

MARIAS FAIR AG COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, January 30, 2017

The Marias Fair Ag Committee met on Monday, January 30, 2017 at Marias River Electric Board Room in Shelby, MT. The meeting was called to order by Carrie Lerum. In attendance were: Randi Samsal, Carrie Lerum, Kathlene Shumway, Carol Fulbright, Ula Omdahl, Kim Suta (Toole County Agent), Kari Lewis (Glacier County Agent), and Holly DeWitt (Glacier County Administrative Assistant).

The minutes from the November meeting were read and approved by acclamation.

There was no treasurer's report.

There was no correspondence.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officer Elections took place. President is Kathleen Barbie, Vice President is Carol Fulbright, Secretary is Ula Omdahl, and Treasurer is Carrie Lerum.

Randi moved and Carol seconded that dog showmanship awards be consistent with other small animal awards, changing from first and second rosettes per age group to first, second, and third place rosettes per age group.

Carrie Lerum and Kathlene Shumway will be co rabbit/poultry barn superintendents.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion about changing the extension office base for the Ag Committee from the Glacier Extension office to the Toole County Extension office. Kim Suta will be eased into the advisory role and Kari Lewis will assist as backup. Additionally, Kathy Bennett will take over the administrative aide role.

By-law updates are as follows: 1. the county in charge will change from Glacier County to Toole County. 2. Remove "2" voting members from each county and change the wording to "each county will have 2 designated voting members or their representatives."

There was concern about vaccine records for dog. Options considered were putting the date in when registering for exhibits and having vaccination certificate prior to fair. Consideration for proof of vaccination for cat projects.

Project Enrollment is as follows: Total -- Cat 7, Rabbit, 21, Poultry 18, Dog 10

By County-- Liberty-- Cat 1, Rabbit 5, Poultry 1, Dog 0

Pondera--Cat 0, Rabbit 9, Poultry 4, Dog 4

Toole-- Cat 3, Rabbit 2, Poultry 6, Dog 1

Glacier-- Cat 3, Rabbit 5, Poultry 7, Dog 5

The increased numbers may be due to project day and the shows being during fair instead of prior to the actual fair.

Fair judges were discussed and the group decided that judges need to be better organized so kids have a better idea what is going on. Mandy was a good judge. Dog judge will be Dave Wedum. Other judges will be determined by Kim and Kari.

Carol volunteered to put together a standard operating procedure for small animal judges to the kids and judges will have the same expectations for showmanship.

A discussion about pocket pets and having showmanship for this project. Ula moved to have a pocket pet showmanship exhibition after the cat show at 10:30 Thursday during fair with ice cream as the incentive for participation. Kathleen S. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Workshops were discussed for the kids to better understand showmanship.

Randi volunteered to organize a workshop for Poultry

Dane Barbie (or another member of the Barbie family) will organize a workshop for Cat

Kathlene S. will organize a workshop for Rabbit

Melissa Habits will be asked to do a workshop for Dog if she is not doing her own clinics.

Loot prizes that are on hand were shared with the group.

The next meeting will be April 24 at 6:30 pm at Marias River Electric.

Carrie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ula Omdahl