

Meeting Minutes: Start at 7:04 pm Nov 10th,2025

1. Motion to approve July meeting minutes were approved.

2. Reports: Goat, good minimal problems, size grew, kids were great! Can't wait till next year hoping for more growth.

Sheep- Mark and Michelle, would like to resign from being species chairs. Shows went well.

Steers- Wes was absent at the time, Lance gave observations barn was kept clean and nice all of fair. Suggestion it add more light in the barn was given. It was also mentioned that space felt too tight, and that it might be better to mark out each space for next year. Barn will be finished next year.

Swine- Pat gave report, had summer problems of lite pigs but all in all it was a good fair and show.

3. Sale- discussion: Kate brought up about kids running loose in the sheep barn and getting stepped on by a steer. That if someone could try to help that in some way. It was added that maybe steers and sheep exit out of the side where was used for fair to help with the flow. Tracy added that it was helpful having an online link for fair information that Melaine provided. They would like it to become a yearly again.

4. Financial report-Kelly D. gave report. Discussion was asked about ultrasound and not liking the company that came this year and not having him back. Question was asked about the county budget for judges and keeping having 2 judges for market shows. Pat said if help was needed again that they would donate again. Everyone was liked by all to have 2 judges for the different species.

5. Bylaws-

a. Sawyer- gave a brief discussion about how the meeting needed to run for it to be productive.

b. Sawyer – by-law changes and U of I suggestions; See attached doc for reference. Questions were asked about the judge picking process as it is now Sawyer and the committee president choose the judge together. Members added to why it was best this way and should be kept as the rule was already voted on the have the judge be anonymous till the day of the show.

c. Sawyer- Suggested to have an online so to have a more formal way to tack and account for the money.

d. Sawyer- the University requires all sales associated with the office to have Bonding insurance to protect itself and all involved.

e. Pat – Would like to change the wording on the by-laws where it allows any member of the community to make changes for youth and parents that don't have a youth currently involved in the organization. To amend the current rule and remove "community member". Discussion was had by current members of the committee. Was suggested to change it to instead "Family and 4H Leaders". Another member added that kids under 18 years of age should not be allowed to vote. Question was asked about parents of youth not of age but wanting to participate and help would not be allowed to vote with this change.

f. Kate- Gave examples of changes needed with some additional comments of other suggestions Sawyer made as well. See attached 2 for more information.

g. Michelle- Would like to know why checks are not available sooner. Why if a buyer pays at the sale, then why can't that youth have a check immediately. Discussion was had about the senseless of printing 2 checks and the cost of that. Along with maybe a date the checks would be ready instead of what it is currently. Sawyer gave some explanation of why it is done the way it is currently.

h. Michelle- Wanted to know what a splices chair job is. Or why do you have them. Much discussion was had about the breeders and why that rule came into effect 2 years ago. Mike Knutz U of I 4-H Rep- gave information on what the 4-H youth development program is supposed to help you learn and achieve. Another discussion was had about needing help with Sunday after loading and sending animals. One member suggested better communication on both sides for the chairs. And that in the Chair responsibilities there are things that need changed because there are already rules against the current.

i. Michelle/Mark- Sale order- Why are all the sheep brought back. Sawyer answered this question with how the rules currently are written and previously voted on by the committee. But it is also up to the Judge how they would like to see the sheep. And, to give all the youth a fair chance.

6. Elected officials for the committee- Kelly Daniels will be stepping down this year and in the by-laws the Vice president is to take over who is Brayden Eliason. The committee was opened for nominations: President- Brayden Eliason (was not present to except the nomination). Vice President- Cooper Daniels and Tracy Davis. This will be voted on in January.

7. Kelly S. gave a statement prepared for the committee in reference to how the committee has been treating her position for the last year. And in accordance to the U of I rules and suggestions that the treasurer be an additional person appointed by the

committee. As the by-law reads now it is not correct. Sawyer gave what is to be expected and his suggestion. Discussion was had. Members suggested that species chairs should help with checking the treasurer. Also was brought up that Add-on's are not anyone persons job as described in the current by-laws. Kelly suggested that it be divided between Treasurer and Species chairs with the help of the secretary. So that there may be less mistakes made and they can be released sooner. Was motioned to have a separate treasurer. Nominations for Treasurer: Alania Schrenk (nomination was not excepted or declined during the meeting) and Callie Werk (was also not present to except nomination). Any case of those not accepting this nomination others can be nominated at the January meeting. Motion was made to amend the current by-laws that it reflects that position of Secretary should be held by the 4-H office manager to help with keeping a good working relationship with the sale and sale committee. That should stay Kelly Sorensen. Voted passed for January.

Meeting close at 9:36 pm

Next meeting will be January 13th at 7pm.