Project Presentation:

The group presented their project. Fryer, Turkey, and Pullets. There are a lot of youth interested in pullets. The hang up is that we are a market sale not a production sale. We are a terminal sale. At this time the market sale agrees that pullets are off the table for this year at least.

Processing/turning has been a hurdle. Coal Creek Auctions and Simple Plan Farm are local options. The group needs to check with Coal Creek as birds are fragile and would need to be processed quickly after the auction.

All animals would be Hatchery bred. We would offer 2 different groups available for auction: fryers and turkeys. Avian bird flu is still a concern. The SWW market sale did not offer poultry last year and are still deciding if they will this year. There is a blood test that can be performed but that would go through the state.

Cassie is looking into finding the poultry health record forms.

Josie moved to continue forward with the proposal, Cassie seconded the motion, motion carried.

Josie proposed to hold an extra meeting should we need to hold one to approve the proposal, Cassie seconded the proposal, and the motion carried.

The poultry group agreed to check back in via email in 1 week.

Old Business:

Lamb minimum weights will be increased to 95lbs. Cassie moved to approve this increase. Dawn seconded, and the motion carried.

Picture deadline dates are still up in the air. Fair dates have changed back to the original dates.

Scale option is still tabled. We will discuss at the next meeting.

Celeste placed an ¼ page add in South Sound Community Farmland Trust Guide for \$200.00

Kyla was unavailable for an update on the Rate of gain contest. She, through Dawn, proposed a date for a pre fair weigh of the first Saturday in April. That would be in direct conflict with dates and times that animals are being picked up. Smaller animals will not be available until later in April through May. Having a rate of gain contest or pre-fair would need to be May 18th or later and would strictly be voluntary. Dawn was going to relay our information to Kyla.

New Business:

Amanda brought up a fundraiser idea. A promotional dinner put on by the kids. The rest of the committee agreed this was a good idea and the topic has been tabled for now.

Nicole and Tessa will audit the Treasurer's books for 2023 in March.

The cost of have the sale program printed would be around \$300.00.

Tessa will call the Meat shops to get on their books. She is calling Bear Ridge, Finns, Custom Meats, Stewarts, and Mt. View. Feedback on custom meats was positive, they offered a discount for TCYMAS customers.

Celeste will call A & L to book our haul out times.

Tessa and Amanda will get together to come up with Save the Dates through Canva.

Next meeting is March 27th, 2024, at the Market Sale Office at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 pm

PARKING LOT!!!

- 1) Livestock Scale
- 2) Judges Stipend
- 3) Future ideas for Processing.
- 4) High Bidder awards
- 5) Verbiage for MOU on responsibility of animals.