

Morgan County 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting
May 20, 2019, 4-H Auditorium, Martinsville, IN

Attendees: Patty Dow, Kim Brock, Diana Hart, Sherryl Gaines, Debbie Cole, Danny & Cynthia Rogers, Jean Ann Knoy, Rena Sheldon, Vickie Graves, John Sighting

Rena began the meeting by asking all superintendents to review the needs list, livestock arrival, weigh-in, and show date schedules for the 2019 Morgan County fair.

Jean Ann said there will be a beef fitting clinic June 30, 1:00-4:00 p.m. with two Danville past 4-Hers demonstrating fitting techniques that may be used at other fairs. The beef club has had one meeting. The barn gate project is going well. A & R company was chosen for the inside gates with company out of Kentucky being chosen to provide the tie out gates. She thanked Darrell Findley, Jed Adams, Rich & Karen Myers for getting sponsors. The sponsors will be sent thank you notes, have a banner with their names displayed in the barn, and possibly names of donors on gates. They will continue to raise funds toward installing a floor in the beef barn. The fair board donated \$3000.

Debbie stated the Dog Fun Match last Saturday had 40 participants with some 4-Hers from Putnam, Hendricks, and another county besides Morgan.

Vickie said the on-line entry for rabbits is up and running.

Sherryl told about two 4-Hers presenting rules for showing eggs and meat pen rules at their poultry meeting two weeks ago. A lady from the Farmer's Market demonstrated incubating eggs. Eight to ten 4-Hers were in attendance. Blood testing chickens for exhibition has been cancelled until August 31. Elanco no longer manufactures the test and the company which has taken over hasn't been able to keep up with demand. The disease tested has not been present in Indiana for years.

Kim said the llama club is meeting every Monday. They have had two training shows, and another is scheduled in June.

Diana had nothing current to report for Small Animals.

Patty stated the goat club has decided their T-shirt design. The club donated toward the beef gates. 141 goats were entered at the ID clinic but that doesn't include all the registered animals.

Sherryl asked if the kids had to make the design for the T-shirt because an adult had done the one for poultry. Rena responded the design is wide-open; anyone can help. Jean Ann said she has a sponsor for the beef kids' shirts, but they will sell shirts to the adults. The money will go toward the beef barn projects. They need new water tanks and wheelbarrows.

Rena handed out reminder cards for the Fair Board sponsored active shooter training June 11, 6:00 p.m. and asked that all leaders attend. The Morgan County Sheriff's department will run the session.

Diana moved and Debbie seconded the motion to approve the minutes as mailed. The motion passed.

Rena shared a Practiced Learning Place workshop June 10 & 11 at Ben Davis High School for 6-8th graders. A \$35000 grant was received to give children an opportunity to observe medical, public safety, horticulture, construction & transportation careers. If enough children are interested free bus transportation will be provided from Monrovia to Ben Davis.

Rena announced that Tami Hicks had applied for the America Grows Communities grant from Monsanto and Rena had been informed that Tami won. The \$2500 is to be donated to the 4-H Goat Club. They plan to use the money for goat pens. Rena said it might be a couple months before the money is sent.

Rena spoke about H1N1 swine flu virus studies. John stated that at the World Pork Expo there will be no swine from out of country.

June 19 is the fund raiser for the 4-H Council at Applebee's in Camby. Eat supper there that night and show the flyer to give credit to Morgan County 4-H.

Several of the 4-H members helped with the sheep weigh-in. There were too many little children running in and around the trucks and trailers.

Livestock Auction software has arrived and PDS was contacted.

Diana reported \$1472 collected so far for trophies. She distributed lists to the superintendents stating that she needs them back by June 5 because she must send the order to Awards June 10. Delivery for Horse & Pony and other earlier events is June 24 with the remainder arriving July 17.

The beef gates must be ordered by June 1 in order to be delivered and installed in July.

On-line fair entry will open June 1. State Fair entry will close June 1. After that date the entry fee is greatly increased.

YQCA classes are May 22, 30 and June 27 in Martinsville and May 23 in Monrovia. The adult on-line training for show ethics is for those wanting to fit animals at the State Fair. The training can be of benefit to all adults as an eye opener in show ethics and what 4-H's intent is.

Devon Fisher is interested in helping with grooming clinics. He is a past 4-Her who worked with past superintendents.

There was a discussion about the beef barn floor and techniques used by other people.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary,
Patty Dow