



14th District Agricultural Association

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIR

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Livestock Committee Meeting Notes

November 8, 2023, 07:00 PM – Boardroom

Committee Members: Stephanie Fontana – Board Member

CEO: Zeke Fraser

CALL TO ORDER – 7:01

Roll Call / Introductions

Additions to Agenda – none.

Public Participation – none.

**Review of Prior Meeting Minutes (November 8, 2023 – posted to the web)
Added items to proposed change list.**

Board Committee Member Reports – Stephanie Fontana

Reports:

Co- Superintendents - Kyle Middleton & Kyle Plaskett
Livestock Operations – Kathryn Hill

Items to review

1. Review Entry Guide Draft
2. Review Rule Changes

Proposed Changes

Item 5 – Question is why can't we do them both? Need manpower and may have to double up on awards. Will email Christa.

Item 9 – Wristbands for small animal exhibitors. Optional. Poultry has been giving wristbands to volunteers depending on the number of shifts they cover. Elevate the market kids to be the same as the other market kids. They would be expected to participate in the auction. Suggestion to move the meat pens out of poultry into livestock. YQCA is 9 to 19.

Item 10 – Camping is open; limited to 60. Change to livestock exhibitors only? Priority for large animal exhibitors. Would like to lower the prices. Would need more power boxes.

Item 11 – Vehicle camping within camping area prohibited. **Approved.**

Item 12 – Adults helping. Use state rule wording. Includes feeding, washing, cleaning stalls – includes but not limited to. Exceptions for ada – find the wording.

Item 17 – Adults helping – add to code of conduct. use same wording as above.

Item 29 – no artificial color – find better wording. Use beef language for all animals.

Item 31 – Showmanship requirement. What are the reasons they don't do it? If you don't participate in showmanship, you can't participate in the market. Dairy classes will forfeit premiums.

Item 36 – Auction – need to survey the buyers. Order doesn't go in the book. Stephanie needs to look for tables.

Item 39 – Leaders/advisors on site. Add to code of conduct

Item 42 – Feeding times – need to discuss with Bricker. Also need to talk to Tracy about the clean stall times. Between 6 and 8 am. And 5 and 7 pm in the evening. What happens if they feed outside the feeding window? Red Tag?? Anything outside of the window must be approved by the department head. Clean stall – judging needs to be done by 9.



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Reg Tag – course of action, time. On the form. Need to create a hang tag form.

Extended Area – If you don't take the spot, you can't participate in the lottery next year. Lottery forms/rule change for next meeting. Allow beef kids to enter for other animal?

S10 – Beef. Bottom weight will not be changed. Top weight changed to 1400? What does the abattoir say? Los Banos says 1300. Some fairs say no resale.

S12 – Daily announcements/meetings for exhibitors. When would we do it? Could it be over the sound system? Post the notes on website/board. Clean stall info. Push text messages?

S13 – Poultry entry deadline – yes – we will use the same date as the rest of livestock 8-22-24.

S14 – Turkeys tabled until next year. Meat pen exhibitors: showmanship not mandatory this year – strongly encouraged (would require a non-meat bird), but we will be doing it next year. Can we notify the past exhibitors that we will be changing? Meat pens – 12 entries, auctioning 3 pens? Don't change the chick ordering process this year, but will introduce getting their own chicks for 2025.

S15 – Wristbands for non-large animal exhibitors.

S16 – Underweight/overweight animals at the scale. Should they go home immediately? Can they be used for showmanship?

Auction report: Only \$1800 left to collect from 2 auction buyers. Missing 3 kids thank you letters.

CEO Report – Not present.

ADJOURNMENT - 9:02 pm.

Next meeting: January 10, 2024. 7 pm. Boardroom.