

Ozaukee County Livestock Association

Minutes for November 16, 2015

Ozaukee County Fairgrounds 7 pm

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by VP Jim Rychtik

Pledges were led by all with the flags.

Officers and species reps that were present introduced themselves: Jim Rychtik-VP; Heidi Maciejewski-Secretary; Lisa Gall – Treasurer; Steve Rathke – beef species rep; Bob and Mary Schmit – sheep reps; and Jim Hoerchner – swine rep.

7:15 – the youth in attendance broke out into species groups for the educational portion of the meeting.

Beef group was lead by: Teri Mejchar, Steve Rathke, Aaron Rathke, Sharla Boehlke, and Jessie Schoessow.

Sheep group was lead by: Sue and Sam Richison, Bob and Mary Schmit, Rachel Gierach, Josh Riemer and Sarah Riemer.

Swine group was lead by: Deanna Rychtik, Dick Krahn, Jim Hoerchner, Jake Roden, and Peyton Rychtik.

7:45 – the “recreation” portion...Deb Kelling with assistance from many other adults had the youth in attendance sign and prepare the “Christmas cards” that will be mailed out to the 2015 livestock buyers.

Following “recreation”...the Business portion of the meeting was held...Secretary’s report was approved for the September meeting.

...updated Treasurers report was given; motion to accept the report was made by Andy McKee; second by Jake Roden and approved.

...2014 Audit report was given by Lisa Gall

... the by-laws for the livestock association were read/shared with the group.

...discussion of the 2015-2016 livestock association handbook and the adjustments and changes from the previous year's book to the 2015-16 handbook...

...beef weights being different due to the various species that some of the youth/families have...all beef species need to grade "low choice" to sell in the auction.

...swine weigh-in/weigh back...Kevin Riemer stated that if there is going to be this type of action that "make sure that the rule is doing what we want it to do"...question was asked about what other counties do and should we look into this weigh back issue?...Jim Hoerchner stated that it was the JUDGE that brought the weight issue to the attention of the adult attendents in the show ring...Brian Mueller asked if the scale would be available after the weigh in and prior to the show?...Andy McKee stated that "it needs to be a very black and white rule"...Jim Hoerchner stated that there will be a rate of gain swine winner, as there will be a weigh in for all hogs on April 9, 2016 at the fairgrounds...

...there was conversation of the 7% that the association is going to keep from each of the youth checks and why there need to be the increase from 5% to the 7%...the money is directly related to the association being able to run the sale...

...there are a number of checks that have not yet been cashed...please cash them as soon as possible; as well as a few check that still need to be handed out to various youth...

...the 2015-2016 handbook will also have a worksheet/sign-off sheet that each youth will need to fill out and return...look for it when your handbook arrives...

BEEF Report...Steve Rathke...thank you to those that put together the education program for tonight...weights for animals for the upcoming weigh-in on January 2, 2016 in various location should be somewhere around 600-800 lbs. for dairy and 500-700lbs. for beef...there will be three locations for weigh-in...fairgrounds; Rychtiks and Boehlkes...if you are not going to weigh in for rate of gain, you still need to have you animal tagged and identified. Animals should be "BROKE TO LEAD" for the weigh in...the snow date for the beef weigh in is January 9th...Badger kick off is the first weekend in December...

SHEEP Report...Bob and Mari Schmit...Thank you to the presenters of the sheep education program tonight...Sue and Sam Richison and Heather Hamm...the January meeting will have information regarding feeding of your lambs...

SWINE Report...Jim Hoerchner thanked those that did the education portion...March 21 is QUALITY ASSURANCE for all swine exhibitors...swine weigh in will be on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at the fairgrounds...Fair Board would like the swine show to continue to be a terminal show, as they see it to keep the swine number down...there are about 70 youth in swine this year, that is down from last year's number of 96 youth in the project...

ANNOUNCEMENTS...Deb Kelling and the Education Committee will soon be putting together a list of their educational program ideas...

...Home Bred and Raised awards were handed out as well as certificates from Cedar Crest Ice Cream...

...there are forms available for “after high school year” in 4-H...

...a list of names and checks that needed to be picked up were read...please cash your checks as soon as possible...

...motion made by James Mejchar to adjourn the meeting

...second by Josh Riemer...motion passed...meeting adjourned