

Dutchess County 4-H
Livestock Sale Committee

February 19, 2014

The monthly Dutchess County 4-H Livestock Sale Committee meeting was called to order at 7:11pm on February 18th 2014 by chairman Doug Giles. Meeting was held at CCEDC. Members in attendance were as follows:

Regular Members: Doug Giles, Irene Decker, Debbie Scannell, Mike Clum, Michelle Hicks, Kelly Parker and Lois Carver.

Junior Members & Guest: Kris Hicks, Tyler Benincasa, and Jim Benincasa

Reading of Minutes: Irene read the meeting minutes from the November meeting. Debbie made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Michelle seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Irene gave the treasurer's report. Checking account has \$16,327.07. Irene also mentioned that the check was written out for the Rossi Foundation for the amount of \$3,094.51. There was also a check that an exhibitor lost. A stop payment was put on the original check and a new one was written.

Unfinished Business: Doug asked for an update on slaughter house arrangements. Doug also mentioned that the beef was all set and would be going to Malafy's Meat Processing. Mike mentioned that the plan was to have the hogs go to Malafy's also. Doug mentioned that he and Maureen were working on some options with re-wording the buyer's packet so it would inform the buyers of the changes and not have it be a liability issue with keeping the hogs on livestock hill until Monday. Doug and Mike will update on this next month. Rabbits will be going to Malafy's also. Poultry is still up in the air as to where they will go. In the years past it has been Berkshire Customs that was processing them. Berkshire can't take the birds till Wednesday after the fair. Doug to look into a USDA slaughtering Facility specifically for poultry located in New Milford CT. The name of the slaughter house is Tarzia Meat Packers. Kelly mentioned that it was up in the air as to whether Michelle Coffin was still going to be the poultry rep. Michelle Hicks said that she spoke with Jeff Hobson and asked him if he would like to be the poultry rep. He agreed to do it but was not able to make meeting this month.

Irene mentioned that the mandatory sale meeting was on the same day as the entry deadline. She felt that one of the dates had to be changed. Having the sale meeting and deadline together she would not have enough time to get the sale packets together. Michelle Hicks made a motion to move the entry deadline to July 1st and keep the mandatory meeting July 15th. Motion was seconded by Debbie, all were in favor. Kelly mentioned she would like to have all fair book changes by the end of

March. One of the changes necessary would be the dates for packets and post cards. Packet must be delivered by August 1st and the postcards must be mailed back to the office by August 8th.

New Business: Doug asked Kelly if she had the totals for the St. Jude's Donation. The total amount raised from the 2013 Livestock Sale was \$2,254.50. The St. Jude's radiation will be held on March 14th & 15th 2014. Doug will go down and make the donation.

Entered Executive Session---- 7:43pm

Exited Executive Session -----7:50pm

New Business Cont.: Doug updated the committee that with the recent request for the 4-H staff to hold our treasurer's account that we got approval for all checks to require two signatures. One signature will be the committee treasurer and the other will be the 4-H Staff.

Doug mentioned that Mike Shanahan was available to come work our sale as a ring man. Mike is a professional ring man and has worked with Jerry before. He has offered to work the sale for a cost of \$300.00. A motion was made by Michelle Hicks to spend the \$300 do hire Mike to be a ring man for the 2014 Livestock Sale. Debbie seconded the motion. All were in favor. Doug also mentioned that he does have a verbal contract with Jerry for the 2014 Livestock Sale.

Mike Clum asked what the status of the junior members was. Tyler Benincasa attended the meeting looking to see what he would be expected of him if he was the junior swine representative. There was a brief discussion on the junior livestock committee members and what their duties would be. Jim Benincasa said that since Tyler was interested in it that he would be attending meeting anyway so he would be interested in helping run the junior committee. With no further business to discuss, Doug asked for a motion to open the polls for the elections of 2014 officers. Motion made by Michelle Hicks to open the floor for nominations. Motion was seconded by Irene. All the nominated candidates for each position were running unopposed. The positions were filled as follows.

Chairman:	Doug Giles
Vice Chairman:	Michelle Hicks
Secretary:	Mike Clum
Treasurer:	Irene Decker

No other business was discussed. Motion made by Debbie Scannell to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Irene. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Clum