

Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale Committee

Meeting Minutes
February 28th, 2024
Market Sale Office

Attendees: Robin, Neal, Dawn, Tessa, Josie, Nicole, Cassie, Tate, and Bill
Phone in: Amanda
Guests: Justin, Lorraine, & Alex

Vice President, Tessa Johnson called meeting to order at 6:54 PM.

Minutes approved from 1/31/2024 meeting. Cassie moved to approve minutes, Dawn seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Balances given. There are still 2 outstanding checks.. The fee to cancel these checks is more than the checks are worth. We are approaching the 6-month mark on when the checks must be cashed. They should be considered void if not cashed prior to the 6^{month} mark. Josie will ask the bank their policy on this next time she is in.

There are no outstanding payments currently.

Gravity has been closed. Josie is awaiting the email to finalize the closure.

The Officers will go to the bank Saturday 3/23/2024 to become signers on the account.

Tessa, Nicole, and Celeste will go to Josie's house to perform the audit 3/17/2024.

Old Business:

Fryers and Turkey's: As a requirement of having new species included in the sale, the committee needs a representative to hold a voting position on the committee. Lorraine Wikoff expressed interest in becoming said representative. Cassie so moved, Robin seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Cassie moved to allow Fryer's and Turkey's to become part of the sale. Lorraine seconded the motion, motion carried.

MOU language looks pretty good. There will be a few changes to what was submitted. Fryer chickens will be a pen of 3; with the option to have 4 and the best 3 will be chosen for the fryer pen. One minimum age date will be used for both chickens and turkeys. Too many dates and this process will be confusing for people. The youth exhibitors will need to rely on their leaders to advise them on appropriate dates for their animals. Intent to sell forms will be due the same day as the rest of the intents on June 1, except the steer intents to sells. Animals will be banded on their left leg with a TCYMAS leg band. The committee is looking into getting leg bands for both Turkey's and fryers.

It was discussed to change the weigh in time from 6:00pm-9:00pm to 6:00pm-8:00pm. Josie moved to change the weigh in time window, Cassie seconded the motion, motion carried.

It was brought to our attention that some of the rabbit exhibitors didn't know the time for their weigh in and were still in the vet check line last year during the weigh in. Rabbits, Fryers and Turkeys will have a different scale to weigh in on than the large animals. Youth exhibitors are responsible to be present when their animal(s) are weighed. It needs to be made clear that if a youth exhibitor cannot make their weigh in times, they need to reach out to their superintendent. Robin let us know that she has a large dog scale that we could use for weighing the turkeys if need be.

Picture deadline date is June 15th.

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

Cut and Wrap:

Custom Meats will take what we send them.

Stewarts will take what we send them.

Finns Tessa left a voicemail and has not received a call back.

Mountain View Tessa is calling back.

Bear Ridge will only take pre reserved animals.

Amanda is making a post for Facebook reminding buyers that have previously reserved spots at shops to let us know where and what they have already reserved.

Rate of Gain:

May 18th will be open for Sheep, Hogs, and Goats only. It will be combined with a pre-fair day. There will be an info session, youth will be able to pick up their tags, and a picture opportunity set up. This event will be highly recommended for the exhibitors of sheep, hogs, and goats. This is all if we can get a certified scale within that time frame.

New Business:

Raffle- Currently TCYMAS volunteers do not have the time to devote to planning and putting together a raffle. Neal motioned to deny a raffle this year. Cassie seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

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

Next meeting is April 24th, 2024, at the Market Sale Office at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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.