

September 19, 2016

Ozaukee Livestock Association Meeting

Called to order at 7:07pm by President Joe Roden.

Pledges were led by all.

New members introduced themselves.

Secretary's report was read and a motion was made by Jaycee R to approve the August 2016 livestock meeting minutes; 2nd by Dylan K; in favor-all; opposed-none.

Treasure's Report was read by Lisa Gall; it was dated back prior to the 2016 Fair...a motion to approve the report as read was made by Bob Schmidt; 2nd by Brianna S; in favor-all; opposed-none.

Species Reports:

Bob Schmidt stated that there were 99 sheep for the 4-H and open class showings. A list of winners was reported; the judge at the fair was transported from the fair due to the heat; Sam Richardson finished the judging. The 8 new pens that were purchased were all used and if they had not been purchased the sheep would not have all fit. Thank you to the fair board and the livestock association for the new pens. The livestock association has talked about moving the start times of the judging for the 2017 fair to 8am for the beef and 11 am for the sheep and this suggestion will be passed onto the Fair board at an upcoming meeting.

Jim Hoeschner reported that there were 120 hogs at the fair and a list of winners was read. The judge did a good job and kept the show moving along. Jim would have liked the judge to spend a bit more time on showmanship. Barns were kept clean and is was mentioned to Jim by fair board members.

Steve Rathke stated that the beef show started at 9 am and ended around 1 pm; next year to possibly start the beef show at 8 am. There were 36 steers; 8 crossbreds; and 7 AOB for a total of 63 animals in both the Beef/Dairy Beef. A list of winners from the show was read. A Thank you to Jackie Rathke, Kari and Kurt Schoessel for their help with the weigh in. Monday morning loading help and Thank you to Tom, Tommy, and Jillian B; JJ Mejchar, Deanna Rythick and Josh D. Steve also mentioned about have food in the barns...this is not allowed and if you want to have/share/serve a meal you can ask for space in the CSM/curling bldg.; you need to ask the fair board doe some space. It is state law about NOT serving food in the animal barns. Note to possible youth reps...there are applications in the front of the room at the table...please take.

Heather Hamm gave a report on the "Parade of Champions" the show went well again this year; and there are a few changes for next year. A thank you to all those that helped with the show. I if you have any other questions/ideas please let Heather know.

Rate of gain winners for all of the species were read; as well as home bred and raised.

1st place ribbons that were not given out are here and will be distributed during the species groups meetings tonight.

Moved into species groups to talk about the 2016 fair...youth for each species and adults and then those groups will come together with a list of things to bring back to the large group...20 minutes.

Notes from the species groups presented to the large group...Steve Rathke from the beef group...a different spot for the pictures; What about "proxy bidding" at the livestock sale 2017...fixing the gates in the show ring so that they swing, rather than drag...include the presidents letter with the youth letter when they are mailed out...receipts that were with the youth checks were a good addition...really liked the singing prior to the sale...possible to lower the 7% back to 5% in the future...

Bob Schmidt from the sheep group reported back...more outlets in the sheep/beef barn...raising the sheep weight limits...a lower rail at the wash rack to tie the sheep...

Jim Hoeschner for the swine stated that the sound system needs attention...can the barns be closed off during the show/sale when animals are moving around and in and out of the show barn...felt that the forms for trucking were better...the auction set up and help did a good job...would like to see the youth in the barn to help others sweep up and keep all of the barn and show barn areas clean.

Scott Kraus asked about helping to fix the gates and was told that that needs to go through the fair board; Kathy Butler stated that she can connect Scott with the person on the fair board. Christy Derringer said that the buyer's meal was great. Kevin Reimer wondered if there could be the following information in the sale program for buyers to see: the years in the 4H project as well as the 'showmanship winners'. Skip Schueller also wondered about including the parents' names in the program; as many other counties do include these. Steve Rathke felt that that could be good and it could be bad...

State Fair reports were given by Josh R...there were 6 sheep exhibitors at State Fair...all did well...Josh R had reserve rate of gain, Dylan K had home bred and raised. Alyssa Q reported that she and Jake R had a successful fair...Alyssa had 1st in the 16 year old showmanship; Jake had the reserve heavyweight and reserve crossbred and 2 for his age group in showmanship. Jessie S reported that the Beef group only did ok; however everyone had a really fun time at the fair. She also stated that if you think that State Fair is something that you want to do you should definitely do it. Kathy Butler said that anyone can go to state fair with sheep/swine/beef.

Car Wash was a great time and a success! Everyone had fun and there was even a lady that was VERY impressed with the age range of the workers and how well they all worked together.

No other old business.

New Business...youth rep applications in the front of the room

...2016-17 education survey to be taken for the livestock association

...Stephanie said that there will be MAQA for next year...it may be similar or some different; she will schedule it and we will move forward from there.

If you have not picked up your fair checks and have a copy of your buyers thank you letter with you tonight, you can get your check at the end of the meeting from Lisa Gall. The date to cash all checks from the auction is May 31, 2017.

Election of officers...Vice President was filled for a one year term by Jim Rychtik due to Joe Roden taking on the office of president. Zach D nominated Skip Schueller...Skip declined. Courtney R nominated Heidi Maciejewski; she accepted. Stephanie called for other nominations for VP...Christy Derringer nominated Jessie Schubert...Jessie declined. Steve Rathke motioned to close the VP nominations; 2nd by Jessie S...Vote taken for Heidi Maciejewski to be VP...unanimous vote. Nominations for secretary...Skip Schueller nominated Deanna Rychtik; JJ Mejchar 2nd; Amanda D nominated Carrie Schoessow, Carrie declined; Dylan K nominated Christy Derringer, Christy declined, stating thank you but no thanks; Kurt Schoessow nominated Jackie Rathke, Jackie declined; Zach D nominated Scott Kraus, Scott declined; Kurt Schoessow nominated Amy Gierach, Amy declined; Bob Schmidt made a motion to close the nominations for Secretary, Steve Rathke 2nd the motion... a unanimous vote for Deanna Rychtik.

There is a Livestock Board Meeting on Monday, Oct 17 at 7pm at the courthouse in Port Washington.

The next livestock meeting is Monday, November 21 at 7 pm at the fairgrounds in Cedarburg.

As part of cleanup...chairs in stacks of 10

Joe Roden reminded everyone that they must attend 4 livestock meeting to be able to sell in the 2017 auction; and there are several options that youth can attend to count for one of those meetings; more info to come in the handbook.

Solomon B motioned to adjourn the meeting; 2nd by Dylan K; all in favor-yes-Meeting adjourned.