

Livestock Leader's Meeting

January 18, 2018

Meeting Called to Order at 1802 hours by Livestock Leader's, President, Chris Holdridge. Mr. Holdridge led the Pledge of Allegiance and then the 4-H Pledge. A quorum was then established with most clubs represented. Prior minutes were read by those in attendance and a motion to accept the November meeting minutes was made by T. Mascarena, Mt. Signal 4-H and seconded by S. Magana, Holtville 4-H. The minutes were then accepted as read.

I. Old Business:

- A. No Go/No Show: Both of the No Go/ No Show meetings were full. If any 4-H member who was required to attend the No Go/ No Show did not attend either meeting they are not able to enter their animal into the 2018 Fair.
- B. 4-H Fair Uniforms: S. Abatti advised that white and green hats are still acceptable until 2020. Clubs may continue to use and sell any remaining stock of the white hats and older model green hats. She additionally advised that she would remind the Fair and the Livestock Office of this policy. T. Cruz, Westmorland 4-H, asked that all clubs remind their kids to put their names in their hats before the Fair. There will be a countywide white uniform exchange on Saturday, February 3, 2018, at the large animal pre-fair.
- C. Fair Entry Deadline: When entering the ear tag number of your animal, use the last four digits on the tag only. The 4-H has an internal Fair entry deadline of Friday, January 19. This new internal deadline only applies to the livestock projects. Any entry corrections will be handled at the community leader level.

II. Fair Board Update:

- A. RFID Ear tags: The Fair realizes that there are concerns regarding the large animal ear tags for the 2018 Fair. Project leaders may trim the ear tag. The RFID "button" must remain however, the rest of the ear tag may be trimmed down. There are also smaller ear tags available at the Fair office. The larger tags may be exchanged for the smaller tags. Ear tagging tools are available at the Fair office.
- B. Livestock Participant Carnival And Car Passes: The Fair office is offering, for purchase, \$100 passes for livestock participants. These passes allow for unlimited rides on the carnival rides for each day of the Fair. These passes must be added to each exhibitors entry. Each livestock exhibitor will receive a livestock pass with their entry and each family with exhibitors will receive a parking pass. Two additional passes may be purchased online.
- C. Show Box App: The Show Box App will be available again for this Fair. Show Box lists all of the animal showmanship times and participants. Show Box will also be available for use at the auction.
- D. Dairy Cattle Showmanship: The showmanship for the dairy cattle projects has been moved to Sunday, March 4, after the beef show.

- E. RV Parking: The Fair is doubling the number of security guards and cameras in the RV area. Minors may **not** be left unsupervised in the RV area. All minors must be supervised at all times. Please see the Rules and Regulations implemented by the Fairgrounds for further details.
- F. Livestock Area Improvements: G. Jackson, Mt. Signal 4-H, stated that the Heritage Foundation recently paid to have the cement poured on the south side of the sheep barn.

III. New Business:

- A. Fair Clean up Days: The first clean up day is on Saturday, February 17, at 8:00 am, and it is mandatory. Please have your project members bring brooms, dustpans, cleaning rags, tools, as well as, wheelbarrows to the fairgrounds on the 17th. Following the morning clean up on the 17th, around 11:00 am, there will be Judging Day and a Skill-a-thon. Please see the February/March Intercom for more details. Cleaning may then continue, if needed, on Saturday, February 24. Barn decorations may also be put up beginning on the 24th as well.
- B. Mandatory Livestock Meeting: Ms. Abatti advised that there is a mandatory livestock meeting, in the Sperber Arena, on Wednesday, February 28, at 6:30pm. She also reminded the group that our 4-H Livestock Leader Meeting will be after Fair Clean up on the 17th, at 11:00 am, in the swine arena.
- C. Barn Liaisons: The group will need to choose Barn Liaisons, for each barn, at the February 17, meeting. A motion was made by G. Jackson, Mt. Signal 4-H, to have a blank copy of each club's code of conduct/ livestock agreement form. The motion was seconded by T. Cruz, Westmorland 4-H, and then passed by the voting members.

IV. New Leader Advice:

- A. Advice Tip for New Leaders: This month's advice tip for new leaders is make the fair run as smoothly as possible. Vicki Veysey, Verde 4-H, suggested using group texts to ensure you get out as much information as you can. Leanne Solomon, Calipatria 4-H, suggested using stations to groom animals on show day.

V. 4-H Staff Report:

- A. Online Leader Training: All 4-H Leaders must complete the online video training. The deadline for completing this training has been extended to January 31, 2018. The training may be found on, extension.org. Please email a copy of your certificate from the training to Jennifer Garcia, at the County 4-H Office.
- B. Additional Information: Ms. Abatti added a few pieces of information. She told the group that all members showing an animal at the Fair, should have an updated record book in good standing. She also said that the project members should be starting their buyer letters. Ms. Abatti then asked the group to remind all of the project members to read the February/March Intercom for additional information and details regarding the Fair and other activities.

Ann Locher of SWV 4-H moved to adjourn the meeting, which was then seconded by M. Spaugh of Calexico 4-H. The January 2018 Meeting of the 4-H Livestock Leaders was adjourned at 1900 hours.