

Dairy Committee Meeting

11/15/2022

In attendance: Rhonda Williams, Darrell Grow, Velvet Grow, Jim Dirksen, Jacob Wuebker, Trudy Snyder, Rachel Streitenberger, Jacquelyn Deeter, Karen Stanley, Katerri Meyer

Junior Fairboard in attendance: Jayden Hicks, Allison Francis, Braeden Bohman

Senior Fairboard in attendance: Heidi May, Dean Neff

Other guests in attendance: Sarah Wuebker, John Bohman, Gregory Bohman, Don Bohman, Will Bohman, Krista Unger, Preston Deeter

Katerri called the meeting to order, and secretary minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer report:

- After fair expenses were paid the committee has \$9,961.01 in treasury
- \$5,640 was made from the Steak and Chop Tent at the 2022 fair
- Jim Dirksen mentioned that we consider replacing bleachers in the cattle show ring.

Old business revisited from previous meeting:

The committee revisited rule #13 – concerning dairy and beef steers and feeder calves being crossed with beef breeds. This discussion lasted most of the meeting.

At the weigh in on November 26, there will be a third-party member present from out of county who will inspect the animals to make sure they appear purebred. If an animal is in question, the family may choose to take it home (not tag it for the fair) or pay to have a DNA hair sample taken to prove its purebred status.

This third-party person will also be present at weigh-in at the fair. It was moved by Jacob Wuebker to pay this person \$100 for their time to inspect the cattle each time it is checked in. The movement was seconded by Allison Francis and motion passed.

The junior fairboard stepped out to discuss the issue and how they would like to see it handled for their show.

The discussion led to changes being made:

- All animals must be weighed in at the November weigh-in date.
- There will be a crossbred show at the conclusion of the steer show on Monday afternoon.
- Grand and reserve crossbred animals **will not** be mixed into the purebred show at all, they must be kept separate. The grand and reserve crossbred animals, along with other crossbred animals, **will not sell** in the dairy sale at the fair.
- The committee will plan to reevaluate after the fair to see if the show went well and better understand any other rules or modifications that need to be made.

Motion was made by Jayden Hicks to accept these changes and seconded by Jim Dirksen, motion passed.

The committee briefly discussed any materials/items needed for the upcoming weigh in on November 26 from 9-11 am at the fairgrounds.

Amendments/modifications to rules:

Rule #13: Dairy steers/feeders cannot be crossed with beef breeds. The exhibitor be able to prove dairy blood lines. **If an animal is in question, the exhibitor has the option to show in the crossbred show.**

Rule #21: All **official** complaints/protests need to be done **before** the show.

The committee held an election of officers:

President: Katerri Meyer

Vice President: Karen Stanley

Secretary: Jacquelyn Deeter

Treasurer: Rachel Streitenberger

Sales representative: Jim Dirksen

Jr. Fair representative: Jayden Hicks

A motion was made by Jayden Hicks to accept/install new officers, motion was seconded by Jacob Wuebker and motion passed.

To be respectful of the committee's time that evening it was decided to discuss prizes, judges, and other new business for 2023 at the January meeting.

REMINDERS:

- The weigh in will be Saturday, November 26 from 9-11 am at the fairgrounds.
- The next meeting will be held on January 17 at 7 pm at the **Extension Office.**

Karen Stanley moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Allison Francis, meeting was adjourned.