

Lafayette Parish 4H/FFA
Livestock Advisory
Task Force Committee
Minutes
10/09/06

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:16 by Kirk Martin.
 - II. Introductions of members in attendants were as follows: Tammy Richard, Keith Johnson, Kirk Martin, Leah Guidry, Hannah Richard, Joel Guidry, Bryant Bourque, Brent Cormier, Judy Green, Wayne Latiolais, Angel Latiolais, Amber Latiolais, Harold Green, Kalli Green, Sean Daspit, Dwayne Martin, Dale Clark, Mark Simon, and Ashley Johnson. The agents that were present were Charles Hebert and Angie Arnould.
 - III. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Dwayne motioned to accept and Keith 2nd the motion.
 - IV. Charles gave a summary of the treasurer's report. All sales checks except 1 have cleared the bank. Billing and checks went much better this year. Leah and Charles are getting together to work on the financial statement for the start of this fiscal year which began Sept. 1, 2006.
 - V. Reviewed the committee structure and specie representatives were announced. The board members then elected officers. They are as follows:
 - Chairman – Kirk Martin
 - Vice-Chair – Keith Johnson
 - Secretary – Tammy Richard
 - Treasurer – Leah Guidry
 - Reporter – Brent Cormier
- Letters for specie reps will go out in early December. It will include a list of exhibitor's for the specie representatives to contact to begin making home visits to first year members, solicit assistance for the upcoming shows and work days. This is a great way for new families to get involved. The website will now have a list of reps with preferred method of contact.
- VI. Charles discussed the updates to the AgCenter and the Parish Program. The AgCenter came out of the legislative session much better than anticipated. The AgCenter is in the process of updating the local parish websites to include the parishes advisory committee members names and contact information on the site for members to

contact them directly for information. Charles stated that the contact information for youth members would not be listed on the website. We will need each specie representative preferred method of contact to list on the site.

- VII. Reviewed the recommendations that passed for the 2006/2007 Show season and the schedule.

Ashley Johnson gave a report from the Youth Education Committee.

Brent suggested we have flyers by December 1 for the parish sale. All other publicity plans will stay the same as last year.

- VIII Angola was already booked so the farm tour will be scheduled for another location. A possibility will be McNeese State University.

There will be MANDATORY Exhibitor/Parent Meetings scheduled for Nov. 29, 2006, Dec 12, 2006 and Jan 8, 2007. The focus of these meetings will be to cover youth development research, character development, educate youth and parents on rules that govern the livestock shows. Each exhibitor and one parent must attend one of these meetings. The exhibitor will NOT show if this meeting is not one of the meetings.

Discussed getting more youth active in the Premier Exhibitor Program. The parish PE program is open to students in grades 4-12. The district Program is for students in grades 7-12. The State program is for students in grades 9-12.

Showing Character sessions will be Jan. 4, 2007, Feb 6, 2007 and Mar 5, 2007.

An Area Livestock Clinic will be held in New Iberia on December 15, 2006 at the Sugarena. All members are urged to attend and participate. It will be held from 5:30pm – 8:30pm for all species. Cargill is sponsoring the meal. Details will be in the November Newsletter.

Reviewed schedule for the Parish Show & Sale. We plan to check in and weigh all animals Thursday night except for beef. Keith Johnson motioned and Wayne Latiolais 2nd. Swine will arrive between 3:00 and 7:00pm and weigh in will be from 6:30 – 8:00. Mike Dominique Would like to be the auctioneer for both Lafayette and Vermilion Parish Sales. Lafayette Parish will keep the luncheon at 1:00pm but move the sale to 2:30pm. Keith motioned and Joel 2nd.

Parish Animal will be raised by Lexi Dickerson this year.

The Raffle needs a 1st prize donated. 2nd prize will be a goat donated by Leah Guidry and family. 3rd Prize will be \$100.00 gift certificate to Ranch Outlet donated by Wayne Latiolais and family. 4th Prize will be a \$50.00 gift certificate TBA donated By Dale Clark and family. 5th prize will be a \$25.00 Gift certificate to UL Bookstore donated by Robert Richard and family.

We will be taking bids for our parish photographer. Joel has a lady from Vermilion Parish that is interested in the position.

Would like to find a way to accept credit cards at this year's sale. The buyers social will remain the same as last year. Exhibitors are encouraged to send Christmas Cards to their buyers. The Rodeo will be held Jan 11 – 14, 2007.

Set up dates have been set for Jan. 13 and 15, Dwayne contacted Stan by phone. Stan said that most of it will be set up by Dec. 15, 2006. Joel has an idea to revise the pig chutes. We will not set up the chutes this year. We will instead have two more holding pens with gates. The exhibitor and pig will enter into the show ring by gate. A separate aisle will be installed with the exit gate at the announcer's table to allow the pigs to exit the ring. Weigh in will be set up in the back of the barn with possibly one set of chutes being set up in the back to get the pigs onto the scale. Keith Johnson motioned and Wayne Latiolais 2nd.

- IX. State Fair passes will be in the Barnyard Scoop coming out this week. Excuses will be sent out next week.
- X. The next meeting will be Gumbo meeting on Dec. 4. Joel is giving up the parish scale. Agents will try to find a home for it before the next newsletter.
- XI. Meeting was motioned to adjourn at 7:58pm by Kirk Martin and 2nd by Harold Green.

Respectfully Submitted: Tammy Richard