

Market Sale Minutes for January 6th 2008

The January meeting of the Bayfield County 4-H market sale was held on January 6th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ashland Research Station. The meeting was called to order by President Katie Stipetich. Pledges were led and roll call was taken.

Secretary's report was given by Jessica Pearce and motions made by Bradley Galagan and second by Michael McCutchen approving the secretary's report.

Chairman, Tom Galligan gave the treasure's report because Matt Reijo was not present at the meeting but Matt called Tom before the meeting with our ending balance of \$1,238.12, motions approving the treasure's report were made by Tyler Vernon and second by Jordan Pearce.

Al Peterson from the Ashland Ag Center came as a guest speaker; he talked about the weight of the beef animals. He said by getting a good start on the weight now, we can help the animals gain weight now, so when the heat of summer comes, they will be in good shape. He talked about how to look to see if your animal is sick especially during this time of the year. Look for teary eyes, a runny nose, if your animal coughs and make sure your cows eat at least 5 lbs. of hay and have clean water. You want to be feeding between 1-2 lbs. of protein along with the grain to gain muscle. He handed out a chart to everyone with what the suggested pounds of grain you should be feeding your animals by their weight so they will be finished by the fair. He talked about grass feed animals and suggested using molasses to get the animals to eat the hay better. If you feel your animal is underweight or something is wrong with your animal you can contact Al any time or any market sale committee member. Mr. Galligan handed out feed records to everyone to keep track of the amount of feed they are feeding their animals and you are to fill them out and return them back to Mr. Galligan at the next meeting.

Ian Meeker went over the market sale rules which he put in black. He said it is your responsibility to follow and understand the rules. We reworded rule #2. We will write up a job description for rule #6. For rule #8, we added "that if a member has missed 2 meetings, they will be sent a notice from the chairman, saying that they have missed 2 meetings and that if they miss one more meeting, they are unable to sell in the market sale." We will fix rule #9 for the next meeting. Jessica Pearce made a motion approving that rule and second by Michael McCutchen. We approved rule #16 to be apart of our rules stating that "Parents and family members of market sale participants are prohibited from directly questioning or influencing the county fair judge's decisions. All concerns related to judging should be brought to the market sale committee's attention."

Rule #9 of the beef rules, was reconstructed to "No underfed animals will be sold. A tape measure will be taken and recorded on the feed record each month. A steer must weigh 1,000 lbs. and must make a judge's grade of Select or higher to qualify for the market sale."

Rule #8 for the hogs was changed to "Minimum weight at the time of the final weight-in will be 200lbs. There will be no limit put on the max weight. However, the market animal must meet judging criteria of grade #1 or 2, and the buyer shall pay for weight record not to exceed 285lbs." Motion for the new rule was made by Rebecca Less and second by Tomas McCutchen.

The next meeting is set to be on March 30th 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ashland Research Station. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tomas McCutchen and second by Jordan Pearce.

Submitted by Jessica Pearce