

LAC MINUTES 5/14/2020

Chair Cheryl Nunnali called to order the May 14, 2020, meeting of the El Paso County Livestock Advisory Committee at 7:05 p.m. This was a virtual meeting held via Zoom, due to COVID restrictions.

(MOTION: Becky C.) to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Motion was seconded and approved.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's (Wade C.):

- There is a balance of \$8,784.53 in the checking account; money market balance is \$1013.15
- Becky sent Wade two invoices (\$1,000 for stall signs, \$1,143 for reserve champion awards); the amounts had already been approved, just need to pay the invoices.

CSU Extension (Emily T.):

- There will be a Zoom meeting on Monday, May 18th, releasing guidelines for reopening specifically El Paso County
- We are still waiting on a decision for county fair
- Extension did get permission from CSU and the county to carry on with the goat/sheep tag-in
- The state released "family registration" that is only for state competition
- There will be a superintendents' meeting on May 27th & June 10th, executive members of LAC are also welcome to join the superintendent meetings
- Karla and Emily have been working on county fair entries; they are trying to establish delayed payment due to uncertainty of how the fair will look; there will be some type of fair (drop & go show, county fair as normal, etc.)
- Bill S. suggested having Zoom sessions with first-time livestock members and superintendents, answering any questions; Emily sent out links to join, May 21, 22, 28, 29, 7 p.m. (four different meetings/each species-specific)
- Emily contacted Adam concerning a scale issue
- Cheryl questioned if judges have been contacted; Todd sent Emily an "emergency" contract for judges; Emily has been in contact with most of the judges and they are very understanding and willing to work with the county

Chairman (Cheryl N.):

- Cheryl expressed her appreciation of everyone's hard work through all of the pandemic

Youth Council (Lora B.):

- Youth Council is moving forward as if everything is normal; barn Olympics, dance, silent auction of the baskets will be held the final Friday & Saturday at fair; still waiting on permission from fair board to host these events; Youth Council is discussing alternative options if the fair is canceled
- Youth Council is planning a fall festival for October
- Lora requested that Youth Council and FFA reps be considered as LAC executive members; Emily will discuss the matter with Jonathan and Charity because it involves superintendent meetings

FFA (Wyatt C.):

- Calhan is holding a Zoom meeting on Monday with upcoming officers
- M-Y: no report

Fair Board (Lori H.):

- Queen tryouts are Saturday (closed to public)
- All camping will be reserved spots, lottery for electric, deadline will probably be July 3
- Campers also need to submit a letter to the fair board prior to the June meeting if you plan to have a dog in the camping area

Sale Committee (Patty W.):

- Proceeding as if there will be a fair; just selected a company for the buyers' barbecue
- StockShowAuctions.com has been contracted for the internet sale, which will be held in conjunction with the live sale if the live sale is allowed; the advantage to having a live animal sale is processing is available via all the area lockers; exhibitors/parent will be asked to sign a waiver because the youth will be appearing on the internet; the sales committee is seeking guidance from CSU in this area; there has been lots of positive feedback from buyers
- The committee is working on some type of logo to promote the sale; Sonya indicated a windmill-theme is being used
- Linnea F. said all agreed on Show Photo by Katina Costerisan to do the photography; the sales committee is waiting to see if LAC and SAC would be willing to contribute \$300-\$500 each toward the cost of the photographer (\$15/sale lot, approximately \$1800 total), who would be doing backdrop and candid photos throughout the fair's entirety; her goal is to get at least five candid photos of every exhibitor; exhibitors would purchase photos off her website; if neither committee contributes, Sales Committee would determine if the photographer would only do backdrops or the entire package; if no county fair is held, there is no obligation to pay the photographer; RFP indicates letting the photographer know by May 20th, agreement contingent upon holding county fair

Beef (Linnea F.):

- Beef Zoom meeting will be held Thursday, May 21st, 7 p.m.
- Two exhibitors would like to bring their catch-a-calves to fair for feeder class; this has been accommodated in the past

Sheep/Goat (Sandy):

- Sheep Zoom meeting is Friday, May 29th, 7 p.m.
- Tag-in this weekend
- There seems to be a lack of knowledge about scrapies in the goats

Swine (Matt Z.):

- Swine Zoom meeting is May 28th, 7 p.m.;
- Tagged in 72 hogs

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fundraising (Sonya):

- Taylor developed a t-shirt design "Agriculture is Essential"; sales would be COVID-friendly, shipped directly to the customer, all purchasing handled online, projected profit if 150 shirts are sold/\$20 per shirt, just over \$1600
- **(MOTION:** Becky C.) to begin t-shirt sales May 15th, running for three weeks; motion seconded and passed.

Awards (Becky C.):

- Two buckles remain to be sponsored
- All breeding beef project money has been collected; still need to collect for other breeding species

- Buckles have not been ordered and cannot be ordered until all buckles are sponsored; current list of buckles needing sponsors are on the county website; some buckles are spoken for, but no payment has yet been received; need to move forward to get them all sponsored and not wait on a county fair decision;
- Emily-trying to put something together for youth, trying to avoid a virtual show if at all possible;
- **MOTION** (Sheila C) to include the year on the buckles; motion seconded and passed
- **MOTION** (Becky C.) to allocate \$400 of unallocated funds to the Sales Committee for the photographer; motion seconded and passed.
- **Motion** (Becky C.) to leave \$240 of unallocated funds until the June meeting. Motion seconded and passed.
- All reserve awards are completed and ready to go

Stall Bidding (Emily):

- Golden Prairie has submitted for swine, goats/sheep, \$4.50/stall; asking Todd Marts to contact trustees of county for cleaning of beef stalls

Goat/Sheep Tag In (Emily):

- Having limited number of superintendents helping, trying to stay under 10-person restriction

NEW BUSINESS:

Educational Programming (Emily):

- Emily has had conversations with many different people, gathering information and ideas moving forward to new year, concerning LAC-sponsored educational opportunities; if anyone has any ideas, please email them to Cheryl for addition to the agenda

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jean Meinzer, LAC Secretary