

AV Fair Livestock Council
August 5, 2008 minutes

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

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

Notes:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:38 P.M.
- Debbie Bartels moved to excuse member Don Cook. Motion received a second and was passed by voice vote.
- Guests introduced themselves.
- Public comments: Todd Sherwood stated that he had noticed that the general common use areas were not always as clean as the pens themselves and that this is a detriment to the public. He stated that his Tehachapi 4-H club will be expected to clean up after their own animals in those areas.
- Debbie Bartels moved to accept the minutes from the June and July 2008 meetings as presented. Motion received a second and was passed by voice vote.
- Committee Reports:
 - Beef: Carol Morris and Glenn Kuhn reported that beef barn pen assignments have been made. More electrical plug outlets will be available. Glenn has mailed a letter to as many exhibitors and leaders/advisors of beef entries that he had addresses for listing times, and expectations. With the economy in the shape it is, it is a good idea to have two buyers or extra “add-on” buyers. Beef animals must be “manageable” by the exhibitor and that some animals may be better off left at home. More space will be available for fitting chutes. The steer sifting committee will be checking for steer behavior throughout the show. Individual exhibitors may be asked to pull their steer out and demonstrate that they are ready for the show.
 - Sheep: Marlene Mattison and Debbie Bartels reported that 19 Junior Grange, 43 FFA, 8 independent, and 70 4-H exhibitors had entered animals. Sheep must have scrapies tags when they get to the fair. They would like to have FFA advisors, Grange leaders, and 4-H leaders cell phone numbers so that they could contact them if needed during the fair.
 - Swine: Bev and Mark Horwedel reported that 125 4-H, 46 FFA, 20 Junior Grange, and 18 independent exhibitors had entered animals. The swine barn scale will be set August 6.
 - Goats: Don Cook was absent. Cheryl Cook reported that approximately 55 meat goats had been entered.
 - Show Arena: Derrick Hartman reported nothing new.

- Volunteer Coordinator: Pat Stevenson reported that council members had spent 151.5 hours at meetings and 146 hours of off site work. An office is now set for the Volunteer Coordinator position located between the livestock and entry offices (old queen building/office).
 - Small Animals: Pam Lovett was not in attendance. Shirley reported that the judges had been hired.
 - Auction: Billy Ward reported that he will be meeting with Dan Jacobs to finalize all purchases and to inspect the kitchen area. Billy stated that the Thunder on the Lot activity donated \$103,000 to help build the small animal barn this year. He asked what is going to be done for the top 10 buyers. He will meet with Charlene Moore to finalize that activity. Shirley Byrne suggested that there be “add-on” slips at the buyer registration tables. Littlerock FFA volunteered to do the data projector running total board during the auction.
 - Secretary/communications: Joel Briggs reported that the pen assignment pages will be scanned and e-mailed out to people on the AV Fair Livestock Council mailing list.
 - Vice Chair: Jim Nyholt reported that he has 5 Western University Vet program students and 2 local people who will be helping with the health check. He reminded everyone that market goats and sheep need to be slick sheared.
- AV Fair Exhibit Representative: Baley Plascencia stated that
- i. The same photographer will be hired. Pictures will be done by the Saturday after auction day. Champion pictures will be posted on the fair’s web page.
 - ii. Don Rogers will be returning for the auctioneering duties.
 - iii. Pat Wiggins and her crew will be starting August 11.
 - iv. Baley will be on site August 18 through the end of the fair.
 - v. No spare trailer will be available during the auction for exhibitors to use as a dressing room. The volunteer coordinator office might be available for girls. The portable restroom trailer will still be available.
 - vi. Baley asked about the exhibitor’s dance and Jennifer and Mike Gilardone gave an update on the dance. Wrist bands will be issued. They are working on donations for drinks and snacks. They are asking for chaperones to volunteer to be at the dance. Posters will be made up by the Rosamond FFA club and then hung up at the barn area.
 - vii. Champion animals/exhibitors have had flower blankets, banners, and belt buckles in the past. Costs have increased over the years and she asked for guidance from the council. Dr. Nyholt volunteered to buy banners (76 sets, one for the exhibitor and one for the buyer). After discussion a consensus was reached that no champion blankets will be used this year.
 - viii. There were some questions about the steer fitting contest: change of date to Tuesday, between 2 – 4 P.M. or early in the morning (9 A.M.). The public would be able to watch the afternoon show. The new time will be Tuesday, August 26, 2 P.M. Contestants must sign up by Monday night by 5 P.M.

- ix. The livestock barns will be available to set up pen displays starting 9 am to 10 pm on August 13.
- x. There will be two static displays in the livestock area and there will be 10 pygmy goat pens that will be set up in the swine barn.
- o Old Business
 - Champion Boards – we are still missing names of exhibitors for the years of 1993 and 1994. The fair will be making banners that will hang in the barn. IF ANYONE KNOWS THE NAMES FOR THE YEARS OF 1993 AND 1994 PLEASE CONTACT SHIRLEY BYRNE.
 - Exhibitors Dance – see above notes (AV Fair Exhibitor Representative) item vi.
 - Livestock Exhibitor Ethics Training - Shirley Byrne asked if the fair was going to check the list of ethics names from the fair entries against the state list.
 - Gifts for mandatory exhibitor meeting 7:30 P.M. Thursday – the council is asking all Junior Grange, FFA and 4-H clubs to bring some type of raffle item/s to be given away during the meeting.
- o New Business
 - Barn pen assignments have been set
 - State Fair – Dan Jacobs stated that the fair had received a letter from an exhibitor asking for funds to help exhibitors that want to compete in the county fair best of show showmanship contest. Discussion was held. Master showmanship and Lad and Lassies winner also qualify for the county fair best of show contest. Dan Jacobs asked if the council wanted to sponsor those exhibitors. Glenn Kuhn moved to have the AV Fair Livestock Council pay \$100 for each master showman to attend the county fair best of show master showmanship contest after they receive a letter stating that they plan to enter and to have the exhibitor send some verifiable proof that they competed. Funds were to come out of the auction contingency fund. Motion received a second. Motion passed by voice vote.
 - Supreme and Reserve Supreme Flower Blankets - not this year as noted above.
 - Banners for Champions and Reserve Champions and Buyers – see notes above, (AV Fair Exhibitor Representative) item vii.
 - Critique meeting – organizational meetings (FFA, Grange, 4-H) should be held in September to help gather input for the council meeting to be held in October.
 - By-laws – the council needs to verify wording on council member attendance and actions for lack of attendance.
- o Next meeting date: October 7th.
- o Adjournment: 8:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Joel Briggs

**Antelope Valley Fair Livestock Council
Summary of action items August 5, 2008:**

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