

Imperial County 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting
September 18, 2014
Farm Bureau, El Centro

Meeting Called to order by Chico Magana at 6:07pm
Flag Salute and Pledge led by Chico Magana

OLD BUSINESS

There are two unpaid fair checks to 4-H exhibitors. The fair is holding these two checks due to nonpayment by the buyer.

NEW BUSINESS

Chico is stepping down from the position of Livestock President due to new work commitments.

Chico discussed what species coordinators are in charge of and the council appointed new species coordinators as well as passed around the voting representative list for each club to fill out.

Chico discussed keeping the meeting at 6:00pm, council agreed unanimously.

Chico noted that DNA forms will be online this Friday, Sept 19, 2014.

Ownership Deadlines were discussed Chico Magana stated that Horse and beef is October 31st and all other January 5th.

David Shelton talked about the small animal clinic to be held November 15th at the fairgrounds. The start time is 8am, animals and equipment will be available for purchase.

No Go No Show dates were announced by Chico Magana- January 10th, 14th, 17th, 2015 This is mandatory please check the IVEXPO.com website to see if you need to attend this year.

S.Abatti stated this year the fair will incorporate a mandatory livestock leader meeting on 1-22-15. She is not quite sure of the time yet but will let us now as soon as possible. M.Kuhlen moved that we hold our January meeting conjunction with the fair livestock meeting 30 minutes prior to discuss 4-H business. G.Torrez seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Chico discussed the shavings problem that occurred at the 2014 fair and that Larios Cattle co. will be hauling it off for compost. Mr. Torrez asked who enforces shavings and dumping at the fair. Chico stated, "Us as leaders, We need to step in and set the example and correct parents as well as youth" Discussion of potential fines as a deterrent was brought up. K.Jackson reported that it years back this was the system. M. Kuhlen commented that the shavings are not put out at the correct times at the fair.

Chico asked for nominations for a new board and explained what each office entails, David Shelton was elected for president, Tonya Good was elected for Vice President, and Marie Kuhlen elected as secretary. Marie mentioned she will not be able to attend the October meeting.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Sandy Finnell reported the general account has 124,000 dollars with 67,000 still outstanding from the 2014 Fair. Sandy reported that we received the 2013 fair money in January of 2014 and expects this year will follow suit. All of the livestock barns will be getting new barn doors, they are looking to renovate the bathrooms attached to the small stock barn, and add a shade structure to the w. end of the auction ring. They are currently working with Duggins Construction Co. for estimates. They have allotted 28,000 dollars to shavings for the 2015 fair. The 4-H Livestock Leaders council would like the foundation representatives to discuss at the next foundation meeting shade for the South side of the beef area.

Foundation is interested in taking over the responsibility of coordinating sponsors and try to mail donor letters earlier. D. Ross commented on how important it is for members to follow up with thank you letters after receiving/winning a buckle. G. Torrez suggested a business card from the donor be put inside the buckle box on delivery to the youth.

Foundation Representatives were elected K.Jackson nominated David Shelton, D. Shelton accepted. C.Bostic nominated Dion Ashurst. Prior to the meeting Dion confirmed he would accept. D. Ross nominated Sandy Finnell. S.Finnell accepted. S. Finnell and D.Shelton will represent the 4-H at the Livestock Leaders Foundation for the 2014-15 year.

Shanna Abatti stated that all views and opinions expressed at the foundation meeting by the representatives will be in the interest of 4-H. They will ask for opinions and suggestions from the 4-H livestock Leaders at each meeting and be the liaison for 4-H at the foundation meetings. She also reminded the new representatives that they are representatives of 4-H at these meetings.

J.Hettinger explained what the auction committee entails. 3 volunteers' agreed to be on this committee P.Torrez, G.Torrez, and M.Spaugh.

STAFF REPORT

Shanna spoke about the upcoming BBQ and Meat trimming. She reminded everyone of leader development day and that if you need help with 4honline in regards to cross clubbing please contact her. The countywide projects were announced. She spoke about social media and the value of pinterest.

Meeting adjourned