Dairy Committee Meeting Minutes 9/17/25

Attendance: Karen Stanley, Jacquelyn Deeter, Rachel Streitenberger, Betsy Petijean, Jacob Wuebker, Ryan Langenkamp, Trudy Snyder, Taylor Bergman, Velvet Grow, Tommy Shaw via phone

Karen Stanley called meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report: $10,744.86

- Sam Henry has not cashed check from fair yet.
- We had $1050 in baskets
- Spent around $10,000 for things at the fair

Jacob Wuebker moved to accept the treasurer's report, and it was seconded by Jacquelyn Deeter. Motion passed.

Old Business / Post-Fair Debrief

Bruns Animal Clinic, Sunrise Cooperative, Monica Goubeaux, Dave Knapp all gave $1000+ and will receive baskets. We need to create an invoice/receipt for Monica and invoice Gary Miller for his donation.

Sale Update:

- We may not be able to have baskets in the sale next year, depending on what the sale committee and sr. fairboard decide to do for 2026.
- Overall, the sale was up a bit from last year.
- We need to make sure our 4-Hers are sending thank you cards to Keystone Cooperative / Rick Clark for paying the Breeder's World Online fee for each kid at the fair ($9/each).
- There were 27 dairy exhibitors who did not sell.

Awards:

- Overall, seems people enjoyed the cash prizes, were asked to break them down more for next year.
- 16 videos were turned in, all very good! Maybe next year consider a consumer education poster
- Put guidelines for awards, videos, posters, etc. into a word doc that can be shared with all exhibitors and parents.
- Velvet mentioned buying a TV to keep in the barn from year to year and giving the kids a new one still in the box.

Show/Schedule/Fair:

- Move the Open Market Show back to begin at 8:30 am on Saturday and continue with Market Showmanship 30 minutes after the conclusion of the show. This change is so that dairy kids have more time to prepare for Showman of Showman contest.
- Pee Wee showmanship would then be on Tuesday at the conclusion of the Jr. Fair Market Show.
- On Wednesday, we will push the Pee Wee Breeding Showmanship back to 3:30 pm to allow more time for the show.
- Continue to do the Dairy Clinic/Workshop
- Two hours after we begin Dairy Heifer Show, we will begin cows. If we need to come back to heifers at the conclusion of cow classes, we will.
- Scratches: Let's print out a sheet for each kid and both the kid and parents must sign it at move in with their scratches to avoid having multiple day-of scratches.
- Consider using Band App to communicate classes, announcements, etc., with parents and exhibitors.
- Carcass Scan – well received. Do we want to include an award for this next year? Ask thoughts to our 4-H groups.
- Ryan Langenkamp made a Dairy Committee email for future use!
- Ask if we can rope off between barns during the sale next year so no trailers can interfere with getting animals to the ring. There was a lot of swine trailer traffic that we'd like to eliminate.
- Do we need to put a cap on the steer weight limit? Jacob Wuebker was going to ask around to see how other fairs handle this situation so we can come to a conclusion.
- Tommy Shaw asked about forming a rules committee to handle rules and situations as they arise.
- Do we want to do a Preview Show in late June/early July?
- If we want to get new bleachers it will be approximately $30,000.
- Questions were asked about putting fans in the barns like we have in the show arena.
- Jacquelyn Deeter would like to consider placing a section in the green pages of the fairbook to recap the rules on teat sealing. She does not feel that we want to make new rules about this. See below:

901-19-12 ACCEPTABLE PRACTICES

(E) Using collodion as teat sealant, but for no longer than 18 hours.

901-19-13 UNACCEPTABLE PRACTICES

(D) Plugging of teats

(E) Sealing of teats using unapproved substances or for longer than 18 hours using approved substances.

(F) Injecting material into udders or teats for non-medical purposes or otherwise artificially modifying the appearance or conformation of the udder or teat.

The next meeting will be October 9, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Please review the green pages printed off by Betsy at the last meeting and have edits ready to discuss at the meeting.

Rachel Streitenberger moved to adjourn the meeting and Jacob Wuebker seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.