

## Knox County 4-H Council Minutes – September 2, 2020

The Livestock Fair Superintendent Meeting and a regular meeting of the Knox County 4-H Council was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at the Courthouse Annex Meeting Room in Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Derek Cunningham, Acting President.

Derek opened the Livestock Superintendent Meeting with the following present: Glenda Byerly, Karlyn Condon, Dave Cunningham, Derek Cunningham, Dyson Cunningham, Paul Drobny, Ashley Laible, Heidi Ruzicka, Chad Vanness, Alex Wiebelhaus, Hally Ziegler, and Kurt Ziegler. Also present were Megan Hanefeldt, Amy Johnson and Mary Ketelsen, Extension staff. The 2020 Fair Superintendent Suggestions was handed out to everyone.

**Horse Show** – Dave Cunningham suggested taking out the 2 English classes because of only 2 participants. Glenda would like to keep and Dave said to try another year. Glenda offered to sponsor the 2 trophies. Mary gave numbers on the participants in the Walk-Trot classes. Mary & Derek suggested to limit to just Novice in Walk-Trot Pleasure and Walk-Trot Horsemanship. Dave shared that he would like to have a Play Day following the 4-H/FFA Horse Show. Megan added that the Extension could not be involved because of the state guidelines. All fun events for Knox County youth ages 19 and under. Kurt suggested checking to see if the Ag Society's insurance would cover and okay with it. Glenda added that a better sign, with 4-H & FFA emblems on it, is needed by the Horse Show to take pictures. Kurt & Hally asked if the sign we already have couldn't be used. Megan added the sign is in the office at the fairgrounds. Derek summarized the discussion on the Horse Show: Move sign from Harm & Tulleys to Horse Show and then back; Just have Novice Walk-Trot Classes; Leave English classes for another year; Dave will contact Mike Alexander on rules for Dummy Roping and sponsoring belt buckle.

**Harm & Tulleys Set-Up & Clean-Up** – Kurt shared that the same group of volunteers and the FFA advisors did a great job setting up. He also added that this is the same group of guys that are volunteering to bring the panels, set up and tear down and could possibly change one of these years. Alex suggested we get a cart or trailer for the show-ring panels. Chad shared that his son needs a welding project for school and wanted to know if anything special is needed for the cart. Hally suggested to get people to donate the material. Paul said needs to hold at least 10 feet. Discussion was then held on purchasing panels, or having panels made for the H&T building. Karlyn suggested we ask who brings the panels and how many they are bringing. Kurt will ask Jeff & Brandon Barger, Dean Wilken, Jamie Olson and Kip Smith and get measurements next year for what is needed. Hally added to make sure the brace bar doesn't bow.

**Swine Check-In** – Derek added that swine weigh-in went smooth. Had some confusion on the Wednesday no check-in for swine as 2 families came in on Wednesday night. Kurt & Hally added that they were one of them and had Paul Oltjenbruns check them in. Hally suggested we keep the Wednesday night check-in for swine because of too many animals to get there on Thursday morning. Dave added that shouldn't change the protocol to allow because they cannot get everything done. Hally added that's okay but they would have to drop as superintendents.

**Beef Check-In** – Ashley and Kurt added that everything went well and time frame of 9-11 is good. Glenda asked if more ring help is needed.

**Bucket Calf Check-In** – Hally said good and asked if we could change the check-in time from 10-11 on Thursday. They can come earlier for vet check and then tie up. Alex was confused on the FFA bucket calf check-in and was told they should come on Thursday morning.

**Sheep & Goat Check-In** – Paul shared all went well and they had a problem with some goats with no scrapie tags. Need to reinforce that scrapie tags are needed. Hally added they are required and Derek added that the vet should not have let them pass vet inspection without scrapie tags. Mary added that if they were the Lamancha goats with no ears, they are tattooed under the tail and put the tag on a neck-chain. Glenda also shared to reinforce in the newsletter.

**Livestock Judging/Showmanship Clinic** – Hally heard good things about the clinic. Derek also added it was good for families with younger kids. Chad added the sound system was frustrating. Alex added the mic is bad, she had changed the batteries 4 times. Chad added that 4-H should buy a new mic just for 4-H & FFA shows. Derek added that Jemi's comment about Bonus Auction be discussed that the 4-H Council meeting. The time will need to be discussed when setting up the next year's fair schedule.

**Friday Beef Check-In** – Kathy suggested changing the check-in time from 8:30 – 9:30 am.

**Dairy Goat & Dairy Show** – Alex added we had more numbers this year! Megan thanked Chase for stepping in for Kelly Bruns.

**Cat Show** – Megan added another system failure with the mic and speakers. Ken Gill helped out. Broken button and Shane helped to get working. Heidi added that it didn't work for the Rabbit & Poultry Shows. Paul suggested taking to Walton Electronics to get fixed. Glenda added it has been an on-going problem and we need a back-up.

**Dog Show** – no comments.

**Small Beef Show** – no comments.

**Rabbit Check-In & Show** – no comments

**Market Beef Show** – Ashley was asked by Kevin Mlady to take over as a superintendent and she is good with that. Derek thought the 4-H & FFA was good on the schedule. Karlyn & Hally both agreed that it flowed well. Paul thought worked well with the bonanza. Chad said the schedule needs to be tweaked so FFA & 4-H shows are changed so kids aren't duplicated in shows. Alex agreed and had already talked with Megan about it. Megan shared maybe have FFA feeder calves, large beef and rabbit go first and have 4-H go first on all other shows. Glenda shared good to have set times for people. Alex shared they appreciate all the help, a set schedule would help them if FFA shows are not doubled up.

**Companion Goat, Sheep Meat Goat Shows** – Alex shared to split the Sheep and Meat Goats shows up to have the Bonus after each show.

**Swine Show** – Derek shared to make a note to put tarp on fence next year. Also 3<sup>rd</sup> pen stays open for check-in.

**Poultry Check-In & Show** – Megan shared that the poultry superintendent and judge asked for masks to be worn. A speaker is needed in the cage area. Matt & Megan spoke with Ag Society members at annual meeting about a speaker, but just fell through. More bowls are needed and the entry forms will be changed for poultry check-in. Glenda thought 6 or 8 more large (size 5L) are needed. More cages are needed or we need to limit the number of poultry exhibits. Megan shared that exhibitors can bring 8 per division for a maximum of 37 birds and this doesn't count FFA or open class. Glenda shared that this project is growing because cheaper and town kids can do also. More discussion followed on getting numbers earlier, empty cages at the fair after cages were assigned, may need to limit numbers if the building can't hold anymore birds. Megan shared more info on the numbers of birds allowed by other counties.

**Other Livestock Related Suggestions from Fair:**

A Kool Shade at the Horse Show would be great.

Paul asked about the wood shavings and everyone thought worked well. There was maybe 8 or 10 bags left and not much bulk mulch left. Mark Miller donated all the wood chips and also sent trucks to get the manure. Gary Jessen donated the use of his payloader to load the manure.

### **Other Contest and Static Suggestions:**

Larry Kotrous has suggested Keith Byerly take over the Shotgun program. Keith would like a more permanent thrower & location. This would have to be coordinated with Ag society & rodeo club.

Fashion Show location was good. Glenda shared that kids would like a stage or run-way, if possible. Megan spoke with Jen about keeping clothing projects. She would like all clothing construction and the Champion & Reserve Champion of the Shopping in Style & the \$15 Challenge.

Hally asked about the Breeding Gilt Bonus. There wasn't one this year, but Mary has a sponsor for next year.

Paul really liked the new family stall cards. Chad said some calves ate them. Derek shared that the old stall cards with pig number and weight helped them with pulling from pens and putting back. Paul asked about laminating the cards. Glenda suggested a Stall Card Challenge for Sheep & Goats to dress up the barn.

Karlyn added good to see people in the bleachers watching.

This ended the Livestock Fair Superintendent Meeting and Derek thanked everyone for their help and coming to the meeting.

### **Minutes from the September 2, 2020 Council Meeting**

Derek opened the Council Meeting at 7:36 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge.

Roll call was held with the following council members present:

District 1 – Heidi Ruzicka	(Absent-Jesse Rader, Cade Rader)
District 2 – Karlyn Condon	(Absent-Matt Fritz, Jorgan Condon)
District 3 – Glenda Byerly, Chad Vanness, Derek & Dyson Cunningham	(Absent-Kayla Eisenhauer, Kaitlyn Byerly)
District 4 – none	(Absent- Julia Nielsen, Neil Peed, Gage Wickersham)
District 5 – none	(Absent-Michaela Jessen, Andrew Dennis, Pamela Dennis)

Also present were Megan Hanefeldt, Mary Ketelsen, and Amy Johnson.

**Approval of Agenda** – Chad moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Glenda. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report** – Chad moved to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Karlyn. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – The treasurer's report was presented by Karlyn with a beginning balance of \$9,532.13 on June 30, 2020 and the current balance of \$10,821.31 as of August 31, 2020 (see attachment). Dyson moved to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Glenda. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried. Glenda moved to approve the bills (see attachment). Seconded by Dyson. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.

**Officer Reports** - none

**Committee Reports** – none

**Educational Program** – A summary of fair exhibits was passed out and Megan presented information on the number of exhibits. Chad hopes the shooting sports numbers come back. Glenda suggested highlighting a project a month; do a Fill the New Building Campaign; and kids missed the traditional Project Days. Derek suggested someone from each area do a Virtual Video on the

subject to promote. Glenda suggested showcase on facebook. Chad shared people didn't know if there was going to be a fair, but good to see livestock numbers up. Some kids had already started college; a late fair has disadvantages.

**Unfinished Business – none**

**New Business –**

1. **Update on Showmanship Awards** – 34 Hoodies were ordered. There are 11 extra cups. Maybe wait and order tumblers after fair. Megan will contact Julia on the donation from the Brunswick State Bank for the Hoodies.
  2. **Confirm 2021 Livestock Judge** – Megan asked if they want Gary Kubicek to return again next year. Dyson moved to ask Gary back again. Seconded by Karlyn. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.
  3. **Discuss Fair Suggestions –**
    - a. Poultry Numbers: Discussion followed on limiting poultry numbers; waterfowl outside was good this year; need policy on wood chips for waterfowl; need to clean up wood chips after fair; there is more room for waterfowl cages; what if there is open class; need more cages and numbers earlier; entry forms will be better; exhibitors hand in entry form so Caroline doesn't have to re-write; put rabbit cages in round barn with curtains around. Chad moved to purchase 6 Goose size cages (5L) and 6 #2 cages and 350 feed/water bowls. Seconded by Karlyn. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried. Ruzicka's purchase from Smith Poultry. Megan will talk to Jerry on how many cages they got for this year.
    - b. Set-Up: Megan will send a thank-you from the 4-H Council to set-up people. We need to look at the panel issue and be prepared. Chad suggested a challenge to clubs and youth to make a panel if the materials and a plan are provided. Karlyn suggested letting the schools know and a school project in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Come up with a material list and cost. Curt & Brady Zimmerer with Zim Metal is a good resource. Megan will bring more information to next meeting.
- Matt arrived at 8:38 p.m.
- c. Goat Scrapie Tags – just reinforce.
  - d. Check-in Time for Bucket Calf – leave as is.
  - e. Walk-Trot Classes – Derek moved to eliminate the Junior Walk Trot Pleasure and Walk Trot Horsemanship classes and only be available for Novice. Seconded by Glenda. Roll call vote, ayes-all, nays-none. Motion carried.
4. **Discuss Bedding for 2020 Fair (quality, quantity, cost, etc)** – We got 160 bags of shavings and 65 yards of bulk mulch. About 30 bags left and not much bulk. Matt thought the bags worked great and 2 bags per pen was okay.
  5. **Harm & Tulley's Event Center Use & Clean-up** – Megan shared that she called Jolene to check up after fair. Jolene called Jamie to put back the panels; she was disappointed that so much hay and chips were left in the sand. Megan suggested she come down on Monday after fair. Chad suggested pushing up some sand and then put back over and cover it up.

**Other Business:** Thank-you notes were read from Peyton & Quinn Eisenhower and from the Eric & Janelle Fuchtman family. Glenda thought having NCN there on Saturday was good. Let Laurie Larsen know and they may plan for next year.

**Announcements:** none

**Adjournment:** No other business, Dyson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Matt and meeting adjourned.

Recorded by Mary Ketelsen