



JLA minutes for February 14, 2022

Members: Ashley Countryman, Kori Wittinger, Brian Lopez, Mike Clader, Sami Macon, Julie Hernandez, Jack Pchelkin, Joani Utterback, Mark Karthaus, Christy Penner,

Guests: Sonia Del Toro

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Ashley Countryman

The November minutes were reviewed and approved. Mark K. made a motion to approve, second by Mike C.

Old Business

- Financial Update – please see attached per Mike C. The scholarship money has been moved to the Heritage Foundation. Additionally, there is approximately \$3,554.87 in the Heritage Foundation for the Pole Barn to be built at the JLA Overlook.

New Business

- Livestock Advisory Meeting – no discussion
- New Goat Weights – Christy P. and Julie H. are trying to find a new processor. They are working with Jim's Meats in Turlock.
- Beef Weigh In – April 9th 8-10 am. All replacement animals need to be weighed and get an ear tag. We will not sell replacement animals by the pound but rather by the head.
- Hog, Goat & Sheep Weigh In – July 9th, 7-11 am – this was changed to 7-10 am
- New Processor – Jim's Meats in Turlock is a new processor that we are looking into for next year especially for the goats. Ashley C. is working with them to see if all animals can go there. We need to make sure they will grade steers and lambs so they can have their respective carcass contests. The goat weights changed which is what initiated the need to look for a new processor. We don't want there to be a cap at 85lbs for goats. Mark K. made a motion that there be no cap at 85 lbs. for the goat weights, and to keep the weights at 70-105 lbs., also to pay to 105 lbs. Joanie U. second the motion. Motion passed. Mark K. recommends someone go look at this facility first before making a commitment. Julie H. will also call Clausen and Premium Ca. Foods for process.
- Auctioneer – Matt Wolter retired. Wes Neer was asked but politely declined. Jake and Randy Parnell were brought up but there was discussion about conflict of interest especially if Live Auction TV was going to be used as an online platform again this year. Travis Morris and Rich Machado were also brought up for discussion. Sonia D. stated she already reached out to Randy Parnell, and he said we need to book him now or because he has another engagement. Discussion was had and it was decided that Randy Parnell would be selected because he had experience and knew more people in the area. Jack P. made a motion that we vote on auctioneers tonight and it be Randy Parnell, Sonia D. second the motion. Motion passed.

- Sale Order: Sale order was discussed. Mike C. made a motion, Joni U. second the motion. Motion passed. Sale order will be:
 - Beef
 - Rabbits
 - Hogs (first half)
 - Chickens
 - Eggs
 - Lambs (first half)
 - Turkeys (first half)
 - Goats (first half)
 - Ducks
 - Replacement
 - Repeat with second half animals
 - Scholarship animal at the end
 - Champions sell at noon
- Livestock Barns – Mike P. former student is providing bids. Sonia D. received a bid for the hog highway that was approximately \$25-27 K. We don't have a quote for the four barns or for the JLA overlook area yet.
- Sponsorships – no update

Projects for the year:

- JLA House – leakage, concrete repair – this needs to be fixed. NCCT is on site every Friday to work and if we provide the materials, they could help with this and possibly the barns.
- Refrigerator replacement – we need at least one new refrigerator if anyone knows of one someone wants to get rid of.
- Hog Highway – needs to be rebuilt. See above for quote. Obviously, too much. We will need to come up with a new solution if we don't get an affordable bid.
- JLA Overlook bid – waiting for bid to come in

Open Discussion

- Sonia – Fair Updates
 - The hog show will be moved to the morning but will be in the same ring
 - The upcoming Crab Feed – Jack P. said all proceeds will go to the barns
 - Scholarship – Sonia D. will update the google document when she receives the link from Regina D. and post it online. The due date will be July 9th. This will give the Heritage Foundation one month to judge and then at our August meeting we can decide the dollar amounts to be given.
 - Tents – we will need tents around the show ring to block the sun this year
 - Theme – the new theme is “Where No Fair Has Gone Before”.
 - Pre-weigh ins – Sonia D. will provide handouts at the weigh in's that describes the new online only entry format. The pigs will also need to have a picture with the kid and their pig and the ear tag in the pig for proof. This will be new this year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brian L., second by Mark K. Meeting adjourned by Ashley Countryman at 7:26pm.

Next Meeting March 14, 2021, 6pm, Gold Country Fairgrounds.