

MCJLAC MEETING

October 10th, 2017

Willits High School

7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order by Paul @ 7:01pm
- II. Roll call of Voting Members- Please sign in
- III. Approval of June Minutes- Motion to Approve by Julie Brown, 2nd Rowayne Schrage

IV. Treasurer' s Report

- a. Current Balance: \$ 8,562.78
- b. Jennifer talked about the small amount still needed to collect from the auction (\$6000+/-) but let us know that the final balance to be transferred back into the account is somewhere around \$50,000. There are still 4 exhibitors that have not cashed their checks, we need to remind kids to do that as soon as possible because of how our loan account works with the auction.

V. Old Business

- a. **CBCIA Carcass Contest Awards-** Tina passed out the certificates for the beef exhibitors who received gold stars (6), carcass of merit (14).
- b. Auction Video **Display-** Overall positive with minor changes and suggestions for next year.
- c. **MCJLAC Scholarship processes-** Nadine Boer was confused about the presentation and process and asked for clarification. Jennifer explained how the bylaws read and that they were followed. People were concerned because it was not announced at the sale as usual—there was an overall feeling that it should be announced at the auction and/or the awards ceremony. Terri Gowan suggested that there be an article in the Ukiah Daily Journal and on the coast to recognize the students for this year.
- d. **Buyers registration process & check in-** Many shared frustration and got negative feedback from the buyers. There has been some resolution to this process. Wesley volunteered to take of this with the help of Sadie D and Stacey A.
- e. **Rule Changes/clarification-** touch up paint for fitting vs. paint/glitter during the auction- Stacey submitted this and asked for clarification of the real intention. The harvest facility has previous stated no paint since they sell the hides as well. Stacey asked if this should be across the board with all adhesives, etc. for all species?
- f. **Better check in procedure-** Terri G. stated that she feels there should be an actual check-in on Tuesday for all species in order to weigh-in. It becomes very hectic to check-in at the scale, and it would possibly alleviate some issues. Megan expressed frustration with the loss of papers that were turned in at the scale and stated some sort of check-in at the office could help this possible loss in the future. Chris C. said for kids with breeding animals this would also help so they don't have to check-in twice. Stacey suggested that the check-in procedure be printed in the premium book. Sheryn suggested having some volunteers to help collect this at the office and organize by species.
 - i. *It was suggested to clarify who is weighing in animals. It was suggested that we should state the child who owns the animal needs to be present to weigh their animal.*
 - ii. *There was some interest in having a rule or procedure regarding walking steers to exhibit safety to ensure we are keeping our volunteers safe during shows and load-out.*
- g. **Rotation of duties** (luncheon, running, waters/cookies during auction): Maybe we could consider a rotation of duties to have all clubs responsible for something each year. Perhaps pictures and awards could be part of this. Sheryn suggested outsourcing the BBQ to Kelseyville FFA. Stacey mentioned having a 5-year plan for a rotation.

Agenda items for the next meeting:

- Beef Safety/Rules for unloading & show "brokenness"
- Committees for awards, luncheon, pictures, etc.
- Hog weight changes
- DNA Collection
- Initial Weigh-In Dates- Mandatory Day
- Backup Animal Rules vs. State Rules
- More Nominations

It was moved that there be a November meeting by Terri G. Tylor 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. (Next meeting 11/14/6)

VI. New Business

- a. **2017 Youth Independent Proclamation-** None identified/present
- b. **Maximum Swine Weight for 2017 change or move hog processing to Marin Sun Farms-** Paul has contacted Marin Sun Farms and unfortunately they will not take a fair of our size. Jennifer reminded us of the quality job that Yosemite does with animal care and accountability. It was asked that we focus on the weight issue—not just processer problem. Yosemite's weight is 270, but last year we got the information too late which is why the weight was 285lbs. Travis W. asked if we are lowering the top weight, if we are going to lower the bottom weight as well? There was frustration from swine breeders because animals are already bred for the 2017 year. ***Jennifer mentioned that she would call and ask for some leeway this year as people have already bred animals, then for the 2018 year we could lower it.*** Rowayne gave us numbers of animals and let us know that only 16 of 144 hogs were over 270lbs.
- c. **Online clerking system (Showworks) needed/Front & back matching RFID digital ear tags** (with digital reader wand)- We use a different system (Blue Ribbon), however the possibility of this very high. Tylor and Sadie are going to meet with Jennifer and potentially talk with some of the people who do the computers and discuss how the program works. It was mentioned that the new system and ear tags will cost slightly more than BlueRibbon.
- d. **Location of MCJLAC Meetings-** Paul wanted to discuss location of meetings. It was suggested of moving September, March and July meetings in Ukiah. Most feel that Willits is a much more centralized. ***Meetings will continue to be in Willits.***
- e. **Nomination of Officers and Members at Large Committee Reports with current happenings and members**
 - i. **Members at Large:** Susan Pierce, Tylor Yadon, Kristen Looney, Kelley Brackett, Corey Bush, Terri Gowan
 - ii. **Secretary:** Wesley Hunt

VII. Committee Report with current happenings and members

- a. Champions / Buyers Pictures Committee- none
- b. Market Animal Project Education Committee- none
- c. Scholarship Committee- none
- d. **Awards Committee-** Beginning of the year \$3,000 +/- and currently around \$4,000. Inventory totaling \$1200. Some outstanding expenses still for Farm Supply, Rainbow Ag and Ukiah Trophy. If there are no volunteers to help by January, sponsorship letters WILL NOT be sent. It was mentioned to have people in charge of specific species for ringside awards. Also, clean stall judges are always needed and Cheryl Edgar is now coordinating. We are now thinking of buckles for Supreme Champions—large animal species have some sponsorships for 5 years, but we are in need of small animal species sponsorships. It was mentioned that we need better accountability of clean stall and champion banners.
- e. BBQ Committee- none
- f. **REF CEO Report-** Many thanks sent to everyone for their many years of hard work. Jennifer also asked for people to send her suggestions, changes, etc. for the premium book. Fair dates will be finalized by the end of October. It's currently looking like August 1st-5th will be the dates—but nothing is finalized.

Charlie Coleman and Casey Burris were special guests in attendance

November 7th 6pm- All other fair discussion meeting at the fairgrounds. Everything!

VIII. Announcements

- a. Next meeting ~~January 9th, 2017~~ November 14th at 7pm.

Tylor moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm. Megan 2nd.