

**AV Fair Livestock Council Minutes
May 3, 2011**

Called to order at 6:35pm

Council Members in attendance: Debbie Bartels, Marcia Bouch'e, Shirley Byrne, Don Cook, Mark and Bev Horwedel, Jon Larsen, Marlene Mattison, Craig and Pat Stevenson, Sharon Rohaley, Pam Lovett

Excused absent members: Derrick Hartman, Billy Ward, Jim Nyholt and Carol Morris. Pat Stevenson moved to excuse members and Debbie Bartels 2nd motion, passed by voice vote

AV Fair personnel in attendance: Debbie Smith, Becky McRoberts

Introduction of Guests

No public comment

February 1st and April 5th minutes approved: Debbie Bartels moved to approve minutes and Marcia Bouch'e 2nd motion, passed by voice vote

Committee Reports

Beef: 32 Steers entered, 35 DNA.

Sheep: Proposed Barn Layout, approved by Sheep Chairman.

Swine: None

Goats: Pygmy Goats to be allowed 6 pens, same as last year (Red Racers and Canyon Coyotes). Don Cook to ask Exhibitors at the meeting of any additional interest and if additional pens would need to be considered.

Arena: None

Auction: None

Communications: Council Members to review and update personal information for contact list.

Dr. Nyholt: None

Volunteer: 75 Volunteer hours

Small Animal: Rabbits to stay the entire fair, same as last year. Small Animal Round Robin in the Show Arena, Sunday the 28th at 6pm. Small Animal Barn Care and Cleaning Options (see attachment). Debbie Bartels moved to approve Item #4 of Barn Care and Cleaning Options and Marlene Mattison 2nd motion, passed by voice vote. Small Animal Co-Chairs, with the help of

the Livestock Volunteer Coordinator, will be required to obtain volunteers on a daily basis to clean, feed and water all small animal exhibits the duration of fair.

Finance: Storage Container is ready to receive any items for storage. Craig to check if the container needs to be moved. Currently no shelving in container. Craig to order Rabbit cages. Swine Chair to approve red color for powder coat/swine pen rehab. Current Swine Barn bid does not include swine wash rack.

Becky McRoberts: As of date: 15 lamb, 32 steer, 9 chicken, 7 goat, 24 pig, 5 rabbit, 70 turkey entries. DNA packets are ready for pickup in office. Barrow show to be sponsored by Tim Sturm. Each exhibitor can enter up to 2 barrows in this same show. Becky sent 2 emails to FFA regarding the incorrect spelling on the Champion Banners at last years fair, no response was given and no further action is needed. Jon Larsen to go to committee for suggestions of hauling/slaughter on the Beef after the Auction. Discussion on the Beef: Feedlot vs. direct kill after drop off. Slaughter house only has an opening on Aug. 29th which would result in Beef at the feedlot for a minimum of 2 weeks or to keep the Beef at the fair until the 29th. Fuel costs are up which reflects the slaughter fee for Beef will be increased to \$60, last year \$55 (this will only affect the Buyer).

Old Business:

Farm Bureau Committee: Committee is Pat Stevenson, Marcia Bouch'e, Billy Ward, Becky McRoberts, Dan Jacobs and Debbie Bartels. (Current Policy) Antelope Valley Livestock Council (AVLC) does not publicly announce any livestock auction "add-ons". Pat Stevenson moved to approve the Current Policy in place and Marcia Bouch'e 2nd motion, passed by voice vote. (Proposed Policy) Whereas it is the Current Policy of the AVLC not to publicly announce any livestock auction "add-ons"; and Whereas it is the opinion of the AVLC that any scholarship recipient's monetary award should not be considered an "add-on"; and Whereas the scholarship rules and regulations are determined solely by the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau (LACFB); and Whereas the winners of the LACFB scholarship are chosen by the LACFB Board of Directors. Now, therefore, in consideration of the LACFB's sponsorship of three (3) \$1,000.00 scholarship awards to participants in the AV Fair's livestock auction, it is the desire of the AVLC and 50th District Agricultural Association Board of Directors to supply the LACFB one (1) page of advertising space in the "Livestock Auction Catalogue" to announce the scholarship award winners. In addition, the annual Kiwanis Junior Livestock Auction to publicly thank the LACFB for their public service and to announce the three (3) recipients of the award. It should be noted that no announcements concerning the awards will be made during the auction of any recipients' animal(s). Pat Stevenson moved to approve the Proposed Policy and Marcia Bouch'e 2nd motion, passed by voice vote.

Photographer and backdrop: Shirley Byrne sent 5 bids to Photographers with a deadline of May 13th. As of date, only 1 response. Pam Lovett was unaware the backdrop was left out from last year and has the new year's numbers for the banner. Craig Stevenson will store backdrop and check to see if it needs to be sandblasted or repaired.

Barn Bash Fundraiser: Chairman Craig Stevenson submitted Barn Bash planning books to all organizations (see attachments). Auction items are to be turned in by June 29th. The Organization

with the most items turned in by June 29th will receive a \$100 cash award. Each Organization is responsible for one item. Each Organization were given a number of tickets based on their size of their enrollment, Becky in the fair office has additional tickets if needed. Council members were given their duties for the dinner. The dinner's goal is \$100,000.00. All Organization must be involved. Need to solicit local businesses with the letters/info provided in the planning books. Discussion to set up a display at the dinner to show items that the Council has purchased with the funds raised at the past dinner to show that the funds are at work already, ex: Electric in Beef Barn, Bulletin Board, Storage Container. Ideas of a decorated head table with a Prime Rib dinner for the top 5 buyers at the auction last year.

June Exhibitor Meeting: June 16th at 6:30pm in the Van Dam Pavilion. Additional discussion about the agenda is needed at our June Council Meeting. Becky McRoberts to forward last year's agenda to Shirley Byrne and post date and time on the AV Fair website. Any Premium book and Livestock changes will be announced by the proper Chairman at the Exhibitor Meeting.

New Business:

Top Ten Buyers Gifts: tabled to June Meeting.

Weigh-In Schedule: Weigh-In's to be scheduled during the already scheduled Vet-Check's. Don Cook to become a Certified Weigh Master. Turkey's to also be weighed during their Vet-Check. Small Animal Barn chairman to give suggestions to Becky McRoberts regarding the Rabbit Weigh-In's. Currently Rabbits are weighed at drop off, this weight is not recorded. The official weights of Rabbits are the weights from the Judge at the time of Judging.

2011 Champion Banners: Becky McRoberts to order with a different ribbon company from last year, Dr. Nyholt to sponsor.

Floral Champion Banners: Becky McRoberts has the list of Floral Sponsors; Pat Stevenson last year wrote Sponsor and Thank you letters.

JLA Auctioneer: Becky McRoberts to contact the same Auctioneer as last year. If possible, not to invite the 2nd Auctioneer that was new at last year's auction. Discussion that his style was rushed and Buyers were not given enough time to bid on Exhibitors animals.

Auction Breakfast: Provided by the Grange. Grilled has been cleaned and stored for this year Breakfast.

Next Meeting date: June 7th, 2011 at 6:30pm

Adjournment at 8:45 pm/Debbie Bartels motion, Pat Stevenson 2nd motion, passed by voice vote

Documents Attached: Proposed Small Animal Barn Care & Cleaning Options, AV Local Businesses Barn Bash Letter, Sponsors letter, Picture of Sponsor Banner.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Rohaley, Communication Chairman