Sale Committee meeting November 19, 2009

Those in attendance: Dustin Johnson, Dave Bohnert, Tiny Pedersen, Shana Withee, Michelle Tummonds, Karen Moon, Jimmy Zamora, Rob Frank and Erik Davies.

The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm

**Additions to the Agenda:** none

**Minutes:** Tiny Pedersen moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dustin Johnson seconded and the motion passed.

**Process & Follow Through:** There was discussion on people volunteering to do things and then forgetting and how to better deal with things. Also there are action items that need to be done before the next meeting, and those that need to be done before fair. Is there a better way to keep track of these items? Some examples of things that have slipped through the cracks this past year were motions on use of Nose Tongs, fair premium book changes and tagging. Karen was asked to create a spreadsheet of action items to see if this would help keep track of things. Karen will share her first draft with Dustin and Dave.

It was suggested to highlight action items within the minutes as well as the spreadsheet.

Again the question of who gives us authority to make decisions came up. All felt that it was important to have representation from the fair board on the committee as well as the extension agents. It was felt that it was important to follow the rules in the Fair Premium book. Barn Superintendents are a good “first line of defense” so to speak and should be included.

**Carcass & Rate of Gain Contest:** Discussion on a problem with sponsor dollars being awarded differently than what was intended took place. Grand Champions received $100.00 and Reserve Champions received $50.00. Dave Bohnert then remembered that we had decided an amount back in January of 09. Minutes were reviewed and the motion read “A motion was made by Dave Bohnert to set the carcass award amounts at Champions $150.00, $75.00 to Reserve and $10 to $15 for the rest of the carcass of merit winners. Jimmy Zamora seconded and the motion passed. If Harney Electric will continue to donate at the same rate they have in the past, we will find sponsors to cover the rest of the amount.”

Shana then went on to explain how Harney Electric makes their awards. She said that Harney Electric has a set amount per species and they like to write their own checks to the kids. She asked if we wanted to go with the amounts that we decided on in January, should Harney Electric continue to give their amounts and then we figure out the difference and write a separate check?

A question was brought up as to how combining the rate of gain contest changes the carcass of merit results. Dustin said it did affect them. The formula was different when adding in the rate of gain contest. It was thought that perhaps we should revisit our motion after reviewing how Harney Electric likes to do things.

It was noted even with the money that Lee raised we still did not meet the total dollars needed to cover the expenses. It was reported at the 4-H leaders meeting that $1050.00 was awarded and $925.00 was taken in.
Then there was more discussion on holding two separate contests, one with Harney Electric staying as it is for Carcass of Merit and a separate Carcass/Rate of Gain contest.

_Tiny Pedersen volunteered to go talk to Harney Electric and see if they would consider changing the way they award the carcass dollars._

One of the biggest problems with trying to raise money is not knowing how many merit carcasses there will be. This year there were 5 lambs, 6 steers and 13 pig carcass of merits.

Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**Grounds/Livestock show:**

Again the question was brought up as to who is in charge. Historically it was the County Agent and the Fair Livestock Director. This was discussed at our first meeting and it was felt that this committee SHOULD be where the “buck stops”. We need to be consistent. Members should include the President of the Stockgrowers, Fair Livestock Director, County Agents and Barn Superintendents at a minimum. A question was brought up as to who is going to replace Rob Fisher as the Livestock Director on the Fair board. It would be nice to know by the next meeting.

Grandstands: Karen is still working on the grant for the Grandstands. It is down to getting estimates on materials and labor and then we should be ready to send them off. A question was brought up as to how many people we will be seating in the new stands.

Armbands vs. Eartag numbers: Discussion on the confusion last summer by someone changing the animal numbers to match the armbands on the FFA students. This caused a lot of confusion when it was time to ship animals on Sunday. It is most important that participant’s armband numbers MATCH the eartag on the animal. It was thought that if we go to a universal tag that we could color code between 4-H and FFA by the button on the back of the tag.

Stall Cards: It was suggested to put a place to write eartag numbers on the stall cards.

It was noted that Butcher Boys needed a copy of ALL sale sheets. It was thought that it would be good to distribute the results of the sale to ALL sale committee members.

**Sale:**

Floor Buyer: is there a need for a floor buyer, or one for each species? Not all floored animals were sold last year. It took quite an effort to get them taken care of. Buermann is storing five lambs. It was thought that the Stockgrowers need to discuss this as well. One disadvantage of having a floor buyer is that we may not get carcass data on floored animals. The possibility of ultra-sounding live animals was discussed. There are other counties that are doing this rather than assessing the carcass.

Sale Order: Questions were raised if we should continue with the random draw or go through the progression of champions, blue ribbons then red ribbons. _A motion was made by Tiny Pedersen to continue to sell the Champion and Reserve Champions by species and then sell the rest by random draw. Karen Moon seconded the motion and the motion passed._
Sale Sheets: Everyone thought that the sale sheets and add-on sheets made good improvement but still needs some tweaking before next fair. Tiny Pedersen volunteered to go and ask Bobby Jo at Bank of Eastern Oregon for input on how to update the sale sheets and add-on sheets before the next meeting.

Banner: Dave Bohnert volunteered to have the new banner made. Dustin Johnson will get the information and pictures to Dave. Angie Ketscher and Karen Moon volunteered to move the banner around the community next summer.

Karen asked if we had left the current banner out at the fairgrounds, or who had it. Dustin said he had it and would store it for the winter. Karen will get the tube to Dustin.

Powerpoint: The powerpoint was discussed again. It was thought that it was a good idea, although getting it set up and tore down was a little awkward.

There was also discussion on a mix up where a participant ended up showing two market animals. It was noted that the “one market animal” rule has been in the book for a long time. This was a slip-up and goes back to the discussion on being consistent in enforcing the rules. A participant may show One market animal as well as breeding animals, but CANNOT show in two market classes.

Items for next agenda:
Go through fair book and identify changes needed.
Find rule that talks about only showing one market animal.
Nose Tongs
Schedule with Ruthie earlier so we are clear what day we would like her to come.
Arenas – if we are going to run two arenas next year we will need to find more clerks and another PA system, another computer also?
Fair Board Livestock Director
Add-ons for individuals?
Need for a Rabbit scale – does it need to be certified?

Next meeting date will be Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm