

Morgan County 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting
September 16, 2019, 4-H Building Auditorium, Martinsville, IN

Attendees: Diana Hart, Melissa Lowder, Jason Maxwell, Vickie Graves, Danny & Cynthia Rogers, Jean Ann Knoy, Sherryl Gaines, John Sighting, Patty Dow, Bri Towell, Debbie Cole, Rena Sheldon, Wyatt Buster, Jeff Buster, Terri Riesenmey

Superintendent intention forms for 2019 were filled out by those in attendance and returned to Rena.

Patty brought the meeting to order. Jean Ann moved to accept the July minutes. Diana seconded the motion that passed.

Small Animal and Cat had nothing to report under species' reports. All superintendents reported their county fair shows went well. Poultry had 28 exhibitors with 108 exhibits. There were 30 rabbits. At the beef fair meeting the 4-Hers voted to return to a fit show, with several coming to Jean Ann on Tuesday and Wednesday to talk about fitting versus non fitting. Home Bank had donated money for the floor in the beef barn, which is supposed to be finished prior to campers and boats being stored in the barn this fall. 33 exhibitors showed dogs with several having multiple dogs. 34 4-Hers showed llamas and llamas were on exhibit at the fair Monday through Wednesday. Sheep had only one sifter as the second person had a stroke just prior to the fair.

Horse and Pony superintendent interviews will take place September 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the extension office. There are four candidates: Janelle Lasley, Danielle Philpott, Dana Dill, and Rob Robinson. The committee was informed of the need for an audit of the H&P checking account and funds spent. There are ribbons, door prizes, and candy left from the open show that got cancelled which can be used in the future.

Patty reported on the auction. 13 buyers are holding up 50 kids from being paid, but payouts seem to be on track with last year.

Battle of the Barns went well. There may need to be a spare pool at the battle because a flat pool was part of the reason for the Maxwell injury. He will get his cast off in two weeks and will have physical therapy.

John reported that Scott County awards no over-all Grand Champion gilt. Breeding stock has a Grand Champion and all breeds are mixed together for the show.

Jason outlined the problems our fair date causes including empty barns halfway through the fair and the kids having to go to school. After much discussion, he asked that a committee be formed to investigate options and to meet with the fair board.

Rule change forms were submitted. Rena will work with Debbie on reducing the number of pages required for dog rules for 2020.

Rena reported she was happy with YQCA this year. A couple of kids are still in the process of finalizing their training. There was a livestock skill-a-thon last week including a Milk Quality & Products contest. Soil judging will be at Lebanon October 2. The Crops, Forestry, & Entomology competition will be in Morgan County December 5. In two years, Morgan County will host the area livestock judging. 200 kids are expected to attend. The Morgan County Extension website had 180 hits. She will be hatching chicks at the library and they will be on display during Farmers' Day. The Ambassadors will ride on a float for the Fall Foliage Parade. Rena will be handing out pencils at the customer appreciation night on the square for the Fall Foliage. She asked for volunteers to help.

Diana moved to adjourn the meeting.

Secretary,
Patty Dow