

JLAC MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY OCTOBER 26, 2023 / 6 PM

Junior Livestock Advisory Committee Voting Members

(Present) CEO - Rich Hoffman (Non-Voting Member)
(Present) Chairman/Beef Representative - Jennifer Mason
Vice Chair -
(Present) Secretary/Sheep Representative - Andrea Stretars
(Present) 4-H Representative - Barry Clark
(Present) Member At Large - Shannon Hindman
(Present) Fair Board Representative - Laurie Forster
(Present) Fur & Feathers - DeAnna Bell
(Not Present) Grange Representative - Leah Lyman Lee
(Present) Livestock Superintendent - John Seever
(Present) Livestock Clerk- Karson White
(Present) Swine Representative - Cody Gold
(Not Present) Goat Representative - Dawn Muschetto
(Not Present) FFA Representative - Carly Benner

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

Meeting Minutes from Round Table- please correct to include Carly Benner as present. Cody (First Motion) DeAnna (Second Motion) all approved, and none opposed.

Rich- CEO report> The windmill rest project is moving along as well as the performance art project in Mercantile building. The brick project on the front of the Simmons Beef pavilion will be finished prior to the fair.

New Business:

Nominations for Species Position- Voting will be done by those who attend the meeting.

Private Treaty Animals going on the truck-discussed at the previous meeting, animals can only be allowed on the truck if there is space available. Do we want to continue to offer this to the kids or eliminate this option? Make a motion to keep (1) Lorie (2) Cody, all in favor and none opposed.

Show Schedule Change- It was proposed to ensure that the Beef/Sheep and Goats are shown at the same time. The committee's idea would be the least amount of shuffle to ensure that people are able to attend their shows. John brought up the point that kids know when they choose to show multiple species, there may be a situation where they need to decide to prioritize. Anna-people rely on the schedule to ensure they can attend and be able to support the kids. Rick-DeAnna (1) to leave as is (2) Shannon and John provided 2, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried to keep the schedule as it currently stands.

Weigh In times- The proposed schedule that Karson provided. John said he has been asked if they can weigh their sheep at the same time as swine. Shannon- there is a contamination issue with comingling species. Brooke> can we purchase a scale that is used for just sheep? What is the cost (Barry- around \$2,000.00). It was argued that using that sum of money for a tool used only twice a year would not be a sound investment. Lori made a motion to separate Sheep and Goats a Fair Weigh until called and they will be brought up in groups by their club and/or chapter. DeAnna (2), all in favor and none opposed. DeAnna made a motion to keep the sheep and goat weigh in the same time frame as it currently stands. Barry (2) All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

Exhibitor Clause for Online Conduct/ Social Media Conduct: Brooke and Rich will work on this and report to the next meeting.

PreWeigh In- Rich- 3/27 is the 120-day threshold for fair compliance for beef ownership. It is currently scheduled for 3/24 and FFA has a conflict. Shannon made a motion to move the Beef and Heifer weigh in to 3/10, Lori (2) All in Favor, none opposed.

Pre-Weigh In-

Discussion Notes: Lori is in favor, as it maintains a level of responsibility to the exhibitor. Our preweigh keeps our 20% program alive and well, ensuring that our buyers are getting a quality product. Double check that the dates of the animals are listed in the book. Karson said if we are not going to preweigh in then we need to be able to verify the animals are the same animal. UCDavis will send out students with the sample free of charge. DeAnna> She thinks it is not smart to go against the State Vet recommendation. Brooke- if we are going to go the DNA route, we either need to run all Champions and/or run all animals. Cody- same thoughts as last year, Preweigh does not prevent people from being dishonest. The State Vet strongly recommended that we do not keep this practice and he agrees. Strongly opposed to a preweigh. John> can understand both sides of the argument, less and less people are showing up to help with preweigh in. Shannon> agrees with the State Vet, have the leaders be the touch point for the animals. She agrees with UC Davis testing at the fair and comparing DNA turned in at the time of. Rick> he understands Cody's issue with preweigh in, he thinks that preweigh in did help some kids to make changes that enabled their pigs to be shown. Lori did ask that someone verify with UC Davis the cost involved and availability. Karson will investigate it and report at our next meeting. Toni> keep preweigh in and update the max weight preweight (which is based on the max weight in at fair). Also, none of the kids who had pigs weighed in on the disabled scale, asked to reweight. Jason> no opinion, but whatever decision is reached, we should invite the State Vet to the next Board Meeting. Jen> she knows that the State Vet must follow the general rule, but feels it is an overly cautious position as dictated by the position and AMA. Mike> if we do end up going to the DNA route, you will need to pass out these kits at Preweigh in March. Cody> Had the idea that people come to the fair per species, they turn in their paperwork, get their collection kit and ear tags. Sit and listen to all changes that are happening within their species, protocol for herdsmanhip. Cody made a motion to collect DNA on ALL large market animals and that the exhibitor covers the cost of the DNA testing (2 tests). One at the prefair ownership deadline and one at the time of fair check in. These tests will be run at the time of weighing in at fair to a DNA match. If unmatched, that animal is disqualified., (2) Shannon, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

Mandatory Weigh in- In favor of holding a mandatory Pre-Weigh in. Lori provided the first motion, (2) Barry. Roll Call- Jennifer (in favor), Lori (yes), Karson (No), DeAnna (No), Cody (No) John (No), Shannon (No), Barry (Yes), Andrea (No), **Motion Failed.**

Cody made a motion to Not hold a preweigh for all market animals, except beef project. Instead, exhibitors will need to attend a mandatory meeting on herdsmanhip and turn in their DNA samples and paperwork by ownership deadline on 5/19/2024. Shannon (2) All in favor, three opposed. **Motion carries.**

Beef Weigh In> Jen Mason- Andrea made a motion If Beef exhibitors are not able to attend Beef weigh ins, they are encouraged to attend the May 19th, 2024, exhibitor meeting. (2) Karson, all in favor and none opposed.

Auction Ring John asked that we modify the auction ring so it will work with our set up. He suggested we have Jason Wolin do the retrofit so it will fit our current alleyway set up. Rich will talk to Jason to get these modifications made and how much it will cost. Update next meeting.

Supreme Champion Program- Shannon- all are paid off, and in the Fair Office. She will be sending out emails in November to make sure this year's sponsors will continue for the 2024 fair. She is waiting to hear back about the buyers' banners, Shannon will be personally delivering them. Shannon has a group of folks who are looking to fill any empty spots. Rielle has it now put into the system so that people can pay for the awards at the same time as other sponsors. A motion was made by Karson to continue our Supreme Champion Program for the 2024 year. Cody provided a second, all in favor and none opposed.

Task List Review has been tabled until our November meeting.

Karson brought up the issue that our next meeting will fall on Thanksgiving Day. A motion was made by Andrea to hold the next meeting on Thursday, November 16th, 2023. Barry seconded the motion. All in favor and none opposed.

Roundtable

Anna Jones Williams shared the great successes of Amador County kids at the National Rabbit Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Cody made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm. Shannon seconded the motion. All in favor and none opposed. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned