

AV Fair Livestock Council
November 4, 2008 minutes

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

AV Fair personnel in attendance: Dan Jacobs, LeeRoy Halley, Debbie Smith, Matthew Jimmink, Wayne Ramsey, Baley Plascencia, Pat Wiggins

Notes:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M.
- Guests introduced themselves.
- Public comments: none
- Carol Morris moved to accept the minutes from the October 2008 meeting as corrected. (Billy Ward arrived late and did not need to be excused) Motion received a second and was passed by voice vote.
- Committee Reports:
 - Beef: Carol Morris nominated Jon Larsen to fill the vacant co-chair position. Derrick Hartman nominated Jeff Briggs. Ballots were passed out. AV Fair management counted the votes. Jon Larsen was elected to the position and took his place on the council.
 - Sheep: Marlene Mattison and Debbie Bartels reported that they had reviewed the critique notes gathered from the public and would be ready to make recommendations at the December council working session.
 - Swine: Bev and Mark Horwedel reported that they went through the notes and that most suggestions were for improvement not changes to the premium book. Bev asked if judges could be contacted now. Shirley Byrne stated that until the dates of next years fair are set we cannot send out contracts but, it would be done ASAP. The fair board will be voting November 6 on next years AV Fair dates.
 - Goats: Don Cook reported nothing new. Don then passed out thank you notes to AV Fair board members from exhibitors of champion turkeys thanking them for their belt buckles.
 - Show Arena: Derrick Hartman reported he had reviewed suggestions.
 - Volunteer Coordinator: Pat Stevenson reported that the AV Fair Livestock Council members had volunteered for the following hours: 203 hours at council meetings, 525 hours assisting with DNA collection, and 191 off site hours. She also reported that the AV Fair sponsored the volunteer T-shirts at a cost of \$1,041.91.
 - Small Animals: Pam Lovett thanked the fair for the new small livestock barn. She also put out a "wish list": new cages, water system and weigh scale. She gave suggestions for next year: cages sat on metal stands last year and if trays for droppings could be built to slide under the cages the barn would be cleaner (no droppings on the floor) and she felt that this

- would help with odor control. There were some problems with haul out day: the small animal barn was closed early in the day and cages/pens were being taken down with the public in the barn. She stated that some of the employees while working with tar paper on the cages were at times scaring the rabbits. She also suggested keeping rabbits longer than three days so that the public could see the rabbits for a longer time. She also reported that three animals died during the fancy pigeon show.
- Auction: Billy Ward reported that he will be meeting with fair management on Monday to review last year's action and BBQ and to make recommendations for next year.
 - Secretary/communications: Joel Briggs asked that any corrected e-mail addresses be forwarded to him as well as any new e-mail addresses.
 - Vice Chair: Jim Nyholt reported no new information.
- AV Fair Exhibit Representative: Baley Plascencia asked if it was OK to shred the DNA packets from last year. Shirley Byrne stated that the premium book addressed this issue and she suggested that we contact other fairs to see if they had a policy in place that we could adopt. Jon Larsen suggested that a time frame be placed into the premium book stating the length of time that DNA samples would be held by the AV Fair.
 - AV Fair Secretary/Manager: Dan Jacobs reported that the AV Fair Board would be voting this week to decide what days the AV Fair would run in 2009.
 - Old Business
 - By-Laws committee will meet November 12.
 - DNA committee will meet in December.
 - New Business
 - none
 - Next meeting date: December 2 at 6:30 P.M. and this will be just the council, no public at this meeting.
 - Adjournment: 7:10 P.M. The council then held a one hour working session.

Respectfully submitted

Joel Briggs

**Antelope Valley Fair Livestock Council
Summary of action items November 4, 2008:**

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