

APRIL DCLA MEETING - 4/20/17

Meeting was called to order by Joe Strittmatter, President.

Pledge of Allegiance and introductions were made.

March meeting minutes were read. Motion made, second and carried to accept as presented.

Ralph Hawkins gave a recap of funds on hand in each account and our accounts receivable. He passed out a Profit & Loss Statement at the end of the meeting for everyone to take home, look it over and if you have questions or concerns just shoot him an email and he will answer any questions.

Youth Fair Supt. Ralph Hawkins gave a quick thank you to everyone that helped him.

Sub committee reports were given.

Queen / Princess - Total tickets/gate/etc. \$15724. Q/P spent \$7300 in auction and gave \$5000 to Blue Ribbon Club to assist in the add ons to non sale market entries. Q/P committee commended on a great job done.

Goats, Swine, Steers, Lambs, Horse Show, Rabbits, Chickens and Dance all gave reports of growth and excellent shows. Great thank you to Mike Bullock on the way the pens were situated this year.

Floor was opened for some discussion items to be brought back for the board of directors to address.

- 1) Consider a format for Lamb and Goat show that would help with keeping the show from running so long. Ideas were suggested to maybe bring in and weigh the night before and still show both on same day
- 2) Suggestion to move all breeding Goats, Sheep and Swine to one day. Move in and judge on same day with just 1 judge to cover all 3 species, then move out the same night. This would free up pens for market show.
- 3) The Buyers Dinner before the sale needs to be addressed. Advisors and leaders need to be included in the meal and may need to re-vamp the way it was handled this year.
- 4) Adjust times for check in for the broilers.

Minutes continued

5) Swine - everyone liked the new format with starting earlier. Diane mentioned that she really like the showmanship format used this past year with the cattle where you have a secret judge in the stands and the exhibitors are judged during the classes. Exhibitors would wear numbers so that they are easily identifiable to the judge, after all, the class is really where the student should do the best showmanship.

Also discussed was the way drug tested animals are housed after the show and could there be some changes made on this.

6) Flag presentation before the swine and cattle shows was liked by everyone. Maybe next year we include it at the start of each day and assign each chapter a part so that more students get the chance to participate.

7) Discussion was had on adding a showmanship round / overall champion that would require the entries to handle cattle, lambs, goats, swine, and maybe even chickens.

8) Group would also like to re-establish a chapter / group herdsman award for each species.

9) Tracy Kalka would like to serve on the Ag Mechanics committee and help to promote the show, to get several lots into the sale, maybe the silent auction and get some added money.

10) Shelly Ruland would like to see the Rabbit fees for entries changed a little. She will present a scale to the board.

With no further discussion motion was made, second and carried that meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Johnson
Secretary DCLA