

**Lafayette Parish 4H/FFA
Livestock Advisory
Task Force Committee
Minutes
12/04/06**

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Kirk Martin. Introductions of members in attendance were as follows: Tammy Richard, Keith Johnson, Kirk Martin, Leah Guidry, Joel Guidry, Judy Green, Ron Dickerson, Lexi Dickerson, Mark Simon, Sean Daspit, Dale Clark, Tracey Deville, Mitch Deville, Coy Guidry, Jacob Sonnier, Brent Cormier, Jesse Sonnier, Cole Guidry, Jeanne Deville, Harold Green, Bryant Bourque, Lani Dickerson, Hannah Richard, Mike Broussard, Ashley Johnson, and Laura Granger. The agents and/or ag teachers present were Angie Arnould, Charles Hebert, Stan Dutile and Dwayne Martin.

The purpose of meeting was to update members and recruit volunteers for the Livestock Show and Sale. The secretary's minutes from the previous meeting by Tammy Richard. A motion was made by Joel Guidry to accept the minutes as revised and Harold Green seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The financial report was given by Leah Guidry. She explained the division of the Livestock Fund checking account being separated into three accounts those being Livestock, Horse and Special account for exhibitors' sale money. Charles reviewed the balance on the CD. The plan is to renew the CD at a higher interest rate for a longer period of time by December 8th. Charles Hebert will contact the bank to determine what action needs to taken for this to happen.

Kirk Martin made a motion to eliminate the buyer gifts from the budget and the funds be spent on exhibitor awards. The motion was seconded by Joel Guidry and the motion carried. Angie Arnould stated that she received two bids on sale photographers. One was from Joe Besse and the other was from Beverley Vincent. The board voted to hire Beverley Vincent. Stan suggested that someone help her on the day of sale to keep the sale moving along.

As for old business, the majority of the entries are received. The 2006 Premier Exhibitor winners were recognized and awards were given to them.

The new business of the 2007 Show and Sale order is as follows: Steers, Lambs, Goats, Hogs and Broilers. Revisions to the show schedule were discussed. The Ron Dickerson family will be the parish animal donator for 2007. The hog was cared for and will be shown by Lexi Dickerson. The judge for the show will be announced at a later date. The agents advertised for a new show team shirt design in the newsletter. The deadline date for the design to be turned in is January 5th if the design is to change.

Invitations went out at the beginning of December to the media and the buyers from the last five years sale. Exhibitors are encouraged to send their buyers Christmas cards. The awards committee previously voted to get new awards for this years show. Tracey Deville presented a picture of the new award that was selected to replace the mugs. Any outside group wishing to give a special award needs to contact the 4-H office in writing 30 days prior to the show.

As for the sale, Charlotte and Cecile will continue to chair the pre-sale and post sale transactions.

The Buyer's Social will remain the same as last year. Specie reps need to contact their exhibitors for volunteers for work days, deserts and raffle tickets. A packet with a list of members will be sent out to all specie representatives prior to the holidays.

Publicity will be handled by Brent Cormier again this year. Flyers need to be passed out as soon as possible. Stan will arrange meetings with the City/Parish President and with the School Board. Brent will speak to George at Slemco about sponsorship for radio advertisement.

Operations are being handled by Kirk Martin and Harold Green. January 13th and 15th have been designated as work days to set up the barn. Stan already has pens set up to the arena. He needs to know the changes to be made to the pen area before continuing.

The Barnyard Bash will be chaired by Ron Dickerson again this year. The date it will be held is May 4th, 2007 at the Blackham Coliseum. Boiled crawfish will be served.

Premier Exhibitor applications need to be turned in by December 15th. Charles briefly discussed Showing Character meetings for parish exhibitors. The dates for these meetings are January 4, February 6 and March 5, 2007. The Livestock Project Meetings that must be attended in order to show are scheduled for December 12th and January 8th. The first meeting will be video taped. If the exhibitor and a parent cannot make either of the meetings, they may call and schedule an appointment to view the video before show day.

The Farm Tour for 2007 will be over the Thanksgiving holidays again. Angie is trying to schedule Angola.

The Area Livestock Clinics will be held at the Sugarena in New Iberia. This will be held in conjunction with the Cajun Classic.

The Barnyard Scoop newsletter is mailed out monthly to all exhibitors and livestock leaders. They will be published in the lsuagcenter.com website beginning this month.

Home visits for 1st year exhibitors will be scheduled by the agents and specie representatives. The 2007 Show Catalogs are available on line at the www.lsuagcenter.com.

The next advisory meeting is scheduled for January 20th at the podium. Following the meeting at the show, the next meeting after show will be February . 26th.

Stan discussed the District and State Show plans.

Mitch recommended a 3rd prize for Premier Exhibitor. Stan mentioned that the camper parking is being finalized. Since this is the 30th Annual District Show, Stan is going to recognize the Lafayette Parish and St. Martin Sheriff's Departments for their continued help and dedication with the Show.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Tammy Richard