

2014-2015 Fair Show and Auction Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2015
IRC 4H Extension Office

- I. Meeting Called to Order @7:03. Those in attendance were; Beth Stabe, Tammy Comes, Jacque Stevens, Tiffany Tripson, Christine Kelly-Begazo, Violet Krochmalny, Kim English, James Ooley, James Elmore, Jesse Baierl, Steve Rogers, Amy Leonard, Suzy Wilson, Steven Klein, Cindy Wolff, Jeanne Klein.
- II. **Meeting Minutes** from the November 18th meeting. They need to reflect that Item I should state that Suzy Wilson and Tammy Comes were present. Item IV B needs to read \$100.00.
- III. **Treasurer's Report** - A Master Gardener volunteer, Laile Fairbairn, has now taken over the responsibilities of the Treasurer's Report due to the fact that she will be imputing all accounting information into QuickBooks and will be making the deposits and writing checks. One was not presented due to Ms. Fairbairn being on a holiday vacation.
- IV. **Committee Updates** – A committee report was typed and handed out. The following are in addition to the written report.
 - A. **Awards and Sponsorships** – *See written report.* Kelly needs ½ of the money down to order the buckles as well as the trophies and ribbons. Christine advised to go ahead and order even if the money hasn't been collected as of yet. All awards need to be equal across the board. All Grand and Reserve should receive a trophy and a belt buckle. A comprehensive list of the list of the awards needs to be emailed to the FSAAC. **Sponsorships** – Jeanne has handed paperwork into Violet in November for Vatland. It hasn't been turned into Livestock yet. Several people that have sponsored in the past have not received recognition or been asked to sponsor. This needs to be done much earlier in the year so that no one is missed or falls through the cracks. Each club needs to seek 2 generic award sponsors (\$75, \$150).
 - B. **Barn** – James Elmore presented a rough drawing of the barn layout for fair. He needs to get with David about hanging a cable on either side of the barn for sign sponsors. Suzy inquired if there are enough supplies in the shed to get the necessary things completed. James is still working on an inventory of what is in the shed. There will be a closed off area for steer/breedstock.
 - C. **Buyer's Dinner** – There is a meeting this Thursday with their committee.
 1. 4-H kids/parents will NOT be eating at the Buyers dinner, their clubs or families will need to feed them BEFORE the Buyers dinner.
 2. Each club will be required as before to donate 2 table centerpieces that represent their club and 4H for the dinner
 3. The committee has requested a Donation letter from our 4H ext. office for committee members to use when asking for donations. Should have it by the end of this coming week or before and will send it out via email to all members as soon as I get it.
 4. Tiffany is very much in favor of going back to the old way of making "Buyers" come through the old gate up by the north end of the expo hall. We do not have room in our 4H parking lot for buyers to park they do not need to be coming in our gate.
 5. Would like to ask Steve Graul if we could have an area of "special" parking for buyers or older buyers out in front of reg. parking in front of fair.
 6. We need to figure out the "shifts" for during the dinner and how to keep track of those who will need to be working before, during and after the dinner!
 7. Committee is in favor of the kids putting their name on their buyers' passes, and would love to see some small prizes giving out to the lucky kid(S) whose name is picked.
 8. We need to get a table count so we know how many table cloths to secure. Those round tables are rented; Suzi Wilson should be able to tell us where to get them and how many we have rented in the past since she would have had to secure payment for them. (NOTE: Extension has the round white table cloths that were purchased for this event.) Jacque and Tiffany are looking into either dyeing the linen tablecloths or doing an overlay to cover up the stains.

The following is a list of the clubs and their required donation towards the dinner; donations should be based on 500 people:

1. Happy Thumpers - Coleslaw
2. Rebel Hogs - Baked beans

3. Southern Premium - Rolls
4. Southern Wranglers - Tea (35 gallons of sweet and 10 gallons of unsweet)
5. IR Primetime Swine - Water (30 gallons)
6. Farm Life - Desserts
7. Everglades always donates the meat and cooks the day of
8. Farming Around - Napkins, forks, plates, cups, knives
9. Ice - (I contacted Fellsmere Farms and they will be donating the ice and Elizabeth Evans has agreed to pick the ice up, we just need to collect about 5 or 6 big white coolers)
10. Shooting Sports - Salt and Pepper (if they are not going to be in the fork/knife packages?)

Steven Klein inquired about the kids just inviting buyers for the benefit of the raffle and increasing the number of people that we feed. Leaders need to inquire who the Buyer Passes are being given to so they can make sure that it is just for potential buyers. The Buyer Passes are currently for the Large animal (swine & steer) auction. Tammy would like to see passes given to the Grand and Reserve Citrus Tree. If there are issues with 4H kids not helping and being disrespectful, get ahold of Christine or Lindsay. Get a picture of the child with your cell phone. They can be assessed for poor conduct. To get a number of how many people were served at the dinner, each person will be given a ticket that will be collected at the food line. There were 147 registered buyers and only 36 actually bought at the auction last year.

- D. **Publicity** – See written report. Jeanne and Cindy will contact Michelle Flood and the Photography Club about taking pictures during the week of fair. A backup plan is to contact the photography teacher at Charter High School. Fair Exhibitor sheets and Exhibitor Pass sheets need to be turned into the 4H office by January 30th. Jeanne would like more info on seniors and a picture to highlight them in the exhibitor book.
- E. **Sale & Harvest** – See written report from Doug Relick.
 1. Suzy brought up for discussion some issues with add-ons. After the auction last year the add-ons consumed 30-40% of her time. Anything under \$25.00 needs to be cash or check. Anything above that can be charged. All payments need to be attached to the proper paperwork. All add-ons need to be paid within 60 days following fair. Any and all add-ons after that will not be added to the specified exhibitor, but instead will be added to the general account to help offset assessments.
 2. She also made the suggestion that it needs to be mentioned in the buyer letters about the \$50.00 per animal assessment for processing. The general buyer brochure needs the wording changed from “hauling” to “processing”. The cartel paperwork needs to be edited and proofed.
 3. The buyer packets are getting ready to be made. Remax provides the paddles and the buyer passes.
 4. Suzy Wilson informed us that we also need sign sponsors. The signs are \$250.00 for a new sign or \$150.00 to renew. The first 14 are placed in the arena and the others will be hung around the barn.
 5. Suzy Wilson is inputting the data into the computer for all of the exhibitors. It will need to be sent to the leaders to be proofed for stall signs.
- F. **Special Events**
 1. Senior of Excellence –
 - a. Beth Stabe will be collecting all the paperwork (essay, letter from leader & entry form) for the Senior Excellence Award at Mandatory Barn Set-up.
 - b. The Board is due on the first day of Fair.
 - c. She would like to find a sponsor for the Senior Excellence Award
 - d. If the rules aren't followed they will be disqualified
 2. Barn King & Queen
 - a. Beth gets all the prizes donated
 - b. The contest brought in around \$800-900 last year.

- G. **Finance** – change the word “Finance” to “Auction” as the committee name since Laile is handling the finances.
- H. **Firefighter Fair Board Liaisons** – The Board will be meeting on January 27th
- I. **Rules** – Someone from the Rules Committee will be present every night at fair. That person will have a rule book on them and must refer to it for any issues that arise.
- J. **Species Coordinators** –
 - 1. Poultry – it was brought up that some the exhibitors do not have 3 of the same type of chicken for fair. There are 2 different breeds of chickens for fair, Ameraucana and Buff Orpington. Each exhibitor needs 3 of the same species in order to be judged.
 - 2. Horticulture
 - a. Species Coordinator has received little rings that will need to go on all of the citrus trees for identification purposes.
 - b. Each exhibitor needs to place the ring on their tree and take a picture of them with their tree and ring and send that picture to Tammy Comes at IRCitrusclub@hotmail.com
 - 3. Goats – 12 goats for fair, need 12 pens.
 - 4. Swine –
 - a. If you have a leak at fair, find James Ooley or his assistant to fix. Do not shut off the water.
 - b. Would like 84 new lickers. He is going to talk to Audrey’s or Fellsmere Feed about getting a cost cut.
 - c. A \$5.00 rental fee was suggested but not everyone was in favor of a rental fee.
 - d. Suzy talked with the Kissimmee Fair about borrowing pens and is waiting on an email back.
 - e. Dunn’s Tractor will supply shavings for the arena again this year.
 - 5. Steer – 16 steer, 20 breedstock
- K. **New Business** –
 - 1. Suzy would like different color folders for the Silent Auction items (citrus & chickens) so they do not get mixed up when they are collected and taken to her for inputting into ShoWorks.
 - 2. Barn Closing paperwork was handed over to James Elmore for him to organize and coordinate.
 - 3. Countywide 4H fundraiser suggestions
 - a. Gather cans at fair for recycling – need to talk to David about gathering just under the barn
 - b. Kiss the Pig – whoever gets the most money has to kiss the pig
 - c. Cream pie in the face for \$1.00
 - 4. Herdsman Award – James Elmore would like to see leaders, species coordinators, and barn chairs have input in the winner since they are the ones that really see which kids are working towards the award. Vote by ballot was suggested. There also needs to be something that each kid wears to designate they are going for the Herdsman Award so that everyone voting can know each candidate.
 - 5. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. January 27th @ 7:00
 - b. February 10th @ 7:00
 - c. February 24th - Leaders Meeting at 6:00, FSAAC meeting @ 7:00
 - d. March 3rd @ 7:00
 - e. March 10th @ 7:00
- L. Meeting adjourned at 10:00