

Amador County Junior Livestock Auction Committee

November 16th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Amador County Fairgrounds, Fair Office

Meeting started at 6:12pm

(Present) CEO - Rich Hoffman (Non-Voting Member) (Present)

(Present) Chairperson/Beef Representative - Jennifer Mason

Vice Chair- vacant

(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

(Present) Grange Representative - Leah Lyman Lee

(Not Present) Livestock Superintendent - John Seever

(Present) Livestock Clerk- Karson White

(Present) Swine Representative - Cody Gold

(Present) Goat Representative - Dawn Muschetto

(Present) FFA Representative - Carly Benner

CEO Report: The Simmons beef pavilion is in completion PHASE. The front will be covered in metal siding, as there are not enough bricks at this time to cover the front of the building. The foundation is getting a bid to complete the project. The fair is moving forward to retrofit the Windmill Restaurant, they are working to have it used as a commissary restaurant during the year for those who do not have a brick-and-mortar building, also using it as three different restaurants during the fair with pass thru windows. The idea is to have a seating area to the north of the building with views of the midway. The theme for the 2024 fair is "Go for the Gold".

New Business:

- A. Discussion for JLAC Nominations- All species representatives are open in December. Encourage all those who are interested in running/holding the position. December 21st @ 6pm in the Spur Emporium. Jen would like to open the beef position to a new person, Dawn is open to being the goat rep, Cody would like to sit out, Rick is interested. Andrea would like to open it up to another person and suggest Jen Mason, the secretary position is also open. AT Large- Shannon would like to continue in this position 2024.

B. Exhibitor Clause for Online/Social Media Conduct- Rielle found a good code of conduct for both Parents/Exhibitors. Both Rich and Rielle will work on retrofitting this to work for the Amador County Fair. Will update at the December meeting.

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C. Rabbit and Chicken Auction Discussion- still looking into adding more chickens, rabbits and/or turkeys to be added to the auction. There were concerns brought up of not having the space to accommodate additional animals in the barn, the auctioneer is not interested in holding a small animal portion of the auction. Anna would like the dimensions of the barn to see if this is even a plausible idea, then present to the board in January what could be done. The idea of holding an online sale for small animals and Ag Mech. Also checking in with Calaveras County Fair to see who they work with. Carly Benner moved that we move this to a committee and report back to the board in January, Shannon 2nd, all in favor and none opposed.

Old Business:

- A. Task List: reviewed through Jan 2024. Rielle will send out an email with the buckle choices and secretary will send out for a vote.
- B. Declaration Day Format-
- C.
- D. The board considered the recommendation of the JLAC board. There were a couple of addendums, as information was gained about the DNA testing available. There is no source for real time DNA collection and the board also considered that it may be problematic to expect that every kid was there representing their animal, so they can have a family member attend in their absence. After further review, skip DNA and rely on their Declaration of ownership, a single page declaration that can be downloaded off the website and their ear tag will need to be inserted prior to bringing them into the fair at the time of fair. On Dec Day- single page from website, bill of sale, local bred paperwork, YQCA and code of ethics agreement and prop 12 affidavit, and printed picture of front and back picture scrapie's tags or ear notches. Andrea made a motion to require the following on Declaration Day- single page from website, bill of sale, local bred paperwork, YQCA and code of ethics agreement and prop 12 affidavit, as well as printed picture of front and back picture of scrapie's tags or ear notches, Laurie provided second. All in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

c. DNA collection- it is \$70/animal and they do not do onsite testing. It is not cost effective and not plausible at our fair. Cody made a motion that we use the photos of the scrapie's tags or ears notches and bill of sale in lieu of DNA. DeAnna provided second. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

Roundtable: By November 30th, all recommendations and/or changes that need to be made to the book per species.

Cody- next meeting discuss Prop 12 and asked Karson to reach out to Yosemite about any changes. A new letter of self-certification is not acceptable for resale hogs. The fair may need to make the decision not to have resale hogs at our fair.

Jen- Need to add on Resale goats. Superior will not be taking resale goats. Talk to Fresno to see what is available.

Karson- Beef Processor. Small Animal Hauler?

Shannon made a motion to adjourn our meeting at 7:44 Dawn second. All approved and none opposed.

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