
Meeting held via Zoom and began at 6:59 p.m.

Present: Chris Ruemenapp, Kay Smith, Scott Hill, Barb Hurley, Julie Ruemenapp, Mitchell Sovis, Tim Warchuck, Lori Warchuck, Ashley Sebastian, Rick Ruemenapp, Mary Ruemenapp, Theresa Whitenight, Jacqui Rabine, Katrena Doughty-Jordan, Crystal Sovey, Lucy and Scott Brown. Becky Mericle, Liz Pennazoli. All participated via Zoom.

TAGGING OF LIVESTOCK

R. Ruemenapp: Fair Board hasn't made a determination as to whether there will be a 2020 fair, may be too early to call, President and Governor pushed out dates until end of April and closed veterinary offices for non-essential services. Feel we should let kids know to buy their livestock at their own discretion. Suggest having kids use the market livestock form and post a picture and return it. Push registration off to June 1 when we know what we're doing and when they come to fair we can tag the livestock then.

R. Usakowski: Messaging from IAFE out there we're doing everything we can to proceed with the fair and some fairs that have canceled went to online auctions. We could be impacted pretty heavily even if we do have a fair due to social distancing issues.

Ashley Sebastian, support registration in May. Concerned that if we wait to tag in June the only people that have a benefit are people with resources that could purchase more animals. Better to tag than not tag.

L. Warchuck: Important to provides consistency because that's what we've been doing.

T. Whitenight: If they don't have a tagger, they can purchase one online so that leaders and superintendents aren't having to go to farms and have contact with people/animals.

R. Ruemenapp: Suggest we keep our costs down and these tags we're responsible for the tags and reporting them to the state. Suggest that if there is no fair he would like to have the kids that this was their last fair have the option of showing next year since they all thought they would have one more year to show. R. Usakowski said that would be a Fair Board decision, not livestock.

J. Ruemenapp: Suggest extending tagging deadline to June 1st.

C. Sovey: Would like to be able to send a confirmation to the exhibitors that we received their registration within 48 hours once they send it in.

T. Warchuck: Feel we should take them in April and figure it out in June or July, need to meet deadlines and exhibitors need to move on. Consistency important.

B. Hurley and K. Doughty-Jordan would like to stick with consistency. J. Rabine would recommend keeping the registration deadline May 1st.

T. Whitenight doesn't think once we tag the livestock the fair has an obligation to sell those animals, if there's no fair it shouldn't be on fair to find a buyer for those animals.

Ashley Sebastian and Chris Ruemenapp think we should stick with May 1st, Rob Usakowski, Tim Warchuck, Kay Smith, J. Ruemenapp think it should be May 1st, and Mitchell Sovis thinks it should be June 1st.

Lucy Brown, Crystal Sovey think the deadline should remain May 1st/2nd, and Liz Pennazoli agreed to mail out the tags. Kristy Hardy thinks we should stick with May 2nd deadline.

R. Ruemenapp wants it emphasized that we're not obligated to sell these animals. We should make it clear to exhibitors that the fair is not obligated to sell the animals. T. Whitenight thinks we need to say clearly in the letter that we have no obligation to sell their animals.

POULTRY

Committee talked about a separate live auction for the poultry on Saturday of the fair. Kay Smith said she needs leadership and tried to call Munsell's and haven't gotten a return call. Committee recommendation to table that for 2021 due to the unknown factors of whether they would be a fair and this would take a considerable amount of face-to-face contact to get it off the ground.

K. Smith talked to the Carsonville processor and he can only do 200 birds and we have to haul them and haul them back and Kay is not doing that, citing too much work. Kay Smith doesn't want to cut legs off and bag them, feels it's too much work for her to do.

Committee currently pays approximately \$500 more in processing/storage and hauling than what is brought in on the poultry sale.

PHOTOGRAPHS

L. Warchuck said Megan Tomasek is asking leaders to submit photos with inspirational messages and she is putting together a collage. There was a request that was sent with an email.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FORWARD TO FAIR BOARD:

Table live auction of poultry until 2021 due to Coronavirus issues and inability to really do a good job planning it because we cannot meet face-to-face.

Livestock Exhibitors mail/email in registration forms for their market livestock animals (veal/goats/swine/sheep) by May 1st and those tag orders will be filled and mailed out by Liz Pennazoli on May 2nd. Exhibitors will have 10 days to return their photos to an email with the tags in the animal's ears.

Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, June 6, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.