



## JLA minutes for July 10, 2023

**Attendance:** Ashley Countryman, Kori Wittinger, Mark Karthaus, Jack Pchelkin, Mike Pahl, Julie Hernandez, Christy Penner, Josh Pineschi, Joani Utterback, Russ Cary, Samantha Penner, Heidi Headington, Mike Clader, Pat Clader,

**Guests:** Don Ales, Sonia Del Toro, Marisa Utterback

- I. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Ashley Countryman.
- II. **Pledge** – Ashley C.
- III. **Public Comment**
  - Don A. stated there were comments of disrespect made by a JLA member towards the GCF staff at the recent weigh in. He stated that he could dismiss the member for what was said. He stated that if he or his staff were to speak this way they would be dismissed as they are state employees.
  - Sonia stated the following were the weight in totals:
    - i. Swine 112 + 1 scholarship animal
    - ii. Goats 53
    - iii. Lambs 53 + 1 replacement ewe and 1 fundraiser animal for the swine barn
    - iv. Beef – 22
  - Sonia discussed weight in stating they started off with the wrong ear tags for the pigs. Mark K. went home to get additional tags. Once it got started it went well. The 1100 weigh in went well. There were only 2 families that came, and they were finished by 1130.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** –
  - The June minutes were reviewed and approved. Josh P. made a motion to approve, second by Jack P., minutes approved.
- V. **Financials**
  - Current financial update – Mike C. provided the attached financial statement. Mark K. stated we should cut our losses of \$330 so that we can retain our buyers and not require the buyers to pay the amount originally not charged from last year. Mike C. stated he will bring the list to the next meeting so we can have an official vote to cut our losses.
  - Scholarship account status – unchanged as there has been no activity. The deadline to submit scholarship applications has been extended to the end of July. This will allow us to have all the applications and determine the payouts at our August meeting.
- VI. **Unfinished Business**
  - Photographer Update – Sonia stated we have a signed contract with Lisa Jarvis.
  - Photo Backdrop – this has been found, Mr. Hess has it.

- Hay Bucking Contest/Dance- Mr. Pahl said he will make it work no matter the location.
- Sale Catalog – Sonia D. stated she will be in charge of the artwork and designing it. Mike C. and Kori H. will do the content. Sonia will send the Gold Key Buyers to us and Mike C. will send the boiler plate sale catalog out.
- Buyers Brochure – Sonia D. stated she will do this, and the JLA can do the postcard.
- Champion Row – this will go back to its original location in the sheep barn.
- Tasklist Update – pending input by the Exhibits Committee
- Pre-weigh In Procedure Development Update – Sonia D. stated she sent this to the Exhibits Committee and is waiting for their input.
- JLA Building Repairs – Heidi H. will have a contractor she knows contact Don A. to look at the building this coming Wednesday.
- New TV's – Don't stated the GCF will buy these. He is planning 75" and will send the pricing out before next meeting so that we can discuss and vote on it at the August meeting.

**VII. Projects for the year**

- Swine barn/hog highway – Don A. stated he "guarantees" the shade cloth, electrical, plumbing and additional dirt fill will be placed around the building, and it will be ready to go for fair. He will discuss the licks it's with Mark K. Don A. stated there will be no shade cloth for the bleachers around the sale ring. Sonia D. stated they will improvise with something. Jack P. asked what is going to happen with the hog highway. Don A. stated, "I am tearing it down". Don A. also stated he will be adding 7-yard dumpster and there will be more manure pick-ups this year. Joani U. made a motion to have the auction up top at the new barn, Mike C. second the motion, motion passed.

**VIII. Open Discussion/New Business**

- Declarations – Joani U. discussed this. They will handout the declaration at the Fair weigh in. Each declaration will be signed by the parent and child. The child will have 30 minutes after their market class to hand in their declaration at the livestock office. This will also be listed in the Exhibitor Handbook. Mike C. plans to post the sale catalog with all animals listed until he receives the declaration forms and then he will delete the additional animals as he goes. Kori W. spoke her concern about the way Mike C. wants to post the sale order. She stated that this will confuse the exhibitors and others. Mark K. also stated he thinks this will get the kids confused if he lists all the animals. He stated that over half the exhibitors this year are new and listing all the animals is concerning. Mike C. stated he will have the sale order up by noon.
- Josh P. brought up the idea of a showmanship shoot out similar to how it was done at Placer County Fair and asked if we could do that. Sonia D. stated she will look into it.
- Don A. stated he needs a vendor invoice sent to him for the dinner sponsor.

**IX. Adjournment** -a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mark K., second by Josh P.  
Meeting adjourned by Ashley C. @ 7:05 pm.

Next Meeting August 14, 2023 @ 6:00pm @ the Gold Country Fairgrounds