

## Swine Committee Minutes

July, 6, 2023

Attendees: Amanda Brewer, Mike, Rachel & Seth Fearon, Brant & Bryce Watson, Hannah Stikeleather, Sheila Scholl, Liz Sebring, Nathan McGriff, Kim Livingston, Jenna Warner, Becky King & Ashley Shilt

Meeting was called to order by Ashley. The Secretary report was read. Hannah made a motion to accept the Secretary report and was seconded by Kim. Motion passed. There was no Treasurer report.

Sale Committee: Buyer appreciation breakfast will be Sept. 9, 2023 8:00-10:00a.m. Buyers will need to RSVP to the Sale email address by Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Exhibitors that are turning in multiple buyer sheets must do so before the end of their species sale. They must declare at weigh in whether they are turning in the sheet or going through the live sale. There will be 2 people that can take payments at the sales instead of waiting until their invoice is mailed. We will still be using the old system this year since there were conflicts with the new program.

Barrow Boosters: There will be pay out for the top 3 in each age division for Showmanship. Belt buckles for the top 6 in Junior Fair. Still asking for donations for the barn party. Dinner that night will be pulled pork. Ray Perryman is coming on Sunday morning and we will have breakfast as in the past. We need volunteers for that morning. We need photos for the TV this year. Pictures can be emailed to [darkecountybarrowboosters@gmail.com](mailto:darkecountybarrowboosters@gmail.com). Will be awarding the top 3 in Skillathon instead of the top 5. Will still award the top 20 overall. Jackpot show went well and think that we made around \$8,000.

Skillathon: we still need volunteers for Skillathon. Please tell your clubs.

Sr. Fairboard: Jason wants to look at the barn layout tonight after the meeting. Fair books are out. Weigh master is lined up. Curtis and Jason are the board members for Swine. Registration might be up tonight; it will be Show Works again. We will be told when it goes live. Jason is able to get pens from Wayne County IN. Junior Fair Coordinator final few have been helping out. It won't be decided until after fair. Jason has requested from Rhonda all the Jr. Fair changes. Waiting to hear back from her.

Barn Manager: Amy has the judges lined up. Showmanship- Jada Johnson, Jr. Fair- Breann Thompson, Born & Raised- Joe Grinstead, Open Class- Not yet. Jason is going to add to the order for the Beef Barn the sawdust for the Swine Showring.

Old Business: Weight divisions will be 220-240, 245-265, 270-295

New Business: Barn Clean up will be the same as last year. Friday- Swine Coolers & Kountry Kids. Saturday- Champion Drive, Darke County Beef & FFA. Sunday- Darke County Swine. Monday- Top Notch & Banner Bound. Tuesday- Jackson Friendship & Livestock In General.

Ring Help will have same schedule as last year although times will be different since we start earlier. Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> shift for 3 hours Livestock In General/ Banner Bound. 2<sup>nd</sup> shift Swine Coolers/ Jackson Friendship. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> shift Top Notch, 2<sup>nd</sup> shift Darke County Swine. 3<sup>rd</sup> shift Champion Drive/ Kountry Kids. If this doesn't work with your club you will have to find another club to switch with. You are responsible to have 4 adults or senior level members to help. Ashley will post the exact times.

Weigh in procedure: Remind the kids that they need to have all the correct paperwork for the hog that is being weighed. This includes whether it is born and raised, correct tag number, pedigree and drug notification form. They also have to declare whether they are opting out of the sale by using the multiple buyer sheet. Ashley would also like to use the holding pens for weigh in just like State Fair. Each exhibitor is to follow through with each hog. Do not bring more than just one hog/paperwork at a time. They will have plenty of time to go back and get the other one after first one has been weighed.

Amy will need help Thursday morning to clean out the barn at 10:30 right after the parade. If some clubs could leave some wheelbarrows and shovels would be great. It needs to be announced throughout the day that exhibitors are to clean out their pens before they leave on Wednesday.

Sale time is 11:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. Judging contest is now scheduled on the first Friday of the Fair at 5:00 p.m.

Shelia made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Brant. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be barn set up on August 13, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.