

Thurston County Youth Market Animal Sale Committee

Meeting Minutes
April 24th, 2024
Market Sale Office

Attendees: Bill, Celeste, Neal, Dawn, Josie, Judy, Myron, Mona, Nicole, Lorraine, Ron, Kaye, & Justin
Call-ins: Cassie

President, Celeste called meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Minutes approved from 3/27/2024 meeting. Josie moved to approve minutes, Neal seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

There are still 2 outstanding checks. Checks are 6 months old 4/26 and per the bank, any institution that cashes them would have to reach out to our bank prior to cashing.

There are no outstanding payments currently.

Old Business:

Celeste spoke with Teresa pertaining to the MOU. Fair has the draft of the MOU.

The second round of interviews will be set up for the fair manager position. Celeste was on the committee that performed the first round of interviews. The committee recommended 3 candidates and any of the three candidates would be good fits. There were 37 candidates total. Teresa will still be involved in the fair operations this year.

Our large scale has been ordered. It will be close getting it here in time for the pre-fair day. 4-H will receive a cash prize. The committee recommends cash only for entry fees. Josie volunteered to hang on to the money because of district restrictions placed upon the FFA Teachers. Kyla will collect the money from Josie. Yelm FFA did purchase a scale and it will be used for the rate of gain contest should the large scale not arrive in time. Some of the Market Sale committee will be available for info sessions at the pre-fair day. Josie has graciously agreed to take the lead on the food for lunch on the pre-fair day. Lunch will be Hot Dogs and Chips.

Our small scale has arrived already and the old scale will be sent to the Chehalis Livestock Market for the May equipment sale. Selling the old scale will offset some of the cost for the new scale. Celeste has been checking regularly for a shipping date on the larger scale. The committee is not sure that we will be able to just pick up the new scale and move it around easily. The plan is to purchase some panels or farm gates for enclosing the new scale on a gravel pad. Once the scale gets here we will worry about certifying it.

Intents received:

11 Steer
6 Rabbits

7 Sheep
2 Goats

Cut and Wrap:

Custom Meats will take what we send them.

Stewarts will take what we send them.

Finns cannot accept animals but will accept pre reserved animals.

Mountain View is playing phone tag with Tessa.

Bear Ridge will only take pre reserved animals.

Rabbit and Poultry processing has been confirmed.

The USDA is not getting back to us about being able to show and sell poultry so we are proceeding. We will be to work on Chicken and Turkey contingency plans should the USDA come back with unfavorable news about the avian bird flu. Bill offered to call Melissa, who works for the USDA.

Turn Buyer letters will go out June 1st. The form has been posted to the website if we are out and about talking to people about it.

Celeste will order all of the buckles.

Nicole is going to work with her contact to have the banners made.

Celeste will order 100 leg bands.

We have spoken in the past about an Insurance Policy during fair to cover the assets. Ron is waiting to be directed to the risk manager for the county. It was brought up that our bank may carry a bond for us?

New Business:

Josie is ordering Ink for our printers.

Tessa came up with a lanyard and a badge design for the committee staff for during fair and auction night. Nicole made the motion to purchase dark purple lanyards with white writing with the standard badge size included. Lorraine seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Justin is with the Promotions committee and mentioned that the fair is planning to enter some parades. He mentioned that kids might like to come and walk their animals with the fair group as advertising. He also let us know that the 4-H duck dash is the beginning of June.

Campground reservations are open the first work day in June.

The next fair board meeting is Wednesday May 1st.

On a sad note, Ron is finished helping out in the ring as ring steward. His knees are not as forgiving as they used to be. There was talk of nominating a few people; Jason, Justin, or Joe....

Next meeting is May 29, 2024, at the Market Sale Office at 7:00.

Motion made by Ron to adjourn meeting, Dawn seconded, Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm

PARKING LOT!!!

- 1) Judges Stipend
- 2) Future ideas for Processing.
- 3) Portable Scale