



14th District Agricultural Association

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR

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Livestock Committee Meeting

Time: July 28, 2021, 07:00 PM – Harvest Building

Committee Members: Stephanie Fontana – Board President & Loretta Estrada – Board Member

CEO: David Kegebein – see report at end of notes.

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Stephanie Fontana.

Public Comments on Matters Not on the Agenda: None.

Additions to Agenda

Review of Prior Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Reports – Stephanie Fontana & Loretta Estrada

Reports:

Co- Superintendents - Kyle Middleton & Danny Naranjo – Work Days – Need to get work days on the books: August – 21/22, 28/29 – Saturday/Sunday of both weekends starting at 10 a.m. Loretta can work during the week. JLC – can help going through the container on the 21st? Container needs to be moved away from fence by 6 feet.

Superintendent Emeritus - Gary Stubblefield – No report.

Livestock Operations – Kathryn Hill - Reported head count from survey: 13 beef, 39 hogs, 31 lambs, 10 goats = 93 head.

Auction Co-Chairs – Auctioneer, photographer and trucker have been secured.

Department Heads:

Beef Cattle - Kevin Hurley – tagged 24 beef, but should end up with 18 market beef. Kevin would like to set up the beef barn on the last weekend of August. RFID ear tags for all species have been ordered and received. Beef judge has been secured. Dave would like to keep the horse stalls in the beef barn until the last minute in case there is an emergency. They can come down in a day or three.

Sheep - Diana Hoover - Sheep judge has been secured.

Swine - Jim & Kathleen Bricker – not present.

Meat Goats – Erin Hayes – No report.

Carcass Contests – Rob Amirsehhi – No report.

Dairy Cattle – Kyle Plaskett – not present.

Dairy Goats – Christa Jennings – no report.

Pygmy Goats – Julie Katawicz – not present.

Rabbits – Stacey & Haley Amirsehhi – Monterey cancelled their show; mid-state fair postponed/cancelled their show. The last two shows scheduled for our county have been cancelled. Outbreak in SLO county and in Alameda County. Distance from outbreak is used in determining whether to hold or cancel shows. We usually get 80 entries, this year we might get



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less than 50. Stacey recommends that we cancel our show out of an abundance of caution. The group agreed. Erin suggested that we have a knowledge bowl for rabbit showmanship. Stacey will work on getting that together. We'll post notices and send emails to exhibitors as well as removing the show from the online entry system.

Educational Displays – Elaine Kennedy – not present. Encourage rabbit people to enter displays.

Natural Fed – Jodi Carkner – not present.

Poultry – Dave – is in the process of identifying some candidates for co-chair persons of the department. In the meantime, we have secured a judge and joined the APA and ABA. Kathryn read a statement about the cancellation of the meat pen division this year.

As for the cancellation of the meat pen class, it wasn't so much about the ownership of the birds as it was the timeliness of getting information to the exhibitors. Our printed entry guide (most of the poultry exhibitors use the printed forms from the guide) was not available until after the traditional pick-up date for the chicks. The people entering meat pens used chicks that were ordered and distributed by a member of the poultry committee, not chicks that they purchased on their own. The chicks were from the same hatchery and the same Cornish/Plymouth Rock cross so that the exhibitors would be competing on a level playing field. The poultry committee member who had been handling the chicks was not able to do it this year. By the way, poultry ownership as listed in the livestock entry guide is 30 days prior to the opening of the fair - the chicks would need more than 30 days to reach their show weight.

Contest Coordinators:

Judging Contest – Shary Greene – not present.

Round Robin – Crystal and JT Tomlinson will be handling. All judges have been secured.

Clean Stall – Dominique Borrego – not present.

Pee Wee & Adult Showmanship – Jr Livestock Committee – will coordinate these events.

Support Coordinators:

Jr Livestock Committee – Diana Hoover & Kevin Hurley – had first meeting last night – had about 15 that are signed up; a few more are interested. Hoping to have a fun day before the work days begin. They held an election for officers.

Awards – Kimmy Bonnema – working with Kaleena to get the sponsorship letters out on Friday; there will be a specific date to respond for prior sponsors. After that, the awards will be open for sponsorship. We have little buckles for pee wee showmanship.

Ribbons – Yvonne Sowersby – will be ready to go on the work days.

Redwood Café – JoAnn Etchison & Sheryl Jones – have planned menus: Taco Tuesday, Wed Tri-Tip, Thursday Cheese Burger – asked for suggestions for Friday.

Auction Meals – We are waiting to see what the length of the auction will be (based on number of animals). Could probably be a late lunch. We'll have a BBQ ala Matt Ryan; some kind of packaged meal. Prepared and served by the staff. Meal will include soft drinks and a beer for adults.

Nursery – Cheryl Selden – has a lamb, three bottle-fed goats, three baby ostrich, mini horse with colt and mini donkey with a baby. Has access to a full-sized horse with a colt and a mama goat with babies; looking for a cow with calf. Has reached out to Joe Moules but hasn't heard back. Loretta might be able to get a cow/calf. Won't use the photo board this



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year. The barrier will be needed to keep public away from animals – it's not a petting zoo. Setting up the last weekend of August. Will need helpers during fair. Suggested barn duty sign-up. There might be Guinea fowl chicks.

Livestock Camping – Sherri Bonnema - Dave and Sherri need to walk around and survey the area.

4-H – Representative – Julie Katawicz – not present. Stephanie reported they are getting the Clover Deli together. Trying to reform 4-H and get it going again.

FFA Representative – Erin Larrus – not present.

Public Comments on Reports:

Question on set-up of sheep and goat barn. Nothing has been set up.

Committee Comments:

Stephanie Fontana – is excited for the fair.

Loretta Estrada – is glad to see everyone here and said that we are very organized.

CEO Report

- 1 Julie is working on the Pygmy goat judge but doesn't have one yet. We will have a wonderful poultry show in the barn.
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- 3 SB-5 Project – Electrical Upgrade – In the livestock area is moving forward; the electric panels should show up by the beginning of August.
- 4 Dave went around the room and asked each of those in attendance to tell the group how each of us got involved in the fair and how we ended up in the position we are in.
- 5 Fair Board Meeting – Fair Kick-Off - August 24th - 6pm Harvest Building – Three weeks before the fair. Dave would like everyone who volunteers at the fair, in all departments, to come to the meeting. There will be some refreshments.

Future Livestock Meeting Calendar: August 25

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.