

**Amador County Fair Junior Livestock Advisory Committee (JLAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**December 15, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.**

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

Voting members in attendance: H. Billows, J. Seever, C. Benner, A. Stretars, D. Muschetto, D. Bell, J. Mason, M. Boitano, C. Gold (remotely), N. Richmond

**a. Approval of October 2022 and November 2022 minutes**

A motion was made (A, Stretars) and seconded (D. Bell) to approve the October & November 2022 minutes (notes). Motion passed.

**II. CEO Report**

The fire flow project has started. The Fair will be receiving funding from the Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for resiliency projects, including generators. Additionally, the fair may receive funding for a commercial kitchen facility as well. The Barn Seed Project is underway. Plans to offset cost by selling redwood from horse barn stalls. The Fair Foundation agreed to assist with funding. The 2024 Fair theme is "ZInfindel and Zinnias".

**III. New Business**

**a. Nominations for & Election of Expiring Board Member Terms (FFA, 4-H, & Grange)**

FFA Representative:

Nominee was brought forth by D. Bell and seconded by N. Richmond to have Carly Benner continue. Carly accepted and was voted in by all members in attendance.

4-H Representative:

Nominee was brought forth by K. Williams and seconded by M. Boitano to have Barry Clark replace K. Williams. Barry accepted and was voted in by all members in attendance.

Jr./Youth Grange Representative:

Nominee was brought forth by H. Billows and seconded by J. Mason to have Leah Lee replace S. Blake. Leah accepted and was voted in by all members in attendance.

All terms begin January 2024 and end December 2026.

**b. Nomination for & Election of Board Chair, Vic-Chair, & Secretary Roles**

Chair:

Nominee was brought forth by M. Boitano and seconded by H. Billows to have Jennifer Mason continue as Chair. Jennifer accepted and was voted in by all members in attendance.

Vice Chair:

Nominee was brought forth by H. Billows and seconded by J. Seever to have Noele Richmond continue as Vice Chair. Noele accepted and was voted in by all members in attendance.

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Secretary:

Nominee was brought forth by B. Clark and seconded by J. Mason to have Andrea Stretars elected as Secretary. Andrea accepted and was voted in by all members in attendance.

All terms for executive committee members begin January 2024 and end December 2024.

### c. Minimum & Maximum Payout weights for Market Beef & Heifers

It was motioned by N. Richmond and seconded by D. Bell to change minimum and maximum sale weights for both market beef and market heifers to 1050 and 1350 respectively. Motion passed. The approved weights are for market beef and heifers only, and do not include Replacement Heifer projects.

ACTION ITEM: Premium book will be updated to reflect weight changes.

### d. Sale Order Change

A discussion was had to change the Jr. Livestock Sale order to have small animals go first. After many suggestions and discussion, C. Benner recommended that we consult J. Parnell our auctioneer on his suggestion. All agreed. J. Mason agreed to contact Jake.

ACTION ITEM: J. Mason will speak with Jake Parnell and bring back information to vote on next meeting. Items to discuss are, general sale order (small animals vs. large, Supreme Champion placement in sale order and Ag Mech items in live auction). Item "d" will be placed on January 2023 agenda.

### e. Buckle Order

Discussions were had regarding the buckle order for the fair. A suggestion was made and agreed to offer 4 buckle choices for the buckles this coming fair so exhibitors didn't have the same two buckles for all top two placings. H. Billows will send out a Google poll to voting members to determine top four buckles for Champion, Reserve Champion, Best and Reserve Local Bred and Showmanship, and once survey results are in, will forward to Entry Office to send out with Sponsorship letters.

ACTION ITEM: H. Billows will send out Google Poll and forward survey results with choice to Entry Office.

### f. Meeting Date

Committee discussed meeting dates and a motion was made by N. Richmond and seconded by D. Muschetto to keep the meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of every month. Motion passed. It was stressed that voting members must try to attend meetings, at least virtually, as JLAC hasn't had a quorum the last two meetings.

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### g. Supreme Champion Proposal

A proposal was submitted as a recommendation to the Board to approve a Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champion for all Jr. Livestock species. After much discussion and many questions, including concern of the 15 unsponsored awards/premiums, a motion was made to modify original proposal to delete some language and add additional language by N. Richmond and seconded by C. Gold. Motion passed with one “no” vote (N. Richmond) and one “abstain” (H. Billows).

ACTION ITEM: S. Hindman will edit and finalize proposal and send to Noele as soon as possible and J. Mason will take the Supreme Champion recommendation forward to the Board for approval in January.

### h. Herdsmanship Clinic

A motion was made by J. Mason and seconded by D. Bell to table this agenda item until the January meeting. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: Item “h” will be placed on January 2023 agenda.

### i. Exhibitor Fines & Consequences

A motion was made by J. Mason and seconded by D. Bell to table this agenda item until the March meeting. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: Item “h” will be placed on March 2023 agenda.

### j. Dam & Wether Breed Class

A motion was made by J. Mason and seconded by D. Bell to table this agenda item until the March meeting. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: Item “h” will be placed on March 2023 agenda.

## IV. Old Business

### a. Tear down update (crews)

No update per CEO.

### b. JLA Equipment Yard Update

Fair Maintenance is finding a suitable location for a JLAC Equipment Yard. More updates to follow.

### c. Ag Mech Update

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N. Richmond informed meeting attendees that there has been initial conversations with both the Amador and Argonaut Ag Mech instructors and a meeting is set for early January to discuss the possibility of including Ag Mech items in the live auction. Will give update next month.

### V. Roundtable

N. Richmond mentioned the detection of Avian Flu in Amador County flocks.

Prop 12 is in effect – all affidavits will be necessary for fair this year.

The Beef Barn back line near the pavilion needs repair.

A request was made to move the Lad and Ladies after the sheep breeding show on Friday.

ACTION ITEM: Entry Office will move Lad and Ladies class to following the breed show as discussed.

### VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



**Next Meeting January 26, 2023**

*The Amador County Fair Junior Livestock Advisory Committee meetings are always open to members of the public and welcome your comments & suggestions.*