

AV Fair Livestock Council  
May 4, 2010 minutes

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

Absent: Derrick Hartman

AV Fair personnel in attendance: Debbie Smith, Wayne Ramsey, Becky McRoberts, Ron Emard, Dan Jacobs

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 P.M.

**Summary of action items:**

- 1. Debbie Bartels moved to approve minutes from the March 2010 meeting as presented. The motion received a second and passed by voice vote.**
- 2. Craig Stevenson moved that the AV Fair Livestock Council use the 501 © 3 with Friends of the Fair. The motion received a second and passed by voice vote.**
- 3. Debbie Bartels moved to excuse Derrick Hartman. The motion received a second and passed by voice vote.**

**Notes:**

- Guests introduced themselves
- Public comments:
  - Lloyd Doster will be presenting an ethics training program at 5:00 P.M. on May 11 at the Alpine Grange Hall in Littlerock. It will be a tier 5 ethics training session.
  - An exhibitor from the AVHS/Lancaster FFA chapter asked the committee to consider allowing her to be able to show at this year's fair (her DNA sample was done on time but, not turned in on time).
- Committee Reports:
  - Beef: Carol Morris and Jon Larsen reported that there are 51 entries with 47 exhibitors. Eighteen of those have to come back to a second livestock safety review. Other exhibitors and their cattle will be viewed again at 7 A.M. during the lamb and pig DNA process dates.
  - Sheep: Marlene Mattison and Debbie Bartels will be working with the fair on the best way to arrange the barn for next year.
  - Swine: Bev and Mark Horwedel reported nothing new.
  - Goats: Don Cook reported nothing new.
  - Show Arena: Derrick Hartman was absent.

- Volunteer Coordinator: Pat Stevenson reported that the council members have 24 hours of volunteer time at council meetings and another 117 hours of off site time. The DNA hours have not yet been recorded.
  - Small Animals: Pam Lovett and Marcia Bouch'e presented the small animal barn committee report – solutions/ideas for use of the barn for 2010. They reported that they took the committee's ideas to the AV Fair board meeting and the board decided to let the manager make any decisions. Fair management has decided that the poultry will be in the Farm Bureau building (formerly known as the Waste Management building). Turkeys will be outside, under the awning. New things happening in the barn will be: rabbits will be at the fair the entire time, one show, junior and open show housed at the same time to allow more people to earn points toward their champion legs. There will also be baby bunny displays as well as several different breeds of rabbits on display. Poultry will have an incubator and eggs. There will be an egg laying contest. Cavies club will have 3 open shows. More educational displays will be on hand.
  - Auction: Billy Ward stated that it is still early yet but, he and his committee are rounding up volunteers for next year
  - Secretary/communications: Joel Briggs reported some e-mail addresses are now undeliverable and asked anyone in attendance if they had current addresses to be changed.
  - Vice Chair: Jim Nyholt reported nothing new.
  - Finance Chair: Craig Stevenson passed out a financial report to council members (see HO). He has begun to order supplies.
  - AV Fair Entry Office: Becky McRoberts stated that the pigeon show, laying hen contest and Cavies entries are now on-line. She had a letter from the Eastside 4-H club asking if they could put on a horse care demonstration in the show/sales arena. She asked that exhibitors put up educational displays in the livestock area. Baby ducks, chickens, alfalfa, composting, baby lambs, goat kids will all be on display at the fair this year as educational displays. A discussion was held concerning having champion and reserve banner and/or champion and reserve belt buckles. This item will be place on next month's agenda.
- Old Business
1. Wish list (Craig Stevenson): asked the council members what improvements/equipment/supplies they would like to see for next year. He asked that any suggestions be e-mailed to him by May 10 with prices/model numbers and then the council could prioritize those items. Big Ass fans were the #1 request. Craig noted that our committee could use 501 C 3 of the Friends of the Fair to collect donations however; the auction funds must stay separate. Friends of the Fair would hold the funds; our committee could then request the Friends of the Fair to expend those funds as long as we stay within the mission statement of Friends of the Fair. Craig stated that their mission statement is similar to the AV Fair Livestock Council mission statement. Craig moved that the AV Fair

- Livestock Council use the 501 C3 with Friends of the Fair. The motion received a second and passed by voice vote.
- o New Business
    1. Judges: some have been approved but the entire list is not yet set.
    2. June Exhibitor meeting: A discussion was held to see if it would be possible to set this date as a permanent date each year so that every year it is the same and families know what the date will be. Barn chairs need to develop what they want to relay to the exhibitors and families at this meeting. The second Thursday in June, (June 10) will be this year's date. Site TBA, maybe the Van Dam building. At 6:30 P.M.
    3. RV spaces: on sale May 7.
    4. American Security Bank sponsorship: Craig Stevenson stated that they will again sponsor the covering of the funds for the auction for 2010. He asked that the bank be sent a thank you for those services. The bank fronts the funds for 60 days interest free which amounts to about \$75,000 to \$80,000. The council and the fair need to do a better job of explaining to buyers what it is to be delinquent and get more of them to pay on time. Maybe set some guidelines. Add more details. Pick up product timely. Billy and Craig will come up with some guidelines.
    5. Preferred barn parking: the fair wants a list of approved members from all organizations given to Judy Arthur. Parking spaces will go on sale July 12 at 8 A.M. for \$60 each. There will only be 50 available spaces, see rules for this in the livestock link. There have been some problems with non-credentialed vehicles parking in the area and we may need to have volunteers watch the parking lot and only let vehicles with passes into that parking lot.
    6. Stock trailer parking: paid at any time, \$50 each. You will need to provide vehicle license and name of registered owner at time of payment. Judy Arthur needs list from organizations.
    7. Auction add-on forms are on-line. Should add-on buyers be charged a portion of the transportation fee? A discussion was held, no decision was made.
    8. Auction check distribution process: The fair asked that Grange and FFA send one representative each to pick up the Kiwanis Junior Livestock Auction checks. Some advisors do not want to have one leader pick up their checks. The fair management continues to get complaints from them. The fair will develop a process and present it at the next meeting. All organizations are expected to comply.
    9. Barn Bash/fundraiser: Craig and Pat Stevenson visited Victorville fair which uses their barn bash as a fundraiser. Baskets are auctioned, other donations are auctioned, BBQ tickets are sold, open to the public, set up as a fun night, all organizations are involved. This could work at our fair, maybe July 11.
    10. DNA dates for 2011: the council wants to find out if any of the proposed DNA collection dates fall on some major date related to those organizations that will cause a conflict. If so, report those to the livestock council.
    11. Houston livestock show: 24 people from our area went to observe their volunteer program. 2 million people attend the Houston fair, 24,000 volunteers put it on. Dan Jacobs wants to model our fair after that fair. All the volunteers seemed to be excited about being there. The people from the AV that attended the Houston

fair felt that we could make it happen here. A steering committee was formed. There are now 3 volunteer committees serving the AV Fair and their structures are all different. The fair needs one format/structure. Houston charges the volunteers to be a part of their fair. Should there be a fee charged to volunteers to work at the AV Fair this year? No decision was made.

- Next meeting date: June 1, 2010
- Adjournment: Bev Horwedel moved to adjourn. Motion received a second and passed by voice vote at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Joel Briggs