

Uinta County Jr. Livestock Sale Committee Minutes

February 21, 2024

Mountain View Library, Mountain View, Wyoming

Call to Order:

7:03 pm by Jason Palmer, President

In Attendance:

Jason Palmer, Denise Lester, Debbie Fitch, Angela Sweep, Rhett Groll, Steve Wilson (via phone), Brandon Day, Pete Lym, Elyse Lopez, Tamara Boglino

Agenda:

Jason recommended switching Old Business with New Business in order of discussion. Angela motioned, Debbie seconded, motion carried.

Minutes:

Angela motioned to approve the minutes. Rhett seconded and the motion carried.. Minutes will be filed as presented

Financials:

Bank statement, filed as presented. No expenses.

Public Input / Correspondence:

None

New Business:

Assignment Reports:

Steve Wilson - He spoke with attorney Dave Clark. Main topics of concern are General Liability and Errors & Omissions. LSC doesn't have much Tort Liability. A 501(c)3 has various designations, and a "D" designation does not allow for 100% write off, but a "C" designation does. Best practice would be to have a CPA or attorney draw up the verbage of the 501(c)3 so as to be very cognizant of the verbage that would allow for a "C" designation.

Angela Sweep - She spoke with Tommy Thoman of Sweetwater County and he stated that they function under the 4H 501(c)3 and utilize the 4H's tax ID number for buyers of livestock at their sale. This allows buyers to write off the difference. Much discussion was had over the various aspects if this were to be an option for the LSC.

Rhett Groll - Said that it takes diligence and possibly a significant amount of time to be approved for a 501(c)3.

Several members shared information that they had gleaned from speaking with other counties.

Angela made the recommendation of speaking with Uinta County 4H to see if an agreement could be made that would allow the LSC to use their tax status for sale buyers.

Brandon inquired if this would be permissible and still be tied to the county via under the Fair Board.

The issue of insurance coverage was addressed again. The greatest issue of concern is the protection due to the financials. Rhett reported that he spoke with County Attorney, Loretta, and indicated that Fairground insurance covers most issues in regard to Fairground usage and livestock show/sale participation.

Angela shared that per her conversation with Tommy Thoman, he indicated that Board members/volunteers are covered under Wyoming State Statute 17-19-830 that says as a volunteer, they're not liable.

Jason said that he spoke with Box Elder county, Utah and that they used to run through the USU extension until the money become so great that they made the Sale go under the fair. The fair made them sign waivers and do a background check. That worked for a couple of years until a committee member couldn't pass a background, so then they went completely independent.

Rhett brought up that Loretta suggested getting Buyers to sign a waiver for State Fair animals, so as to cover liability, since legally the exhibitor no longer owns the animal. Jason read from the Fort Washakie Jr. Livestock Sale Rules and Agreement, list item 11, that discusses loss liability.

Old Business:

Jason reviewed the options for moving forward on the legal structure of the sale committee. The options are to come under the Fair Board and County or separate and establish as a 501(c)3. The details of how the process would go to come under the Fair Board was discussed. The understanding is that Livestock Sale Committee candidates would fill out an application to be submitted to the Fair Board for approval. Jason asked how future/potential members would be brought on board. Brandon recommended setting a sitting member number, likely through by-laws, for set term limits that would rotate, similar to the board. Vacancies would need to be advertised.

The historical structure of the committee was talked about. The need for by-laws was agreed on. The need to be more structured and formal due to the financial growth was expressed by several committee members. Jason referred to Albany County by-laws again, stating its wording could be a good fit for this committee. Steve referred back to the Sublette County sale structure of having various community representatives on the committee. Concerns were expressed that it might be difficult to get these entities to commit.

Pete encouraged the committee to reach out to Sam regarding 4H topics.

Angela motioned to restructure under the Uinta County Fair Board and/or County Commissioners with separate, yet approved, Livestock Sale Committee by-laws as a subcommittee of the Fair Board. Debbie seconded. Motion carried.

Extra insurance was talked about. Rhett said he has information on insurance for \$190/year that covers general liability.

The committee decided to move forward with the election of officers, and address the restructuring details in the coming weeks/months.

Election of Officers:

Denise nominated Jason as President. Angela seconded. Motion carried.

Rhett nominated Angela as Vice President. Denise seconded. Motion carried.

Denise nominated Debbie as Treasurer. Rhett seconded. Motion carried.

Turkey weights. Pete shared that 21 lbs is the cut off weight for areas he's spoken to. Elyse shared that industry standard is gone off by age. She wrote down the ages and Tamara copied this and passed it out to committee members.

Tamara shared the wording that the County would like included in the Resale Buyer rules. This will be formally addressed and finalized at the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

The next LSC meeting will be held TBD.