

Swine Committee

March 2, 2023

Attendees: Jill Gehret, Jason & Amanda Brewer, Kourtnei Mayberry, Liz Sebring, Maddy Osswald, Kim Livingston, Duane & Sheila Scholl, Jason Manning, Aaron & Becky King, Raymond & Megan Gower, Brant Watson, Biggin & Jen Schlechty, Rhonda Williams, Morgan Hissong, Zane Hissong, Jenna Warner, Mike & Rachel Fearon, Hannah Stikeleather, Matt Sullivan, Ashley Shilt and Bryce Watson

The meeting was called to order by Ashley Shilt. Secretary minutes were passed out. Liz made a motion to accept the Secretary report and was seconded by Duane. Motion passed. Treasurer report: \$15,436.06 is in the money market. It was tabled to the next meeting about moving the money market. Sheila made a motion to accept the Treasurer report and was seconded by Kourtnei. Motion passed.

Sale Committee: They are waiting on the Junior Fairboard decision on being able to just use the multiple buyer sheet and turn it in instead of doing a live auction.

Barrow Boosters: There was no update

Skillathon: It will cover chapters 3,8,9 & 24 and will be from 4-7p.m. Chapter 12 will be for the essay. 500-word essay for Intermediate and 200-word essay for Beginner.

Sr. Fairboard: Jason said there was no discussion on the buildings last night. They are waiting on an answer from the state. 1 big building as the footprint and pare it down. Possibility of 1 big steel building, open sided, and roof with lights. They will move forward with the dog barn and the larger barn will be where the goat barn is. Still waiting to hear about the grant money. Might amend to a bigger barn than the original plan. The dog barn will be at the gate. This was at the work session for the discussion about the big barn. It will have cement floors and plan to put water etc. in even if we are not able to do it at the beginning. It will be a permanent steel building. They will be in contact with the donors. They are looking at putting in 32 pens in where there was tack in the cattle barn. Hopefully will have a good

solution by the time of fair. There will not be a building up by fair. Grant money has to be used by 2024 or we will lose it.

Barn Manager: Rules have been turned in.

Old Business: Rhonda talked about Fair Entries Online. They will get the info out when it is ready. Will have a form if exhibitor has signed up for a wrong class and can change it so that they will be able to show. They will double check entries before fair. Should be able to have Fair Entries work with 4-H online.

New Business: Change Pee Wee Showmanship from Saturday since the concert is on Saturday this year. Rachel made a motion to move Jr. Fair Showmanship to 9:00 a.m. Saturday and Pee Wee will go after that. It was seconded by Jenna. Motion passed.

It was brought up to see if it is necessary to have an open class committee? We still have info from last year that covered all the costs. Ashley volunteered to contact the donors from last year.

Ashley asked if we need to know who the judges are before the show so that we will be able to prepare for the show? Discussion followed. Brant made a motion that we announce the judges as soon as Amy knows and was seconded by Jill. Motion passed 7-2 with 2 abstaining.

Ray Perryman will be coming back this year on Sunday. Will get more info to Rachel about if he is flying or driving and the cost. Sr. Fairboard will help with the cost.

The judges will be shared on the Remind app. Barrow Boosters, and the Great Darke County Fair Swine Barn pages.

There is talk about putting the Fair book online. Rhonda has the ear tags tonight.

Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Raymond. Motion passed.

Next meeting is April 6, 2023 at the Extension Office at 7:00 p.m. if needed

