

AV Fair Livestock Council
October 7, 2008 minutes

Council member attendance: Debbie Bartels, Joel Briggs, Shirley Byrne, Don Cook, Derrick Hartman, Bev Horwedel, Mark Horwedel, Marlene Mattison, Carol Morris, Jim Nyholt, Pat Stevenson, Billy Ward

AV Fair personnel in attendance: Dan Jacobs, Deana Ward, LeeRoy Halley, Debbie Smith, Ron Emard, Matthew Jimmink, Wayne Ramsey, Baley Plascencia

Notes:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M.
- Debbie Bartels moved to excuse members Pam Lovett and Billy Ward. Motion received a second and was passed by voice vote. Billy Ward came in late and did not need to be excused.
- Debbie Bartels moved to accept the minutes from the August 5, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion received a second and was passed by voice vote.
- Guests introduced themselves.
- Public comments:
 - Time limit of 2 minutes
 - Orangeville Grange stated that a junior exhibitor was not notified that she had qualified for the Master Showmanship class in a timely manner.
 - Glenn Kuhn voiced opinions related to vet check personnel and the beef sifting committee.
 - Orangeville Grange member stated that no follow up was made concerning an injury to one of their exhibitors by the AV Fair nor the AV Fair Livestock Council.
 - Orangeville Grange member stated that the show arena was not adequately set up for classes of 10 steers or more.
 - Orangeville Grange member stated that steers should have chain halters, not just rope during the show.
 - Orangeville Grange member stated that the fair had changed emergency services provider and when her daughter was injured she was not allowed to call 911. Shirley Byrne stated that the council could not address emergency provider issues.
 - Sue Johnson congratulated champion steer exhibitors for the care they gave their steers while they were on display for the general public. She asked for an "open show" barn chairman and that things were in disarray for that portion of the livestock show. Some pens are not cleaned out by the junior exhibitors. She stated that security and fair employees were throwing water balloons. She also asked that add-on bids be publicized. She asked that goat meat be used in the buyers BBQ.
 - Linda Ruby stated she enjoyed the past 13 years at the fair. She asked that all market ready meat goats be allowed to sell and that they should be sold by the pound. She also stated that she thought that the kids should be able

to sell all 4 large animals. She asked that the auctioneer be asked to not talk negatively about the independent exhibitors. She also asked to move the deadline up for pulling animals from the auction to help with making up the auction catalog.

- Ms Andrea Jones stated that the “all other wool breeds” needs to be broken down to smaller/more classes. She also stated that she was pleased to hear that all market animals went to slaughter soon after the show ended.
- It was suggested that the meat goat show judge should have changed the class breaks/weights. The champion market animal pens were being used by exhibitors and those pens need to be available for the champion animals as soon as they are picked.
- Mrs. Flanagan stated that she expects an increase in the number of Sonnen goats and Alpine numbers are in a decline. She suggested starting a new class for Sonnen goats. She also asked to keep the youth dairy goat show the day before the open dairy goat show so that families that show in both divisions can come in together. She wants to keep it the same next year. She suggested changing the show order to have milkers (all senior does, then juniors, then group classes) in the show to be judged first. She praised the judge. The judge suggested adding a class for udder placement. This could be a ribbon class, no premiums. She also suggested that the fair add a second open dairy goat show, but without premiums. This would help by providing another sanctioned show and it then help with numbers at our fair.
- Sharon Granicy asked to have objective #3 of the AV Fair Livestock Council by-laws explained.
- Nancee Siebert had some changes for the Lads and Lassies show. Baley Plascencia will be there in Jan to discuss it. Nancee would like to have the beef breeding show open to adults and to change the swine open show and to improve clerking. She suggested that the fair change the steer show back to a beef show not just a steer show. She asked that the fair stop increasing fees to enter livestock. She asked that there be no slap tattooing of market animals. She asked that more notice be given before each meeting, not just 1 week.
- Jeff Siebert stated that some of the swine wash racks need repair and that pens are too small. Jeff asked if the public could be a part of the committee to review the DNA process.
- A member asked that the pull gates on the swine barn be improved so that they open and close more easily. They also asked for more fans in the swine barn.
- Proposition 2 information was given to the group from Lloyd Doster: may outlaw the confinement raising of livestock (may require arenas to raise livestock, not just pens). It was also stated that farrowing crates will be allowed but, not gestation crates.
- A member of the public asked to have leaky hoses in steer barn and leaky swamp cooler in the pig barn repaired.

- A member of the public asked for shade cloth on the north side of the swine barn to protect pigs from sunburn.
- LA County Fair change of dates, will affect AV Fair? Dan Jacobs stated that the AV Fair Board was addressing this concern and that a decision had not yet been made by LA County Fair and the AV Fair. Dan Jacob stated that LA County will open during the Labor Day weekend. Because of that, the AV Fair is considering a date change. He stated that the carnival, vendors, demo demolition derby, livestock show etc. would be affected by the LA County fair date change and that the vendors, carnival, concessionaires are the most important to consider. Only a few carnivals would be available and we also overlap Cal Expo.
- Charlene Moore: swine day show clerking was confused at the beginning, she suggested maybe give the clerks an in-service. She asked for better cooling in the swine barn. She also stated that during the Master Showmanship class, there were a number of occasions where exhibitors needed help and they won their class/division. She asked that the council set some policies to address this. She also stated that in the past years 4-H leaders would be given a heads up about incidents but, this year she was told that these were not her concern and she was then not able to talk to parents after the show.
- Scott Binns had a concern as an agriculture teacher and advisor. He stated that exhibitor's backgrounds are different now and that there are several barriers placed in front of them as exhibitors and as they try to get animals to the fair. He also stated that if the fair moves an exhibitor and animal out of their designated class then, an adult advisor or leader or parent should be notified.
- Terry Hartman stated that exhibitors from her club were moved to different classes because the weight stamp was not correct on their slip and that this caused confusion. (She stated that the fair asked exhibitors and leaders to turn over the weight slips to the livestock office) This led to some exhibitors and animals showing up for the wrong classes. She asked if there was a way to back up this class weight split to avoid problems.
- A member of the public asked if there was any chance of getting a horse show arena and stables. Dan Jacobs stated that the board did place the horse facilities on the list but, there are still some items with a higher priority. He also stated that the fair would probably not build horse barns.
- Shirley Byrne: belt buckles, please have kids write thank you notes/letters. Maybe provide a thank you letter when the kid picks up the belt buckle. A committee will be formed to review DNA collection (Jim Nyholt, Shirley Byrne, Betty Smith, and Baley Plascencia). Bylaws need to be reviewed – Joel Briggs, Mark and Bev Horwedel and Shirley Byrne will be on that committee. The date for premium book changes needs to be set now, have suggestions/changes to the committee before November 4 and the committee will make recommendations at the December meeting. Glenn Kuhn resigned as beef co-chair and a committee of Jim

Nyholt, Carol Morris and Shirley Byrne will pick a new person to fill that position.

- Committee Reports: NO REPORTS, critique meeting.
 - Beef: Carol Morris reported that
 - Sheep: Marlene Mattison and Debbie Bartels reported that
 - Swine: Bev and Mark Horwedel reported that
 - Goats: Don Cook reported that
 - Show Arena: Derrick Hartman reported that
 - Volunteer Coordinator: Pat Stevenson reported that the AV Fair Livestock Council has put in 179 hours at the meetings, another 525 hours at DNA sampling, Ethics training, and council member hours, in addition to 191 hours of AV Fair livestock council members off-site time. The year to date is 2,368.5 hours which is up 657.5 hours from last year. This year 307 volunteers signed up which is up 131 from 2007. See hand out.
 - Small Animals: Pam Lovett reported that
 - Auction: Billy Ward reported that
 - Secretary/communications: Joel Briggs reported that
 - Vice Chair: Jim Nyholt reported that
 - Chair: Shirley Byrne thanked everyone that helped put on the 2008 AV Fair
- AV Fair Exhibit Representative: Baley Plascencia stated that
- AV Fair Secretary/Manager: Dan Jacobs thanked Jerry, Linda, Baley, Wayne for their work and the Gilardone family for setting up the junior exhibitor dance. He also thanked the AV Fair Council members.
- Old Business
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- New Business
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- Next meeting date: November 4 at 6:30 P.M.
- Adjournment: 8:25 P.M. Moved by Derrick Hartman. Passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

Joel Briggs

**Antelope Valley Fair Livestock Council
Summary of action items October 7, 2008:**

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