

4-H LIVESTOCK LEADERS MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Meeting called to order by Bruce Modreske at 7:33 pm.

Pledges were led by Bruce M

SECRETARIES REPORT – Susan Ostrom

Roll call (list clubs represented at the end of the minutes):

Motion by Robyn Wixom to approve January minutes. Seconded by Don Berens.

Motion passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

Correspondence – none

TREASURERS' REPORT - Jason DeWeerd was not present, but report was submitted

- A. Checking Account – 42,096.97
- B. Savings Account – 17,608.35
- C. Insurance CD – 17,458.29
- D. Geurink Memorial Fund – 32,224.38
- E. Bills submitted -

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. 4H Staff Report – Dian Liepe
 - a. 4H Council auction is March 21 – Need volunteers to hang up fliers
 - b. Exploration Days registration started today. Scholarships are available
- B. Beef Preview Show – Kristina VanOrder
 - a. Show will be Sunday, May 17
 - b. Cattle only this year – not planning on a sheep or goat show
- C. Beef Carcass – no report
- D. Swine Carcass – nothing new
- E. Rabbit Leaders/ Rabbit & Poultry Show
 - a. Still working on Rabbit show/clinic to be held later in the summer. Show will just be rabbits this year, not planning on poultry
- F. Executive committee – bylaws – will discuss in Unfinished business
- G. Showmanship Derby – Liza Klingenberg & Bridgette Weller
 - a. Have had a couple meetings so far to work out format of the derby
 - b. So far, have decided that we want to split into 2 separate derbies. One will be for animals shown “class style” & the other will be for animals shown as a demonstration

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. From January Meeting...
 - a. Swine Gate estimates
 - i. Laura Modreske had estimates from Northeast Gate Company for system very similar to what we had been renting. 20 placing pens, plus other gates. \$9376.70.
 - ii. Susan Ostrom had estimate for Priefert gates (same style as newer sheep & goat pens). 20 placing pens \$10,500
 - iii. Group discussed cost of these pens vs. renting for \$250/year. Consensus was that we should continue to rent for as long as we can. No motion made.
 - b. Auction Participation
 - i. Laura Modreske brought up the issue that since it is not mandatory that the 4Hers be at the auction, buyers may be confused as to whose animal is selling. Last year, at least 7 buyers purchased the wrong animal because they saw the kid in the ring and didn't realize that he/she was a substitute for the actual seller.

1. Motion to Not allow substitutions in the sale. 4Hers that cant make it to the sale need to notify the superintendent or Livestock leaders executives prior to the sale. Motion made by Brady O. Seconded by Ryan Meert.

Discussion/clarification – Ring will be empty if the 4Her is not present.
Animals will still sell.

Verbal vote was indecisive.

Written ballot vote 11 yes, 10 no. Motion passed

B. Paylean letter.

- a. Discussion about current state of paylean in the hog industry. Currently, most packers are not accepting pigs that have been fed paylean due to China's restrictions for export market. Discussed some of the pros/cons of banning paylean.

- i. Motion to Offer resale for the pigs if it is available at fair time. If no market is available for hogs that have been fed paylean, then resale will not be offered. Paylean use will be allowed. Motion made by Brady O. Second by Laura M.

Discussion – if motion passes, 4Her letter would go out ASAP. Letter to buyers will go out closer to the fair, so we can have more current info to make decision about resale.

Motion passed. Verbal vote, None opposed.

C. Bylaws/ Parli Pro

- a. Discussed proposed Parliamentary Procedures guidelines (attached). Discussed that there is currently no official parliamentary procedure being followed. The proposed guidelines are much more simple than Roberts Rules or other systems.

- i. Motion to accept Parliamentary Procedures as proposed. Motion made by Rob S. Seconded by Diana Ellis. Motion passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

- b. Discussed proposed ByLaw changes.

- i. Motion to approve Bylaws as proposed. Motion made by Robyn W, 2nd by Brady O. Motion passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 4H Council Auction March 21, 2020. Bring donations to the school noon-2PM. Starts at 3, live auction at 6 PM

B. Video Screens for 4H Auction?

Harry Chestnut brought up idea of utilizing video screens during the 4H auction at the fair to help buyers know who/what is currently selling. Estimate of \$450

Motion made to have Harry further investigate the screens and report back to the group with proposals. Motion made by Andrew S., 2nd by Laura M.

Motion passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

C. Dairy Conference

Robyn Wixom discussed that there is a group of 4Hers going to Dairy Conference next week. Asking for funding for the group. Cost is \$155/kid, less some \$\$ coming from youth council.

Approximate total will be \$600-\$650

Motion to approve funding the cost of Dairy Conference. Motion made by Mrs. Heimstra, 2nd by Don Berens.

Motion Passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

D. Showmanship

Harry Chestnut brought up the idea that many states/shows have moved to having market classes before showmanship. Discussion that many of the preview shows have been doing this for a while. The fair schedule may be moving in this direction.

Announcements

- Next 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 7:30pm, Zimmerman Rm
- 4-H Council Auction, March 21, Hopkins High School
- Allegan County 4-H Camp Kidwell Annual meeting, Thursday, April 16, 6pm, 4-H Camp Kidwell – looking for 4-H leaders willing to serve for 3 years on the board

Motion to adjourn by Don Berens. 2nd by Aimee G.

Motion passed. Verbal vote, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm

Clubs in attendance: Country Clovers 4-H Club, Farm 'N Charm, Goin' showin' 4-H Club, Hilltop 4-H, Homegrown 4-H Club, Hopkins Clever Clovers, Hudson Corners Livestock, Kids & Kritters, Lakeview 4-H, Martin Area Livestock, Milk 'N Honey 4-H Club, Monterey Community, North Allegan 4-H Livestock Club, Purple Circle Swine Club, Purple Vision 4-H Club, Rabbit River, Riverview Beef, Rollin Hills, Spartan 4-H Club, Watson Wranglers 4-H Club, Wayland Livestock, and Home Grown 4H.