

## Livestock Committee Meeting

Re-Cap of what was discussed

\*\*The Livestock Committee doesn't actually get to "Make Rules"- but they do come to the Council Meeting with their recommendation. If there is anything that you have strong opinions about- please attend the Council Meetings to voice your concerns. Everyone is welcome- youth and adults!

- **Fairgrounds Cleanup-** we discussed that **June 21<sup>st</sup>** is the day that we would like everyone to be at the fairgrounds to help clean up the barns/buildings. This will help us get everything cleaned up quickly and ready to go for fair. You your club can NOT make it on the 21<sup>st</sup>, you will need to contact the Extension office and let them know when you plan to clean your barns.
  - **Barn Superintendents-** please plan on being down at the fairgrounds this day to make sure things are set up the way you'll want them for fair. If you can't, please let us know how you want things set up BEFORE the 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks!
- **Fair Show Changes-** We just went over the show days/times (schedule included in your fair packet, in the premium book, AND on our website). We also talked about how in Showmanship classes, the judge will award a Grand and Reserve (both receive premium money), along with a third place- Yellow Rosette (which will NOT receive extra premium money, just the premium for the purple ribbon). The purpose of the third place is for Round Robin. If both the Grand and Reserve showman have qualified for Round Robin in other Species, then the third-place winner would get to go.
- **Junior/Senior Age-** reminder that the ages are based on your October 1<sup>st</sup> age. So if you were 8-13 as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, you are a Junior Member, and if you were 14-18 as of October 1<sup>st</sup> you are a Senior Member.
- **Weigh-In-** you will be permitted to take your animal over the scale ONCE and then that weight is what is used for market classes and for the "sale weight." IF your animal doesn't make weight, you have the option of going and getting your Buddy Animal and taking it across the scale ONCE. IF you choose to bring both animals to fair on Thursday, because there might be a chance that your animal won't make weight...then you'll need to take the animal that you aren't using back home after weigh-in's.
  - Also, remember that there will be no tolerance for mistreatment or mishandling of animals. You are NOT allowed to force your animal to eat or drink to make weight. Not only is this not effective (it only stresses the animal and they usually lose weight), but it's considered mistreatment.
  - You will need to weigh your animal during the allotted timeslot. IF you aren't able to be there during your time, you MUST weigh in during the 6:30-7 slot. No weights will be taken after 7 PM. Animals not weighed cannot participate in the Market Class nor Sell.
- **Buddy Animals-**
  - Unless your "Buddy Animal" is being used in place of your primary animal, it cannot be kept at the fair. The only animals that are allowed to be kept in the pens/stalls are those that are entered in the 4-H/FFA or Open Class shows.

- There was a lot of discussion about entering Buddy animals in Open class. The biggest issue is if there is room to house the animals at the fair (mostly the swine barn). Preference will be given to the 4-H/FFA kids first, then Open Class.
    - Some don't think Buddy animals can be used in Open Class because they think they are "registered for fair" when they do their Animal Ownership, while others think that Animal Ownership is to prove ownership of the animal AND saying which animals they CAN use at the fair- thus the non-used animals should be able to be used in Open Class.
- **Private Treaty-** (will need to be voted on at Council)
  - NO animals are to be sold Private Treaty at the fair. This includes Buddy Animals or those who are "Not in Good Standing" with an animal. This means that you are NOT allowed to hang signs advertising that you are selling your animal.
    - Those "Not in Good Standing" can enter in the fair but cannot participate in the Market Classes (they can do Showmanship, just not the market class).
- **No advertising in the barns** (per Fair Board)
  - Kids are allowed (and encouraged) to decorate their stalls.... they are also allowed (and encouraged) to put up a "Thank You" to past buyers.
  - However, you are not allowed to hang signs or banners advertising anything else - for example, you couldn't hang your banner for "Seilstad Angus," even though that's where your animal came from. There will be a spot on your Stall Card to include the Breeder.
  - Anyone wanting to advertise at the fair will need to go through the fair board.
- **Rules-** (will need to be voted on at Council)
  - Stall Cards, Show Numbers, and dress code- It was discussed that although it's always been the expectation to abide by these rules/expectations, there hasn't been any follow through.
    - **Stall Cards-** MUST be filled out completely Thursday after Weigh-In's/Animal Check In. They should be filled out in permanent marker (not pencil or pen) so they can be seen at a distance and then hung where your animal can't get them.
      - Those who don't fill their Stall Cards out completely and hang them first thing Friday will either be fined or perhaps not be able to show (will be decided at Council)
    - **Show Numbers-** MUST be worn for all animal shows. You are responsible for picking up your Fair Packet (which will include Show Numbers and Stall Cards) from the office prior to Fair week. Do NOT wait until the day of the show and expect them to be available at the fairgrounds.
      - Can NOT show without a show number.
    - **Dress Code-** Although we've always had a dress code we have not been good about enforcing it. The requirements can be found in the Premium Book or in our 4-H policy. It was discussed that we will be enforcing this dress code and those who **choose** to not follow it will have to live with the consequences.

- **Animal Shows and Showmanship**- instant white ribbon. Market Animals who get a white ribbon can NOT sell.
- **Livestock Sale**- you will be sent to the back of the line- giving you time to go change into appropriate clothing. IF you choose not to do so you will not be permitted to sell your animal.
- **Wood Chips**- If we can get donated wood chips, like we did last year, that is what will be provided to our 4-H/FFA'ers to use in their stalls. In the past people were hording bags of the wood chips while others didn't get enough. The fair board has covered this cost in the past, and with recent budget cuts and funding, it's not a cost they are going to pick up. Knowing this, if you would like to order your own bags of wood chips from places like CHS or North 40, you are welcome to do so. We will need to get a count of how many bags people would like so we can give those stores a heads up. They wouldn't normally have that many on hand, so they will have to special order them beforehand.
- **Voting Rights for the Livestock Committee**- Each club or FFA chapter is allowed one vote for anything at Livestock committee meetings.
  - At the Fair- we have a "**Livestock Show Committee**" for any issues that come up at fair that needs to have a decision made. It was decided that this 5-person committee will include the two Agents, 4-H Council President, Livestock Committee President (which is the 4-H Council Vice Pres.), and the Barn Superintendent that is involved.