Livestock Development Committee
Tuesday, September 25, 2012
Minutes

Welcome – Melanie
Pledges & Introductions- Sydney Ames and Hannah Hathaway
Introductions and Roll Call- Paul Davis, Gail Davis, Joan Merrell, Karen Smith, Hannah Hathaway, Sydney Ames, Lisa Ames, Steve McCarthy, Pete Brentano, Shannon Gubbels, Laurie Pack, Don Pack, Dolores Wells, Melanie Mintken

Financial Update – Livestock Awards – Dolores Wells- Current balance- $822.96, the Treasurer’s report was submitted with the donations and payments made.

County Fair
- General thoughts – positive and constructive
  a. More peaceful this year- Karen Smith
  b. The vet check was inconsistent, some animals were let in without health records, while others were not let in because they did not have their forms, one youth was hassled because they did not have the withdrawal time listed on their health certificates. Leaders and members were not notified that he would want the health forms at check-in (was not instructed to check health forms)
  c. The vet needs more instructions, if people are detained have them in the shade (may include entrance through a different gate for check-in)
  d. People were entering without going through vet check, were asked to go back and see the vet
  e. A lot of scheduling conflicts (this will be the topic of the November meeting)
  f. Not enough turkey pens (Joe Shepard will be working to address this item)
  g. Pens were too close together at set-up, the work crew fixed the problems
  h. It was nice to have everything set-up early
  i. Karen spent a lot of time looking for kids for Auction Thank You notes- Next year Thank You notes will be required at weigh-in
  j. The swine ring was very small, expand it for next year
  k. Small animal market animals did not know where to get their Rosettes for their Champion and Reserve Champion
  l. Poor attendance at Round Robin

- Judges – comments/feedback – recommendation forms- Judge Selection will be October 15th from 6:30pm, the following 4-H leaders will serve as committee members- Steve McCarthy, Paul Davis, Don Pack

Action Items-
Showmanship (1st Year Junior vs Novice)

- A motion was made to change the 1st year Showmanship classes
  - Motion- A novice class will be included in (Rabbit/Cavy, Poultry, Goats, Beef, Dairy Cattle, Swine and Sheep). Youth will be allowed to participate in the Novice class one time per species. Youth participating in the Novice class will not be allowed to continue to Round Robin or Overall Showman for their species. Youth have the option of opting out of the Novice class, this will be a decision made by the youth, leader and parent. (Novice is defined as any first year showman in a specie)
  - Motioned 2nd by Pete Brentano- Motion passed

Round Robin

- A motion was made to clarify the Round Robin policy.
  - Motion- Any specie that competes as an official State 4-H project (shown at State Fair) will be included in Round Robin. Only specie with a Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Novice and Advanced FFA will be included in Round Robin with animals. Those specie that do not have a participant in all age groups will be asked knowledge questions during their rotation, and animals will not physically be shown.
  - Motion passed

Officer Nominations
- President- Don Pack
- Vice President- Paul Davis
- Secretary- Jula Galvin
- Treasurer- Joan Merrell
- Leader’s Association Liaison- Hannah Hathaway
- Awards Coordinator- Position Open

20112-2013 4-H Educational Activities
  a. 4-H Critter Campus – Melanie will work with the Small Animal leaders for this event
  b. Tri-County Market Animal Clinic – Melanie will work on putting an event together, will contact other counties in the area.
  c. Other…
  - Yet to consider:

Important Dates – Save on Calendars
- Awards Program: Tuesday, October 2nd- 6:30pm
- Judges Selection Night: Monday, October 15th – 6:30pm (need 3 representatives from this group to participate on this committee)
- Adjourn