

## **MCJLAC MEETING**

January 8, 2018  
Willits High School  
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order by Paul @ 7:05pm
  - a. Paul thanked everyone for their patience and understanding during the fires and gave a reminder that during our conversations tonight to be respectful.
- II. Roll call of Voting Members—Please sign in!
- III. Approval of November Minutes: Moved to Approve by Tina Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Svehla
- IV. Treasurer' s Report
  - a. Current Balance September 2017 \$93,108.05
  - b. Outstanding money owed MCJLAC September 2017: \$12,749.50
    - i. Received a returned check today and both outstanding vendors have said they will pay within the next 10 days.
- V. Old Business
  - a. 2017 REF Review
    - i. Buyers Breakfast:
      - 1. Kelley said she liked and appreciated the new start time of the auction.
      - 2. Corey mentioned that many buyers really liked the breakfast instead of a luncheon.
      - 3. Numerous members asked why a committee was formed for the breakfast and they worked diligently to then have their menu changed?
      - 4. Lori McAsey mentioned that the table she sat at had buyers that mentioned they didn't think the palatability and temp of some of the food was correct.
      - 5. April Simmons mentioned that she thought the food was not good. A gentlemen asked about the value and Jennifer S mentioned it ended up at \$12-\$13. Susan mentioned that it was frustrating to have the menu changed and that if we have a committee we should follow what the committee does. Terri mentioned that she was disappointed with the temp of food and how the caterer treated the kids.
      - 6. Terri mentioned that all the coffee drinks were all donated and the guy also bought animals.
      - 7. Mimosas went over well—it's believed we went through 5 cases of champagne.
      - 8. It was asked if the purpose of the breakfast to help alleviate some stress/pressure on the clubs/chapters? It was believed that the set up/clean up went well and it was fairly low stress.
    - ii. Newspaper
      - 1. Jennifer said we need to reach out to more media. She requested that clubs/chapters send her 2 members names/info showing different species so that she can give that information to the newspaper.
    - iii. Awards
      - 1. It was mentioned that awards were low quality and that it's disappointing there is a lot of donations for the awards.
      - 2. A member mentioned that the awards she sponsored even had other people's names on the awards.
      - 3. Clean Stall banners have seemed to go missing? How do we replace them?

4. Additionally, champion breeder awards need to be recognized, it was done ringside but it wasn't communicated well.
  5. It was also mentioned that the Supreme Champion Perpetual Trophies MUST be given out at the awards ceremony. They should not be done ringside.
- iv. Poultry Show
    1. There is some confusion about why poultry showmanship and the meat show at the same time while many other things are happening. It was suggested that the time of the poultry show should be reorganized.
  - v. Goat Show
    1. Amy F. requested that the meat goat show needs to happen prior to the dairy goat show because it's too hot. It was asked why the dairy goat show can't happen at 8:30am? Paul suggested attending the fair premium book meeting.
  - vi. Market Heifers
    1. It was asked why we discussed and approved but then wasn't included? The recommendation to have heifers was given to the fair board. They are doing the research on this topic.
  - vii. Electronic Ear Tags
    1. It was asked why we approved if we did not use them. Paul mentioned that the technology didn't jive last year to be compatible. Jennifer said this year they have done the upgrades and now it is compatible so we will have EID tags. Some people about possibility centralized weigh-ins with these tags? It was suggested to follow through because it will help alleviate any missing paperwork. It was requested that if Beef does a central location tagging, the date be set ASAP.
    2. Follow up was mentioned about Drug Residue paperwork and the importance of it.
  - viii. Email Changes
    1. There was frustration with multiple emails from the fair sent with a short notice of where and when to turn in paperwork/check-in procedures.
  - ix. Centralized Locations for tagging for the upcoming year
    1. There was a lengthy conversation about pros/cons
  - x. Racine Pavilion
    1. Heath mentioned that we need to add circuits to the stage in Racine Pavilion. The sound system needs to be on a separate circuit so that we don't have issues during the auction and shows.
  - xi. Paperwork
    1. Susan mentioned some issues with ear tags and confusion of who was able to make decisions about who was/wasn't able to show. Apparently there were 2 students who both had issues, but one was able to sell and was not. Tina explained the situation and asked about how we cross-check our lists.
    2. Kelley asked why entries have to be done digitally and turned in hard copy.
  - xii. Drug Withdrawal Forms
    1. There was a discussion about how these forms get lost when people have watched kids turn them in and then later get called back saying they are missing. We need a better system somehow.
  - xiii. Load-In:
    1. Seemed to go smooth
    2. It was suggested to have a light "vet-check" of hogs or at least a check-in and check off hog numbers to ensure we do not have more animals on grounds than should be.
  - xiv. Pictures
    1. Everyone commended hog photos and thanked Rhonda.
  - xv. Hats
    1. Everyone loved the new colors and design

VI. New Business

- a. 2017 Youth Independent Proclamation
  - i. Cole Moyle, Grant Forrester, Tanner Drew all in attendance as independent exhibitors.
- b. Swine Pens
  - i. We are looking at replacing the majority of the swine pens we currently have. Rowayne has done some research and her and Paul have determined that we can fit 109—6x6' and 45 inches tall pens which fit only 2 hogs. We currently only have 93 pens. In theory they should all fit in the hog barn with these pens. They are galvanized, hot dipped with a 25 year warranty (with one quote) with a 7.5" skirting at the bottom of the pens. One of the companies has storage racks available.
  - ii. We have 3 quotes: Plymouth (w/racks) \$85,879.50 → negotiated \$49,000ish (119 pens made in China—need to know by February 12 weeks out) because they want our business, Ketchum \$75,998.00, Trigton \$57,905.00 (with 25-year warranty),
  - iii. We will get a more updated quote from every company.
  - iv. **Susan moved that we go forward with purchasing the pens. Kelley 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 24- 0**
    - 1. Discussion and recommendations happened that we try to get the ones made in the US.
- c. Nomination of Officers and Members at Large (Voting in February)
  - i. Chairman Nominations: Michael Braught, Paul Johnson, Heath Daniels
  - ii. Vice Chairman Nominations: Heath Daniels
  - iii. Members at Large Nominations: Michael Braught, Susan Pierce, Rowayne Schrage, Kelley Brackett, Kristen Looney, Corey Bush, April Simmons, Terri Gowan, Tylor Yadon, Travis Whitcomb
- d. Hog Harvest
  - i. Currently, Hogs go to Yosemite Meats in Modesto. Rowayne suggested they go Olsen Meats in Orland. She talked to Olsen's and they would be willing to have someone present on arrival and that they are taken care of. Also, Olsen is willing to take heavier hogs so we would not have to lower the weights for this year. Michael mentioned the professionalism of Yosemite and that with weights this year they had some of the best carcasses.
- e. Consideration of Starting MCJLA Meetings at 6:30
  - i. **Susan moved that we move the meetings to 6:30pm, Lourance 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed**

VII. Committee Reports with current happenings and members

- a. Champions / Buyers Pictures Committee- Rhonda reported on the success of 2017 pictures and that times will shift slightly.
- b. Carcass Awards from CBCIA-- 22 Carcass of Merit awards

- c. Scholarship Committee-
- d. Awards Committee-
- e. Breakfast Committee- Terri G will be the committee chair again and Kelley Brackett will assist.
- f. REF CEO Report-
  - i. Directors of the fair would like to implement slick shearing of steers and would like input. If you have comments/concerns, please attend the next fair board meeting: January 17<sup>th</sup>, 4pm
  - ii. Bylaws Meeting: February 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm at the fairgrounds (Will review the budget, expenditures, bylaws)
  - iii. Fair Theme: Blue Jeans & Country Dreams

## VIII. Announcements

- a. All Things Fair- Premium Book Meeting: February 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 at Ukiah Fairgrounds
- b. Fair Board Directors Meeting: January 17<sup>th</sup> 4pm
- c. February 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-9pm: Multi-Specie Purina Show Workshop at Lake County Fairgrounds, information at Rainbow Ag

## IX. Future Agenda Items

- a. Next meeting February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:30pm.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:45pm by Mike Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Heath Daniels