

Meeting October 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Lily Stewart. In attendance was Lily Stewart, Duane Klindworth, John Peterson, Gary Meyer, Paige Gunderson, Kyle Govin, Scott Thompson, & Marie Pagenkopf.

The treasurers report was \$9475.76 in account with \$3.22 interest.

Lily approved the secretary's report and all accepted.

The lamb and kid sale discussion began with the possibility that maybe we are trying to cover too many areas of interest doing both show and breeding stock. Kyle talked about lowering the floor for the lambs from the current \$200 and possibly limit the number of animals sold. We also want to encourage people to bring good quality animals to keep growing the sale. Another possibility that was brought up is to do phone bids. Most sellers are using this sale for advertising their farm and what they have available so we want to get as many bidders and interested people as possible. A decision was made to have a committee for the sale. Have Corrine on the committee and talk to the consignors to see what they feel should be improved on. We also need to get the catalog out before the sale so people can see the animals prior to the sale. Paige volunteered to be part of promoting the sale and being part of a committee. We feel clerking was poorly done and needs to be changed and improved. John agreed to be on this committee. Paige will contact Sue Mason to get more information on previous sales and a list of consignors and buyers. Scott will consider being on a committee. Kyle Govin agreed to be on the committee to give input. Lily said she would do a group e-mail to proceed forward.

The logo contest didn't produce any ideas so it was brought up that Desiree knows someone that can do it for \$100. Also a note if anyone wants to put anything in the newsletter it needs to be in by October 15. John said he would be interested in writing and sharing informational articles in the newsletter.

The fall shearing school was cancelled but the spring one will be the 3rd week of March 2019.

Lily is working on putting the membership directory together.

The theme for the 2019 Small Ruminant Clinic is Past, Present & Future. It is our 25th Anniversary so we discussed whether we should have clothing of which Wicked Stitch Embroidery could embroider a logo on. We also talked about maybe just a small breeding/kidding / lambing book with a 25th anniversary sticker could be put on.

We are planning to have Dan Morkel as the headspeaker. He was an Iowa State university teacher and works for Premier. Discussion was made about having a producer panel. It was noted that it should include all aspects of production. We could also have a marketing panel but have that be species specific. Another option was to have a person discuss parasites and do a fecal count. We could possibly ask Justin Luther to speak. Another option would be to have speakers on grazing. Possible speakers would be Mary Anderson, Gene Scheefer and Leslie because she is goat specific. Another would be carcass ultrasounding. Fencing would be another with Stan Potress being the speaker. Other possibilities would be confinement sheep and goat operations. A couple options for speakers would be Joseph Hubbard- Shannon Creek Ranch and Barry Midtling- Goats. A couple others would be Fiber with Carol Wagner or cutting-cooking demonstrations with Cody Hiemke. We will talk to Justin Luther about his students helping with the youth program.

With 2020 Farm Technology days being in eau Claire county we talked about having a booth or donating to the food stand.

There was some discussion about the Minnesota bred ewe sale that will be happening on November 24.

The next meeting will be on November 2 with the sale committee meeting at 6 and the regular meeting at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned.