

Dairy Committee Meeting Minutes

9/11/24

Attendance: Betsy Petijean, Ryan Langenkamp, Taylor Bergman, Addie Miller, Karen Stanley, Thomas Shaw, Trudy Snyder, Rachel Streitenberger, Allison Francis, Jacquelyn Deeter, Heidi May, Jacob Wuebker, Velvet Grow, Monica Goubeaux

Karen Stanley called the meeting to order.

The previous meeting was getting ready for fair and with low attendance there were no notes recorded.

Treasurer's Report: \$18,052.80 – there is still money coming and going from the fair. Ryan Langenkamp moved to accept the treasurer's report. Trudy Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approximate basket totals: Total basket money received \$6,025
Support fund money + \$2,020
Basket cost - \$1,828.31
= \$6,216.69 / 21
=\$296.03/each exhibitor

OLD BUSINESS & POST-FAIR DISCUSSIONS

- Jacob Wuebker made a motion to have both breeding and market exhibitors represented in the Showman of Showman contest because they are shown so differently. Allison Francis seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- There was discussion about a new mic system being installed in the show arena/barn by Greg Peck. This will cost around \$10,000 (maybe coming from a grant?)
- We need to make sure we are cleaning the drains of all wash racks. Failure to do so results in the wash racks backing up and creating a mess for the next person to wash their animals.
- Consider forming a cleanup committee to do “chores” around the barns like checking the trash, wash rack drains, show arena, milking parlor, etc., to make sure things are clean and tidy.
- Look at making adjustments to the 2025 show schedule. Especially for milking animals, consider having the breeding shows in the morning.

- Jacob Wuebker suggested to pull hair samples on animals who are in question of being crossbred during the weigh-in rather than having someone come and be the official for weigh-in. It is hard to find someone who wants to be put in that position.
- There was discussion about revamping premier exhibitor/herdsman/sportsmanship awards. Bring ideas to the next meeting.
- Can we get a ring man for the dairy breeding show to line the exhibitors up and make sure they are where they need to be in the ring?
- Rate of Gain – announce the animal while they are in the showring. Announcing during awards is great but doesn't allow the public to see the animal.
- There was a question about having an AOB Show, but there was not much discussion toward it.
- Swine in Dairy Barn – meeting with them to discuss being respectful of the dairy animals and people. Also, there will not be any animals on the row closest to the swine area. It may be used for tack, but no animals are to be stalled there.
- We need to make sure we have a set start time for cows to enter the ring. Whether they are first or second in the show doesn't matter as long as we start the cows at a designated time. Morning shows are preferred for dairy breeding over evening shows.
- Heidi May reported that the show arena will be leveled out in July to fix holes and unevenness in the ring. They are also looking to put new fans in the show arena and looking to split the cost between dairy and beef committees. This would cost approximately \$5,200 per fan for a total of two fans. There was some discussion of whether we should do fundraising for this or sell our old fans to raise part of this money. No conclusions were made.
- Thomas Shaw asked to rejoin the committee.
- Could we find a grant for new bleachers?

The committee was asked to look over the rules in the Green Pages of the fair book and be prepared to have discussions at the next meeting on October 7 at 6:30 pm, location TBD. Allison Francis moved to adjourn the meeting and Trudy Snyder seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.