

Cooke County Jr. Livestock Show

Minutes

April 17, 2023

1. Call to Order at 6:13 pm
2. Members Present: Beverly Fleitman, Kristal Young, Elizabeth Huchton, Phil Howard, Brooke Beall, Kevin Gann, Justin Little, Kelly Huston, Jenna McCarty, Mike Howe, Phyllis Griffin, Mickie McGourik, Robyn Hedrick, Robin Downe, Devin Nix, Zachary Downe via phone, Kelly Fortenberry
3. Minutes approved as presented from January 9, 2023 (motion McCarty, 2nd Gann)
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. \$484,101 premium sale total including add ons; compared to 2022 total of \$357,135.
 - b. Was noted that live streaming for the youth fair was \$500 per day and not \$500 for the entire week.
 - c. United Way has approved funding in the amount of \$14,000 for 2024
 - d. No budget or bank statement report was presented.
5. Election of Officers
 - a. General Superintendent – KD Weaver (motion McCarty, 2nd Young)
 - b. Assistant General Superintendent – Justin Little (motion McClarty, 2nd Gann)
 - c. Secretary – Kelly Huston (acclamation unanimous)
 - d. Treasurer – Beverly Fleitman (acclamation unanimous)

Signature cards at First State Bank will be updated reflecting the new Superintendent's signature. KD Weaver replaces Jeff Hellman.

6. Set Date for 2024 Show – January 2 – January 6, 2024 at the Cooke County Fairgrounds with the Equine show location TBD. (motion McCarty, 2nd Beall)
7. Superintendent & Board Membership for 2024 (see attached)
 - a. Approve Superintendents – Matt Bryson was elected Cattle Superintendent (motion McCarty, 2nd Young)
Equine Superintendent suggestion was Hannah Gilmore, follow-up to ask her if interested. Leslie Bell to be FCS Superintendent. (Motion McCarty, 2nd Young)
 - b. With addition of Longhorn Show, Consideration to elect a Superintendent. Agreed to let Longhorns fall under the cattle superintendent (motion McCarty, 2nd Young)

- c. Approve Board members for 2024.
8. Selection of Photographer for 2024 show
Bids will be obtained from at least 3 different photographers. Kristal Young will look into Gainesville HS live streaming the show for 2024
9. Recommendations for 2024 Judges

Discussion of 2024 judges:

FCS will find their judges as in the past, sheep/goat – Justin to Contact Cade Halfmann, Cattle – no suggestions but will get with Matt Bryson to get a list of names for consideration. Pigs – Hummell as a possibility, Mike Howe to check on other names; Dairy Cattle – Jenna McCarty would reach out to some dairy people; Rabbits – Tony Bell suggested; Poultry – Brian Lowe suggested; Shop – Brent Wicker, Dr. Ford at Tarleton.

No final approvals were made, will present recommendations at next meeting for approval.

10. Rule Book – Consideration of the formation of a rules committee to review and present changes/updates.

A rules committee was formed to include the following:

Kelly Huston, KD Weaver, Phyllis Griffin, Jenna McCarty, Kristal Young, Robin Downe, Robyn Hedrick, Beverly Fleitman. They will meet before the next board meeting and make recommendations for changes/updates.

The following rules were voted upon and approved for 2024: (motion McGourick, 2nd Young)

- a. Longhorn Show – will be added as part of the show
- b. Steer Show – Will be shown by weight and not breeds due to small numbers.
- c. Heifer Show – Will be shown as: American, British, Exotic and AOB
- d. Pig Breeds – Show order will be as follows and not rotate each year:
Berkshire
Dark OPB
Duroc
Hampshire
White OPB

Yorkshire

Crosses

- e. Sale Order – When a Grand or Reserve Champion does not sell and the next place moves up to take that sale slot, that project will be placed in the sale order according to that project’s awarded placing. (i.e. a 1st place FCS project will sell with the other 1st place projects/animals; 2nd place with other 2nd places, etc.)
 - f. Horticulture Division added for 2024
11. Other business – Discussion but no decision made and tabled for next meeting:
Allowing exhibitors to sell up to 2 projects/animals in sale if they qualify;
Ring help for special needs exhibitor showing animals.
Allowing FFA members to enter the FCS show.
Rules committee will address some of these issues and make recommendations at the next meeting.
12. Set Date for next meeting TBD, Secretary will send out an email with date choices.
13. Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Superintendent, KD Weaver

Secretary, Kelly Huston

