

AV Fair Livestock Council
June 1, 2010 minutes

Council member attendance: Debbie Bartels, Marcia Bouch'e, Joel Briggs, Shirley Byrne, Don Cook, Bev Horwedel, Mark Horwedel, Jon Larsen, Marlene Mattison, Carol Morris, Jim Nyholt, Pat Stevenson, Craig Stevenson, Billy Ward

Absent from the meeting: Derrick Hartman and Pam Lovett

AV Fair personnel in attendance: LeeRoy Halley, Debbie Smith, Wayne Ramsey, Becky McRoberts

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 P.M.

Summary of action items:

- 1. Debbie Bartels moved to excuse Pam Lovett and Derrick Hartman. Motion received a second and passed by voice vote.**
- 2. Debbie Bartels moved to accept the minutes from May 2010 as presented. The motion received a second and passed by voice vote.**
- 3. Carol Morris moved to have 1450 top weight on market beef starting with the 2011 fair. The motion received a second and passed by voice vote. (buyers will still only pay to a maximum weight of 1350)**
- 4. Debbie Bartels moved to have a plaque and banner made for American Security Bank in recognition of their work with the Kiwanis Junior Livestock Auction. The motion received a second and passed by voice vote.**

Notes:

- Guests introduced themselves
- Public comments: Mike Crisostomo expressed his appreciation to the fair for the Cavies show that will be at the 2010 fair. He will be forwarding the AV Fair premium/entry book (electronic) to some of the local breeders in hopes of increasing entries.
- Committee Reports:
 - Beef: Carol Morris and Jon Larsen reported that the next beef safety review will be June 19. There will also be weigh-days and safety review dates for beef on July 11 and August 8 from 4-6 P.M.
 - Sheep: Marlene Mattison and Debbie Bartels reported that they will be working on the barn/pen layout as soon as entries close and totals are known (after June 19). With the new procedure this year of hauling in animals, going through vet check and weighing beef, sheep, and market goats directly after vet check, we will have to think about possible traffic flow problems. Wayne Ramsey is working on a system. Debbie asked: if an animal does not make weight, can the exhibitor go home and bring in their back up animal? Discussion was held. The rule book only allows for one weigh-in. Therefore, exhibitors will not be able to bring in their back up animals once they have weighed an animal. This item will be placed on the new business agenda for the 2011 fair. This also brings up other issues: how would family backup animals be utilized: the meat turkey waiting list: and animals not making weight.
 - Swine: Bev and Mark Horwedel reported nothing new.

- Goats: Don Cook reported that he has most of the champion and reserve market animal buckles for the 2010 fair.
 - Show Arena: Derrick Hartman was absent.
 - Volunteer Coordinator: Pat Stevenson reported that council members have volunteered 221 hours of offsite work, another 30 hours of onsite hours and 99 hours of council meeting time. She also stated that more volunteers are signing up for the 2010 fair.
 - Small Animals: Pam Lovett (absent) and Marcia Bouch'e reported that the fair has agreed to purchase materials for stacking small animal cages. Volunteers will be building the structure.
 - Auction: Billy Ward reported that he is notifying all clubs to get ready for this year's BBQ. He also introduced the idea of a volunteer run show to several service clubs and the possibility of scholarships for the livestock kids and he received positive feedback.
 - Secretary/communications: Joel Briggs reported nothing new.
 - Vice Chair: Jim Nyholt reported that he is working on his vet check crew.
 - Finance Chair: Craig Stevenson reported that materials for new small animal cage racks are being purchased. Original proposal was \$3000 but now with metal trays, it will be higher. The fair will pay for the materials if volunteers will build them. There will be 84 sets with 4 cages per and 48 larger sets with 2 cages per. Anyone interested in helping please contact Mike Gilardone at 661-435-2038 to help him with construction of the cages. Craig also announced that the council will do some fundraising and use Friends of the Fair. He has done some research on the "Big Ass Fans". They start at \$3200 per fan and go up from there. The fans need to be engineered for each barn based upon closed and open space and volume of the building. Maybe next year, we can set up a budget for each barn/council chair. Shirley asked Craig to have a budget outline set up for the next meeting. New business after the 2010 fair: changing from \$40 per animal sales commission cost at the Kiwanis Junior Livestock Auction to a percentage. The percentages will probably be varied depending upon species. Should all animals sold pay a commission (rabbits, chickens, turkeys)? A discussion was held concerning having goat meat samples cooked and served to buyers during the auction and during the BBQ.
 - AV Fair Entry Office: Becky McRoberts handed out samples of the sashes and stall cards for the champion market animals that Sue Johnson had made up. The cost will be about \$10 each. At the previous sheep and goat DNA collection date scheduled at the AV fairgrounds, no exhibitors brought lambs or goats. June 19 is the next and last DNA collection date at the fairgrounds and she reminded everyone that the entry deadline is 5 P.M. June 19. She also reported that the 4-H club that is interested in putting on a horse demonstration program will be meeting with the fair to set that up for this year.
- Old Business
 1. June exhibitor meeting: June 10, 2010 at 630 P.M.
 2. Barn Bash Fundraiser: Craig and Pat Stevenson met with representatives of the Victorville Fair to gather information on how their "barn bash" works. After meeting with them and then meeting with Debbie, the fair set July 17 as the date for the first annual Barn Bash. Pat and Craig then passed out books/examples to council members so they could see what is planned. All clubs/organizations are being encouraged to come up with a \$75 gift/donation to be sold/auctioned that night. The Harley Davidson building

(old photo building, Van Dam building) will be donated by the fair at no cost to house the event. Meal cost is \$10. All donations for the auction need to be to the entry office July 6 by 5 P.M. Anything donated after this will be done as a silent auction item.

Community queens will try to be at the event. All proceeds will be used to improve/benefit the livestock area. Checks should be made to Friends of the Fair. There will be 3 levels of sponsorship: table reservations, basket/auction items, and business card advertisement. The auctioneer is already lined up. They would like to use council members as servers.

3. Photographer for 2010 – the council will be requesting bids. A new backdrop may be needed to fit the photographer.
 - o New Business
 1. AV Fair Volunteer Program – Craig Stevenson updated the council. A fee will be set to join the committee/club. They want this new committee/club to have a similar status/recognition as other local community service organizations. The organization will then raise funds and be in charge of how those resources will be spent.
 2. Champion and Reserve Buyer Recognition – Dr. Nyholt will again donate the banners.
 3. Payment to Kiwanis Junior Livestock Auction exhibitors – after auction. Judy Arthur called several other fairs and expositions and got information on how they handle buyer late payments for animals. At some point in the future, the checks to the junior exhibitors may have to wait a month before being cut, depending upon what funds come into the bank/fair. In the past, checks are ready 7 working days after the auction. If the council loses the sponsorship/cooperation of American Security Bank (floating the funds until payment is received), the council will have to address how the contingency fund will be able to cover that cost.
 4. Nominee for the Kiwanis Junior Livestock Auction Catalog recognition: One name has been sent to the fair/council for consideration. Nominations should be sent to Shirley Byrne (email address listed on the AV Fair website, livestock link).
 5. Letter from AV Florist regarding flowers for grand champion blankets: Chris Spicher stated that Sharon Weisenberger will get volunteers to put together the blankets and that he will work on getting the sponsors for the flowers.
 6. Maximum weights for 2011 fair – Carol Morris moved to have 1450 top weight on market beef starting with the 2011 fair. The motion received a second and passed by voice vote. (buyers will still only pay to a maximum weight of 1350)
 7. American Security Bank recognition – Debbie Bartels moved to have a plaque and banner made for the bank. The motion received a second and passed by voice vote.
 8. Junior livestock exhibitor's auction commission for 2011 changing from a flat fee of \$40. There may be a change from \$40 per animal sales commission cost to a percentage basis. The percentages will probably be varied depending upon species. Should all animals sold pay a commission (rabbits, chickens, turkeys)?
 - o Next meeting date: July 6, 2010
 - o Adjournment: at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Joel Briggs

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