

LAC MARCH MEETING

Vice Chairperson Becky Chamblin called the March 19th meeting of the EPCLAC to order at 7 p.m. The meeting was held via conference call due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

MOTION (Matt Z.) to approve the February minutes. Motion was seconded and passed.

REPORTS:

- **TREASURER'S** (Wade C.): Checking balance \$5414.53; money market \$1013.15; Becky has two checks (\$750 total); Wade has a \$120 check
- **CSU EXTENSION** (Emily):
 - COVID-19 policies: Must merge CSU and El Paso County policies; no face-to-face contact until May 15; will keep everyone updated
 - MQA: State is working on a powerpoint and test section to put online; office will send out links as soon as state releases info
 - Hog tag: Might turn into a drop off; Emily is working with Matt and swine personnel to develop a plan; Matt is working on a video to put on website educating everyone
 - All judges except sheep have been booked; all are out-of-state
 - Sheep/goat weigh-in: working with Janet to see if more days can be booked in May; will continue on as if fair is happening
- **CHAIRMAN**: None
- **YOUTH COUNCIL** (Lora B.):
Alumni celebration canceled due to lack of interest; clubs or committees making baskets are asked to hold onto them for now until council can decide a plan
- **FFA** (Wyatt C.): All events canceled or postponed until September
- **FAIRBOARD** (None)
- **SALE COMMITTEE** (Patty W.):
 - The committee has been extremely busy; had planned a clinic at Super Saturday, will see if other opportunities arise; had offered to attend club meetings to discuss sale, on hold until things open up
 - Scholarship applications are due April 15
 - The committee surveyed four counties (Logan, Elbert, Douglas, Weld): how their animals are sold, bbq, other buyer perks, etc.; the surveys were very informative; the committee discovered it is in the ball park of commission charged (5%) with a clause allowing to lower that amount
 - A buyers' survey was sent out to all registered buyers from last year
 - Commissioner Waller was asked at the "town hall" meeting if he has any contacts to approach; some buyers have agreed to form groups to promote the sale
 - The next meeting is March 31st, may be via conference call
 - Emily and Jonathan will discuss the photographer and get back to Patty
- **BEEF** (Linnae): Weigh-in went very well, tagged 40 steers, only issue was some FFA members showed up who did not have a time slot, need to improve communication
- **SHEEP/GOATS** (Linnae): Still doing sale March 29th, but will be online; may look at moving sheep/goat clinic to a later date
- **SWINE** (Matt Z.): Second clinic postponed until things loosen up; info on tags will be sent out; George suggested doing a Facebook live clinic or prerecord the clinic

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Super Saturday: Canceled

Fund Raising: Jean reported the bike tour is still being scheduled

Beef Wash Rack Wall: Waiting for information from the county; may be looking at setting up a metal wall rather than brick, waiting on a response from Tim Wollken

Cooler: 3 out of 4 have been reserved, fourth donated by Sandy Hoihjelle

Awards: Molly's has a \$25 upcharge for inscriptions on the back, buckles range from \$75-\$90, plus shipping, puts us close to exceeding the budget limit; Corriente quoted \$95/buckle, plus a \$10 inscription fee on the back; Emily has compiled a Google survey asking for a vote on which buckle company everyone likes; the companies suggest not putting the year on buckles in case COVID-19 gets worse, would have to decide to add the year later; if you like Corriente, vote for your favorite five buckle designs; Wade suggested that Maynard has \$95-\$115 buckles, plus shipping, and the company doesn't charge for an inscription on the back; Emily: can add Maynard on the survey

Becky said the ribbon addition is \$50 per windmill, so she is working on something different that is more economical

NEW BUSINESS:

Stall Cleaning: Will be put in newsletter, asking for clubs to bid; Emily will bring what is collected to the next meeting; any group or organization may bid, they do not have to be affiliated with 4-H; bids cannot exceed the \$5/stall charged each youth

Livestock Judges: One goal was to hire out-of-state judges; Emily would like to expand the budget from \$350 to \$500 (taking money budgeted for rate of gain), going forward keep \$500 budgeted for judges; TLC Cattle will pay the extra \$150 if it's not in the budget (there was a question if ROG has been budgeted, sales committee usually pays that award); Bill S. would like to know if there is a budget deficit, he would be interested in helping out if there is a deficit.

Shavings: No report; Emily will visit with Sonya before bringing this to LAC; table until April meeting

Rate of Gain: If you have any questions or concerns, contact Emily

Supreme Champion Award: Tabled until April

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Meinzer, LAC Secretary