



JLA minutes for December 12, 2022

Members: Ashley Countryman, Brian Lopez, Kori Wittinger, Joani Utterback, Sami Macon, Lara Lopez, Jack Pchelkin, Mike Clader, Pat Clader, Heidi Headington, Julie Hernandez, Regina Dvorak, Mark Karthausier, Mark Karthausier, Liza Stefani, Jonathan Stefani, Karen Davidson, Tammy Warmuth-Moon, Shannon Bierly- Lomas, Josh Pineschi, Bruce Davidson,

Guests: Sonia Del Toro, Don Ales, Ray Smith, Oliver Kane, Tamara Corpman, Myah Davidson

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by Ashley Countryman

The November minutes were reviewed and approved. Jack P. made a motion to approve, second by Brian L., minutes approved.

Old Business

- Financial Update – Mike C. stated there is over \$100k that has not been paid yet by buyers. This may be because the payments were sent to the Fair’s previous PO Box. Liza S. and Heidi H. volunteered to call the outstanding buyers when they are provided by Sonia. Mike C. also provided his 2022 Recap, attached to the minutes. he didn’t have a full accounting of the auction yet. It brought in approximately \$525,000 between the total purchases and add-ons. It didn’t include processing fees. He stated that he would send around a full accounting once he received it via email sometime next week.
- Scholarship Update – We need to get the total of the scholarship fund from the Heritage Foundation. Don A. & Sonia D. stated the money will not be transferred to the scholarship fund until the all buyers have paid.
- Livestock Advisory Meeting
 - Pre-weigh in – Liza S. is concerned by diseases that can be contracted by the swine and has requested that pre-weigh in not be required. It was stated we need to have pre-weigh in for a numerous of reasons one specifically is for the futurity classes. This also gives the JLA the opportunity to tag the animal and proves length of ownership as stated by Sami M. and Mark K. We will continue with pre-weigh in as scheduled and will do our best to clean the scale in between animals. That is the best option for that want to remain to raise their animals “naturally”. Biosecurity will be enforced.
 - Terminal Sale – The question on the table is whether or not the auction sale should be a terminal sale or not. Jack P. said yes to even the playing field. Heidi H. asked what if Grand Champion Ewe is bought as a breeding animal. Sami M. the kids would not have to declare unless they are awarded a Champion. She also stated that part of the reason it is a terminal sale is because of the pseudo rabis outbreak. Julie H. stated we the JLA would have to tattoo/microchip animals to prove the animal can’t be shown somewhere

else like another Fair. According to State Fair Rules we would be responsible to make sure the animals had a permanent id before leaving the fairgrounds. Bruce D. stated terminal fairs are not fair for the kids. They can spend 6 months raising an animal and not be able to take them to jackpots. Additionally he stated that it has potential to raise more money for the Fair because breeders will come to the auction and bid on the animals. Don A. stated this group is about youth and should do whatever they can to help the youth and have an open ind. He said "I'm a business guy and want more kids and more money for them." It was recommended that we don't change anything for the 2023 auction and for the 2024 auction we develop a subcommittee to look at this option. Don A. stated the Napa example provided by Bruce D. could be a one off. Ashley C. stated the terminal sale is for our meat buyers. If it becomes a live sale then we will have breeders bidding against our long standing meat buyers. Shannon L. stated the butcher shops for steers are not good for the buyers. She supports a live sale, therefore the buyers could take home the animal and have it processed at home and delivered to the butcher of their choice.

- Goat weights/ processing places - We will stick with Superior for goats and sheep. The maximum pay weight will be 100 pounds for goats. Sami M. volunteered to do the required paperwork.
 - Olson Meat – 2023 Update Sonia D. said they sent an application for credit to ensure they are paid within seven days. Sonia D. said she will complete this.

New Business

- Pig Scale – Mark K. is getting prices for a digital scale that goats and sheep can also be weighed on. Liza S. recommended checking with CYAE as they sell all their scales after the expo is over. Big Jim was also recommended as he sells them.
- Elections - Brian L. was nominated for the office of Chairman by Mark K. second by Jack P. Heidi H. was nominated for the office of Chairman by Mike C. second by Pat C. Brian L. was elected by a 7-3 vote. Ashley C. was nominated for the office of Vice Chairman by Brian L. second by Josh P. Heidi H. was nominated for the office of Vice Chairman by Sonia D. second by Josh P. Ashley C. was elected by a 7-3 vote. Kori Wittinger was nominated for the office of Secretary by Josh P. second by Brian L. Kori Wittinger was elected by a unanimous vote.

Projects for the year

- Pig Barn – Don A. stated this has been delayed because of the weather. The cement is coming when it is dry. He hopes to have the building up by the end of January. He has not met with Mark K. yet but will once the building is up. He has met with the electrician and plumber. The building will be 40x180x14' tall.
- Jack P. discussed a keystone wall being the old sheep scale.

Open Discussion

- Don A. asked for Sonia D. to be placed on the executive committee and for it to be expedited. That was not approved and thus he said he would formally bring it to the next meeting.
- He spoke about sponsorships for the Crab Feed. He spoke of raffle tickets that may be sold at the Crab Feed for a truck but that it wouldn't be received until Fair. The proceeds from the Crab Feed will go to the Pig Barn. It is scheduled for February 25th.
- Josh P. stated the dairy goat people were thrilled to be part of the fair this year.
- Discussion was had regarding the setup for the auction, as well as overall discussion of the auction and the big buyers that weren't there. Some felt it was because of the fire and staffing.

- It was mentioned that the check in process needs to be improved and suggestions were welcomed.
- A request was made for Sonia to put the dates of the next meetings on the Fair page online.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Josh P. second by Julie H. Meeting adjourned by Brian L. 1918.

Next Meeting January 9, 2022 @ 6:00pm @ the Gold Country Fairgrounds