

Darke County Junior Fair Sheep Committee
March 24, 2024 6:30 PM
Minutes

Committee Members Present: Kim Amspaugh, Sarah Drew, Gary Gehret, Jennifer Sachs, Josh Sargent, Chuck Willcox, Vickie Willcox, Emily Williams, Kobe Epperly, Denice McDade, Kierra Reichert

Jr. Fair Board Representatives Present: Matthew Denlinger

Guests: Josh Hanes

Meeting Called to order by Chuck Willcox at 6:34pm.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary report: Presented by Emily Williams. Motion to approve by Sara Drew, seconded by Jennifer Sachs.

Motion carried

- Treasurer Report: Checking account balance - \$1674.68
Savings account balance - \$2912.75
Scholarship fund - \$5291.00

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Josh Sargent, seconded by Denice McDade.

Motion carried

Committee Reports:

- **Sale Committee** – A meeting over sale procedures for all exhibitors will take place on April 27th at 9am and again at 11am. All exhibitors are encouraged to attend one of the sessions.
- **Scholarship** – The same application form that has been used in previous years will be used again this year.
- **Tagging** – Discussion took place regarding the use of DNA tests and the potential testing facilities. UC Davis Veterinary Genetics Lab charges \$44/test and the samples must be tested within 60 days of collection. There is a 15 day turn around time. Gene Check charges \$11.50/test. They do not run a follicle test; only an ear tissue sample test.

As a result of the discussion, Josh Sargent rescinds his previous motion to have 840 tagging and hair pulling for DNA testing at the fair grounds. There are no objections to the rescind.

- Josh Sargent moves to hold lamb tagging at the fair grounds with 840 tags only. Seconded by Denise McDade; Motion carried.

Old Business:

Celebration of Achievements:

- Awards to be given out at the Celebration of Achievements are the top 3 OME, Showman of Showman, and Sale of Grand & Reserve animals.
- Celebration begins at 5:00 pm with refreshments and 5:30 pm with the awards. Sheep are first in line.

Awards:

- The 10 year members award and the Shepherd award need to be added to the list of awards being given out at the barn meeting.
- The Awards Committee is meeting on Tuesday of this week.

Judge Selection Update:

- The Jr. Fair Market judge is secured
- Motion to add Mason Miracle to the list of judges to contact was made by Denise McDade. Seconded by Kim Amspaugh, motion carried.
- Motion to add Terry Burke to the list of judges to contact for showmanship was made by Josh Sargent. Seconded by Kim Amspaugh, motion carried.

New Business:

Mulch:

- Jr. Fair board is taking care of the mulch for the show rings this year.

Photography:

- Vickie Willcox moves to hire Megan Rowell for her photography services for the sheep barn; seconded by Jennifer Sachs.
 - The cost of her services will be \$350/barn if we share services with another barn or \$450 for her services for just the sheep barn.Motion Carried

Meeting Facility:

- Vickie Willcox moves to donate \$50.00 to D&D for the use of their facility for our meetings. Seconded by Sara Drew; motion carried.

Barn Set-up:

- Barn Set-up will be on August 11th at 2:00pm.

Additional Comments:

- Josh Hanes would like to see a new sheep backdrop to put in the sheep barn. The idea is to have a roll down backdrop in front of the bleachers that is approximately 16 ft. across. The mounted frame can be a permanent fixture or can be made to be taken down after the fair. Chuck Willcox will work on a frame design for the backdrop.

The next Sheep Committee meeting will be held on **August 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Building pending availability.**

Motion to adjourn by Sara Drew and seconded by Jennifer Sachs.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Williams
Secretary, Darke County Junior Fair Sheep Committee