

**Unofficial Minutes
4-H Ag Livestock Committee
February 7, 2017**

The February 7, 2017 Ag Livestock meeting was called to order.

Heather Scheck read the minutes from the last meeting.

Jacob Schmeidler gave the treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$129.87. Income from November 23, 2016 to February 7, 2017 was \$201 for an ending balance of \$330.87.

Justin Scheck talked about the Livestock Spring Show. There is a small committee formed and we are currently working on getting donations for the show. It will probably take around \$2,000 to \$4,000 to put the show on. There is very little money in the current account so we are starting over from scratch. If anyone from the Ag Livestock committee or anyone from your clubs that show at the spring show could ask for donations it would be very helpful. Justin asked if the FHSU judging team would be interested in helping that day with the show. Kevin Huser was going to talk to his team and also Block & Bridle. Justin wondered if any club would be interested in working concessions for the show and if committee members could use a window in the food stand for paperwork/data entry instead of being out in the wind.

Susan noted that there was a team that went to State Horse Panorama and at the event Kathy Huser was recognized as KS 4-H Horse Volunteer of the Year.

There is a new event at the fair this year for the dog show. If anyone is interested in dog obedience, agility and showmanship work they will be meeting at the fairgrounds on Sunday afternoons. Watch the newsletter and website for dates.

It was decided at the fairboard meeting that only 2 animals will be sold at the fair one of each species. The economy is down for one and sales were down last year. This year you can sell 2 beef since they were already purchased.

Sale Floor Committee-Would like to get a committee together to help with floor pricing animals. Pat and Anna Kuhn volunteered to serve on this committee.

Jill Pfannenstiel stated that 61 members sold animals in the sale and only 5 or 6 kids went around last year promoting the sale. Wanting to find a way to get more kids to promote the sale. We have lost businesses last year. One idea is social media marketing.

Discussion took place regarding rotating species in the sale each year. Last year the poultry had hardly anyone at the auction to purchase their project. It was decided to sell Grand Champions and Reserve items first followed by Beef, Goats, Rabbits, Swine, Sheep, and Poultry this year. There will be a rotation in following years with poultry moving up to the top of the list next year following beef.

It was decided to add 4-H dairy to the cattle division of the fair. The classes will be heifers divided into Jr. & Senior aged Classes. The Dairy will be added to round robin.

NW 4-H Judging-will be at FHSU. Kevin Huser encouraged all 4-H'ers to come and join the event. Committee reviewed the fair schedule.

It was suggested that we use the KSF guidelines for the Horse Show, with it being optional for participants to wear helmets for all events on horseback.

Small Livestock weigh in will be Wednesday, May 3rd from 6-8 with alternate weigh in at the spring show.

Upcoming Important Dates Include

NW 4-H judging is March 11, 2017

Jr. Swine Producer day is March 11th

Jr. Meat Goat Producer day is March 25th

K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy applications must be postmarked by April 1st

Market Beef nominations must be postmarked by May 1st.

Horse ID papers are due at the extension office May 1st.

Commercial Heifer, Market/Commercial Swine, market/commercial lamb and meat goat nominations must be postmarked by June 15th.

YOUTH Pork Quality Assurance must be completed prior to June 1st.

Jacob Schmeidler agreed to take this report to 4-H Council.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Heather Scheck

Secretary