Sale Committee meeting January 14, 2010


The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm

Minutes: Dave Bohnert moved to approve the minutes of the November 19 meeting as presented. Lee McConnell seconded and the motion passed.

Fair Book – Identify needed changes:

Limiting exhibiters to only one market animal: Discussion took place on the mishap last fair with an exhibitor showing two market animals. We as leaders need to keep track and pay close attention. Each exhibitor may show only ONE market animal. A second animal (such as one FFA and one 4-H) may be shown in Showmanship, however this is not to be encouraged.

New sub-committee: Discussion on the fair book resulted in forming a new sub-committee consisting of Rob Frank, Karen Moon and Tiny Pedersen. A motion was made by Rachael McNeley and seconded by Angie Ketscher to create this sub-committee. The motion passed.

These three will work on going through the premium book and making changes as noted by the sale committee. We will go through the 4-H and FFA rules and general rules. (page 43 through 49) The committee will meet in two weeks by email.

Nose Tongs: Specific language needs to be added to the premium book regarding no use of nose tongs or nose rings on the fairgrounds as per the motion made from March 19, 2009 meeting. It was noted that when the committee works on the changes that changes should be bolded.

Do we allow marketing of white ribbon animals? Angie Ketscher moved to not allow the marketing of white ribbon animals. These animals will not be allowed to go through the sale, and no advertising of non sale animals will be allowed on the fairgrounds during fair. Erik Davies seconded and the motion passed.

Discussion also included the fact that this committee feels that the final authority for decision making resides with the Fair Board. The committee let Don Slone know that we definitely would like a fair board member to be a regular part of this committee.

Schedule of events: It was noted that in the fair book that the schedule of events is conflicting. The sub-committee will try to include these in their work. There was also discussion on when Breeding animals and Open Class entries may leave the fairgrounds. Some places say 1pm and some say 4pm. Don Slone stated that the fair board would like animals to stay as long as possible, but at least until the rodeo starts at 1pm. It was noted that all market participants should leave their decorations up until after 1pm also. The fair board feels that there are a number of people who cannot participate in fair earlier in the week and they come specifically to view animals and projects before the rodeo on Sunday. It was also noted that it is NOT appropriate for open class animals to be hauled to slaughter with the animals that have gone through the sale. There was discussion on changing check-in day to Tuesday, but no decision was reached.
**Fair Board Livestock Director:**
Don Slone reported that neither Rob nor Mandy have provided written notice of resigning from the Fair Board. There was much discussion on concerns raised from the past two years with Rob as Livestock Director. Tiny Pedersen moved to recommend to the fair board to look for a new livestock director for next year’s fair. Rachael McNeley seconded and the motion passed.

Angie Ketscher moved to write a letter to the fair board addressing the committee’s concerns regarding the Livestock Director position. Rachael McNeley seconded and the motion passed. Lee McConnell — chairman will write the letter and email it out to committee members for review. After approval, Karen Moon will put the letter on the committee’s letterhead and deliver it to the fair board. The fair board will discuss renewal of board members at their January meeting.

**Fairgrounds Projects: grandstands, show rings, etc.:**

*Grandstands and Show ring:* Ed Herrera is taking over the Grandstands and Show ring projects. The first part will be to reduce the current show ring by around 10 feet and to build a new swine show ring between the existing show ring and the sale barn. Discussion on whether the beef would be afraid of the pigs took place.

The grandstands project was discussed. It was thought that it may be a good idea to involve a contractor. Questions on whether or not building permits would be required were asked. It was thought that anything over $10,000.00 may need to be put out for bid. Ed will work on getting materials donated or provided at cost. Karen is still working on preparing grant applications to help out. It was suggested to ask the Stockgrowers for a donation also. *A motion was made by Tiny Pedersen to support Ed Herrera in any way the committee can in getting the grandstands replaced for this year’s fair. Dave Bohnert seconded and the motion passed.*

*Community Service projects:* Don Slone has a list of projects that volunteers could work on out at the fairgrounds. Angie Ketscher will take on organizing 4-H clubs to work on this list. Don will get the list to Angie and 4-H leaders can contact Angie to see what needs to be done.

*Sewer problems:* Don Slone explained about the problems with the sewer system last year at fair. The fair board feels that they have addressed what happened and have a good plan to prevent it from happening again.

It was noted that the new sheep wash rack needs more gravel, and there are still concerns about the swine wash racks flooding the stalls.

*Scheduling Ruthie early:*
We need to remember to contact Ruthie earlier in the year. This slipped through the cracks this last fair and Ruthie did not know until the last minute that we had decided to change picture day to Thursday. *Shana Withee volunteered to talk to Ruthie about taking pictures on Thursday again this year.*

*Banner:*
Dave Bohnert presented the banner from the top five buyers and top five add-ons. There was a question as to who approves the payment for the banner. It was determined that the money comes from the Stockgrowers account. Dave Bohnert and George Wilbur should approve the payment. It was
also noted that we somehow need to thank Bank of Eastern Oregon for all of the work that they do with the auction.

It was thought to start displaying the banner now instead of waiting until just before fair. **Angie Ketscher volunteered to move the banner around town.** We will start with the courthouse and then move to the Credit Union, Burns Garage, Staub & Sons, Fields Station, Anderson Valley, Burns Dental Group, somewhere in Frenchglen (perhaps at the Jamboree) and Roaring Springs Ranch.

**Add-ons:**
Discussion on the dollars that are added on to raise the price of animals. This next year we will accept NO add-on dollars for any one individual. Dollars may be added to a certain species or to all animals. It was thought to invite Bobby Jo to the next meeting to see if there are any more improvements we can make to the add-on form. **Angie Ketscher will contact Bobby Jo and invite her to the meeting.**

**Rabbit Scale:**
Questions were again brought up as to purchasing a new rabbit scale and if it needs to be certified or not. No one has a scale that we are aware of. **Lee McConnell will look into finding a scale.**

**Cool Forms:**
There was some confusion and a couple of different forms that were used this last year. **Angie Ketscher will research which form is appropriate and will bring it to the next meeting.** We will try to get forms out for kids to fill out and will encourage all kids to turn in the cool forms at tagging on March 13. It is noted that we will need to have a place for parent signatures on the form.

**Sheep tail length:**
Michelle Tummonds brought up the rule about the length of the sheep tails. In the rule book it states that there must be one joint. Discussion took place, and it was felt that we need to make a decision to either enforce the rule or to take it out of the book. The decision needs to be made now as the lambs are being born and their tails are docked shortly after birth. Waiting until tagging will be too late. **Michelle Tummonds moved to remove the rule regarding tail length of market lambs in the fair premium book. Angie Ketscher seconded and the motion passed.**

**Thank you’s:**
It was noted that we as a sale committee should be sending out thank you notes to volunteers, judges, auctioneers and buyers after fair. There was some discussion on creating another banner for this. **Rachael McNeley will coordinate this for this coming fair.**

**Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 18th at 5pm in the courthouse. The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.