

AV Fair Livestock Council  
July 6, 2010

**Council member attendance:** Shirley Byrne, Don Cook, Derrick Hartman, Pam Lovett, Marlene Mattison, Pat Stevenson, Craig Stevenson, Jon Larson, Carol Morris, Marcia Bouch'e, Billy Ward, Bev Horwedel, Debbie Bartels, Dr. Nyholt

Absent from the meeting: Joel Briggs, Mark Horwedel

AV Fair personnel in attendance: Debbie Smith, Wayne Ramsey, Becky McRoberts, Dan Jacobs, Matthew Jimmink

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.

**Summary of action items:**

- 1. Bev Horwedel made a motion to excuse Joel Briggs and Mark Horwedel. Motion received a second and passed by voice vote.**
- 2. Minutes were discussed and corrected. The term "License plates" was changed to "stall cards". Also, the date for the buckles for the market goat was changed from 2011 to 2010. A motion was made by Jon Larson to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion received a second and passed by voice vote.**

**Notes:**

- \* Guests introduced themselves.
- \* Beef – Carol Morris stated that all was going well with 7 steers that still needed to be seen. The dates that the exhibitors can bring their steers to the fair to be seen will be on either July 11 or August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Sheep - Debbie Bartels said that she would be getting the sheep totals from Becky and would be talking to Wayne to set up a time to figure out the pen assignments. Dan said this needs to be done ASAP because they need to get the workers started. It was decided that the following Tuesday the Sheep & Goat chairs would meet and decide assignments.
- \* Swine – Bev Horwedel stated that she would be meeting with Wayne to do pen assignments.
- \* Goats – Don Cook stated that he will be meeting with Wayne to do pen assignments. He also stated that he had a complaint that the outside of the barn doesn't have any reference on it for goats.
- \* Show Arena - Derrick Hartman had no report at this time. He did question if the purchase of the kitty litter could be purchased ahead of time and Wayne said he would take care of it.
- \* Volunteer Coordinator - Pat Stevenson reported that the council members have volunteered 255 hours of off site work, another 39 hours of onsite hours and 134 council hours of council meeting time. She also reported that she has 21 applications to date.
- \* Auction - Billy Ward reported that he had met with his crew and they sent letters to the different clubs and plans on going to meet with them. Shirley asked about the buyers brochure and he said they were done and some were passed out to the council members.
- \* Secretary/communications - Shirley stated that Joel didn't give her any report.

\* Small Animals - Pam Lovett reported that rabbits needed to be bred this week so they can have a baby bunny display for the fair. Marcia Bouch'e reported on the cages and they are getting done. She also reported that she plans on getting in barn early to get things set up.

\* Finance Chair - Craig Stevenson reported that he has received 3 requests so far from the barn chairs – drop down cords, end caps need that needs fixing, and, big ass fans. He found out that they are very expensive - \$6500 each, we need 9, so it will end up costing 135,000. Because of the way the barn is, we need the more expensive ones. It will take a day for each one to be installed, and the electrical might need to be fixed in order for them to work. He suggested doing the electrical first and Jesse Baker said if we furnished the supplies he would do the labor for free. They discussed where the power should be permanently set. There was some discussion. It was also discussed taking off the top panels to let the hot air to ventilate out and it was felt that it would be really help.

\* Vice Chair - Dr. Nyholt had no report at this time.

\* Becky McRoberts handed out the market entries and went over the totals. Market Beef 49 , Beef Heifer's 6, Market Sheep 160, Market Goats 55, Swine 207, barrow show 34 so far, meat birds 52, meat rabbits 21, turkeys 70. Judges that had contracts were announced. Gail Christian will be the judge for the Market Goats and Market Sheep and Bobby Bigham will the judging the Market Swine.

### **Old Business:**

1. June Exhibitor Meeting - The exhibitors meeting was discussed. It was suggested by Craig Stevenson that we make it mandatory and it was discussed. It was discussed that next year having in on the web so word gets out earlier.

2. Barn Bash Fundraiser - Barn bash was discussed. Pat felt everything was going great. She went over what was donated so far and what was still needed. She discussed the event and the advertising that was being done. Craig said he went and looked at the lots that had been donated and they will be sold together so they can make one lot and a house could be built there. It is off of a paved road and is in an area called Gold Town.

3. Honoree for Auction Catalog - Greg Anderson and Judy Sermons were nominated. Pat moved that we accept these two honorees. Bev 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed by voice vote. Shirley stated that we need a bio by the first of August.

Av Florist and Sharon Weisenberger – Pat Stevenson reported that she had sent Sharon a letter about putting together the champion blankets again this year. Sharon said she would be more than happy to do it again this year.

### **New Business:**

1. Photographer and Backdrop – Shirley sent out an email with a link to a photographer's website. She also said that Joshua Jimmink was interested and would be submitting a bid. Backdrops were discussed. It was thought that maybe we should be responsible for the backdrop so that we could get exactly what we want. Dan suggested putting a committee together to figure out exactly what is needed. Pam will chair the committee.

2. Sample Goat Meat. Requirements for purchasing the meat was discussed. Also a contest to see who could guess if they were sampling lamb or goat. It was decided that we will look into it for next year.

3. Exhibitor Reimbursement for Entries – A letter was submitted from Dorothy Sadowsky requesting a refund for fees paid relating to her daughter's market lamb entry. She had failed to

get the DNA done due to an oversight on their part. The council discussed the request and state rules were discussed under eligibility. A vote was called for and it was recommended that we deny the refund. It will go to the Board for decision.

4. Champion Banner Order – It was discussed how many exhibitors to make a class. Becky handed out a sheet with all the banners listed and it was felt that we follow the sheet.

5. FFA Mandatory School Enrollment – Becky discussed that this year the fair will be following the school enrollment rule. Becky said she would have a sheet for them to sign stating that they were currently enrolled in class to be eligible to exhibit for fair. Becky said she was going to have the FFA advisor's give her a list of all the eligible exhibitor's.

6. Exhibitor Insurance Issue – Craig stated that the independents are required to carry insurance so that if an animal hurts anyone it is covered. Dan said this an issue that is coming up at other fairs and that is how this came about. He said that this needs to be addressed this year. Derrick made a motion to have the money from the barn bash cover a blanket policy to cover all the kids and refund the independents the money they have paid. There was discussion and Dan felt it wasn't wise to pass anything until we find out how much it is going to cost. It was discussed that this is strictly a liability issue. Craig is going to head the committee to check into what it might cost. Craig will notify us of any information that he gets.

Next meeting date: August 3rd at 6:30pm

Adjournment: at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bartels