

**Imperial County 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting
October 21st, 2010
Farm Bureau Building
1000 Broadway, El Centro, California**

The Imperial County 4-H Livestock Leaders Meeting was called to order by Carol George, President, at 7:00pm on October 21st, 2010 in El Centro, California.

The Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge were led by Carol George.

Roll Call

Carol performed the Roll Call. There were 11 clubs present: Calipatria, Family, Magnolia, McCabe, Mount Signal, Seeley, Southwest Valley, Star Route, Tri-City, United Valley, and Verde.

Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

Reading of the Minutes

No minutes were read.

Enrollment

There was a discussion regarding how the enrollment process was going for everyone. Leaders who were unable to log on to their Club Manager's account needed to enroll themselves, and then let Jennifer Garcia know so that their accounts can be activated. While enrollment system seems to run slow for many, and has a few apparent glitches, the process seems to be going fine.

OLD BUSINESS

DNA Testing

Carol announced that the Beef DNA testing kits are ready, and that the deadline to turn them in to the Fair Office is November 4th by 5pm. She said that other kits wouldn't be ready until November 15th.

Ethics Trainings

Carol reported that the Fair would be hosting its own Ethics Trainings this year, and that all showman (4-H and FFA) would be required to attend. She announced that the trainings would be taking place on December 4th, December 8th and January 8th.

Ownership Dates

Carol stated that the ownership deadline for owning and turning in information to the fair for animals would be November 4th for Beef and Horse. For all other species, the deadline is January 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS

Foundation Report

Carol and others discussed news from the last foundation report. The Fair recently tried to use Foundation funds to pave an area of the Fairgrounds, but both FFA and 4-H denied access to the funds. Also, the Fair Board is looking into decreasing the percentage that the Foundation receives from Sale Checks, while eventually raising the total percentage taken out. Currently, the foundation is looking into ways to improve the drainage situation for several areas of the fairgrounds, and will probably go with some underground plumbing to address the problem. About \$25,000 was spent to purchase new computers and fiber optic connections for the scale system so that weigh-ins can run quicker.

Member Training Survey

All the leaders present shared the different things they do in order to train their members and prepare them for the Fair.

Carcass Class Update

Carol reported on the details of this year's Carcass Class. It will consist of three areas, one of which is a presentation section. After a discussion, it was decided to open up the presentation section for participation by Feeder Calf members. The first weigh-in would be November 7th, the place to be announced when the scale availability situation is figured out.

Species Coordinators

Carol collected updated information for all of the Coordinators.

Small Animal Clinic

Terrie Sullivan announced that the Small Animal Clinic would be Saturday, October 30th at 9am. There will be Cavies, Rabbits, and Chickens available. Pygmy Goats will be at the event only if there is some indication that there are interested buyers. There will also be KW Cages and various used supplies and equipment available for purchase.

Announcements & Adjourn

Carol George, President, announced the Dates To Remember for the months of November through February, and adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.