

## Livestock Committee Meeting-January 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chair Carleena Quinn at 6:30 pm in the library basement meeting room. Members in attendance included Jessica Stroh, Ross Canen, Dean Rau, Chris Udem, Ryan Thorson, Kent Granmoe, Desiree Hoffer.

Unfinished Business was discussed. Carleena reported that Ashley Hartman declined the invitation to be the livestock judge for the 2018 fair as she will be in Kansas during the fair dates. Several judge names were suggested. Carleena will reach out to these suggestions to see if any of them may be interested in judging. There was much discussion regarding how the livestock judge is payed. The fair board pays by the hour plus mileage. The hourly wage paid is \$13.22. The fair board will also pay for a hotel room if it is known in advance that one is needed. Committee members questioned if the livestock judge is getting paid enough. Chris motioned to have the livestock committee pay a \$200 flat fee on top of the fairboard wage. Ross seconded the motion. Motion failed. There was discussion about fairboard members attending a livestock or council meeting in the past and discussing how much the livestock judge could be paid. Members thought this discussion took place in fall 2015. Carleena will check with Bruce to see if he recalls what the fairboard said they would pay. Carleena will ask Jackie to contact area fairs and ask how much they are paying their livestock judges at their fairs. Jessica motioned to pay \$200 on top of the fairboard payment depending on what we find out in our research. Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Clerking and buyers table agenda item was tabled. The next item of unfinished business was barn superintendents. Ryan made a motion to approve the superintendent duties that were included with the minutes of the last meeting. Jessica seconded the motion. Motion passed. It was noted that this is a living document and as we see things that should be added to the lists the duties may be amended. A brief discussion was held regarding advertising the livestock sale. It was suggested to make the flyers larger. This item will be added to the next agenda for further discussion. The showmanship manual and livestock committee budget agenda items were both tabled.

New business was then discussed. The first item of new business was feedback on the livestock sale buyer's meal. Committee members have heard both compliments and complaints regarding the meal. All members are appreciative of American Bank's willingness to put on and host the meal. There was a general discussion on ways to promote the livestock sale. It was mentioned that we need to do a better job at buyer education as some of the complaints/concerns about the sale is due to lack of awareness. Jessica said Muddy Boots is planning to do a buyer's education event on April 3rd at the Moose. We discussed doing something at GATE to promote 4-H, but it is too late for this year. The last new item of business was regarding livestock judging. There was discussion on promoting this program and trying to get a livestock team started. The committee would like to find a leader to take a judging team to area events.

The next meeting will take in March. Date to be determined.