**MEDINA COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 17, 2023 MVISD TRANSPORTATION CENTER**

**Members present:** J Balencia, M Bermea, C Brown, P Clarke, A Cranfill, E Davis, M Echtle, J Flores, C Fritz, B Halbardier, E Hernandez, M Hightower, T Johnson, R Kohlleppel, S Kunkel, C Luedke, J Morales, S Miller, A Segura, K Outlaw, T Parker, M Pedroza, K Persyn, B Prukop, N Reus, K Rodriguez, B Scott, S Simpton, B Steubing, T Tatsch, T Titsworth, T Tschirhart, R Welch, K Williamson, M Zinsmeyer, D Zipp QUORUM ESTABLISHED

**Members not present:** S Burns (notification), D Garza (notification), A Hackebeil (notification), R McGinnis (notification), J Mello, C Parson, Ca Saunders (notification), Ch Saunders, R Wheelus

The meeting was called to order by President Matt Pedroza at 6:04 pm. The pledges and prayer were led by M Pedroza and R Welch. The retirement of Rodger Welch was announced and his long-time contributions to MCJLS were recognized.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed; **motion (T Parker, M Zinsmeyer) to accept minutes as presented, passed.**

The financial reports were given by B Prestage as follows:

\*Operating account: $31,636.22

\*Auction account: $1,239,721.66

\*Long-term investment account: $114,987.51

\*Unpaid accounts for the 2023 MCJLS: total of $10,690.00

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. P Clarke reported that the 2 double gates and 20 posts that had been purchased were delivered and are being housed at M Echtle’s home.
2. K Rodriguez reported that the fall swine prospect show date would be moved from November. December 2 and December 9 were discussed, including other shows held on those dates. December 9, 2023 will be MCJLS swine prospect show.
3. Consideration of rule change concerning all elected board members serving on a committee. C Luedke clarified that this would not include advisory board members, such as ag teachers and county agents. M Pedroza stated that the intent of this suggestion is to maintain consistent help on all committees and share the work load among all members. **Motion (S Simpton, T Parker) to add “All board members shall volunteer or be appointed to at least one Department committee, with a maximum of four members per committee”, passed.** This statement will be added to Article IV, Section A. Could also be placed in Article IV, Section G, attendance.
4. Consideration of addition of an All Star event for special needs students. Discussion about when to hold it, who would provide the sheep and goats, volunteer MCJLS exhibitors. **Motion (C Luedke, J Balencia) to add a sheep and goat event for special needs students with animals provided by MCJLS exhibitor volunteers, to be held at a date and scope to be determined by MCJLS, passed.** T Parker and T Johnson will contact Heather Gonzales, who proposed this addition, to work out details. To be added to list of events and superintendents in Article VI, and also at the end of the by-laws with specifications for the event.
5. Consideration of allowing FCCLA members to participate in Youth Showcase. Discussion topics included FCCLA sponsors having to enter online entries through Showorks and some campuses not having an FCCLA chapter. No action was taken.
6. Consideration of changing the number of entries allowed per division to “as many market animals as the division rules permit”. Discussion about impact on facility and pen space. **Motion (D Zipp, B Scott) to allow exhibitors to show up to two projects per division of market animals, ag mech projects, and tractors, failed.**
7. Consideration of increasing the number of projects an exhibitor may show. Discussion about effect on facilities, especially with swine. **Motion (T Tatsch, T Johnson) to allow exhibitors to show 3 projects, but sell only one in premium sale. Motion to amend (S Simpton, J Balencia) to add “not to exceed 2 per division”, passed. Amended motion to allow exhibitors to show 3 projects, not to exceed 2 per division, and sell one project in the premium sale, passed.** To be added to General Rules, page 5, #8.
8. Consideration of adding “If no entry form has been submitted prior to the show, the exhibitor will not be allowed to enter the show ring”. No action was taken.
9. Consideration of disqualifying academically ineligible students, but not entire team in a multi-exhibitor project. **Motion (T Tatsch, T Tschirhart) to disqualify an academically ineligible student from a team project who would then be ineligible to receive any money from the sale of the project, but allow the project to be shown and sold by the remaining team members, passed.** To be added in the Ag Mech division under entry or eligibility.
10. Consideration of correcting verbiage under Exhibitor Substitution section. **Motion (T Parker, S Simpton) to change three to two concerning substitution reasons, passed.** To be changed in General Rules, #27, paragraph 5.
11. Consideration of correcting verbiage under Exhibitor Checks section. **Motion (T Parker, K Persyn) to delete “for both the premium sale and the commercial heifer sale” on p 8, passed.** To be deleted in General Rules, #28.
12. Consideration of eliminating early checks. Discussion about the release of funds during March board meeting and the impact of the timing of that on the issuance of early checks. **Motion (K Rodriguez, B Scott) to eliminate early checks, passed.** To be deleted: Auction section, #5, last sentence.
13. Consideration of eliminating the premium auction ceiling. Suggestion was to change the verbiage in Auction section, #1 to “Other than the Grand Champion, no other lot in the auction can bring more than the Reserve Champion on the auction block.” No action was taken.
14. Consideration of changing the sale order verbiage to prevent numerous projects from the same division being sold at the very end of the premium auction. **Motion (S Simpton, A Cranfill) to replace Auction, #6 statement with “Sale will be a round-robin sale. All champions will sell first, followed by reserve champions, followed by breed/division champions and reserves, followed by first place, second place, etc. Executive Secretary will make a reasonable effort to distribute lots later in the sale so that no single division is grouped with more than three consecutive lots. Division sale order will be determined by rotating the prior year second lot to first, third to second, fourth to third, etc.”, passed.** To be changed in Auction section, #6, page 8.
15. Consideration of allowing any kind of clippers for steer show. Discussion topics were that cordless clippers were the only ones allowed due to electrical issues in the barn. However, many steer exhibitors bring their own generators, so electricity is no longer an issue. Clippers for all species, not just steers, was discussed. **Motion (B Prukop, R Welch) to allow any kind of clippers for steers, passed. Motion (P Clarke, K Persyn) to reconsider previous motion, passed. Motion (A Segura, J Balencia) to amend original motion by including all species, passed. Main motion to allow any kind of clippers for all species passed, with one dissenting vote.** Correction for clippers will be made in the following division rules: steers, swine, lambs, goats, and halter heifers.
16. Consideration of 3 person swine classification. **Motion (A Segura, P Clarke) to replace classification section in swine division to “Swine will be classified based on guidelines of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition by a team of three classifiers hired by the show. The classifiers will either accept the exhibitor’s declaration or move the animal to the crossbred division.” Motion (T Tatsch, C Brown) to amend motion by striking “San Antonio Livestock Exposition” and inserting “MCJLS”, passed. Main amended motion passed.** To be changed in swine division, #8.
17. Consideration of limiting light cross-bred swine to include blues only with blacks showing in dark cross classes. Discussion about swine committee and swine superintendent dealing with this as an operational situation. No action taken.
18. Consideration of eliminating Commercial Heifer requirement about incisors. **Motion (T Tschirhart, R Welch) to eliminate “…and must have in place 2 middle temp incisors”, passed.** To be changed in Commercial Heifer section, #3.
19. Consideration of Commercial Heifer Record books, number of judges, and disbursement of points for categories of judging. **Motion (T Tschirhart, C Luedke) to eliminate record books counting for 10% of score and increasing interview to 40%, passed. Motion (T Tschirhart, C Luedke) to increase number of judges from 2 to 3, with two judges judging the heifer pens and the exhibitor interviews, and additional judge determining herdsman awards, passed. Motion (K Rodriguez, T Tschirhart) to strike third sentence, #6 in CH to “Record books may be used by judge(s) to ask questions during interview and to aid in choosing Herdsman awards”, passed.** To be changed in Commercial Heifer section, #s 6 and 9.
20. Consideration of changing Ag Mech point distribution. **Motion (M Zinsmeyer, A Segura) to change point distribution to the following: Workmanship – 30, Functionality – 10; Student knowledge- 20; Design and Materials – 10; Degree of difficulty – 20; Finish – 5; Documentation – 5. Motion passed.** To be changed in Ag Mech Section, #3.
21. Consideration of allowing a student to remove themselves from an Ag Mech team project. **Motion (A Cranfill, B Scott) to allow a student to remove their name from an ag mechanics team project if that student qualifies to sell an animal in the premium sale, passed.** Statement to be added to Ag Mechanics section, #10.
22. Consideration of updating and changing divisions and classes in Ag Mechanics. Multiple motions made and seconded by M Zinsmeyer, P Clarke, D Zipp. **The following changes were** **passed.** To be changed in Ag Mechanics section, #6.

Div. I Trailers-

Class 1: 14’ or shorter (utility & livestock)

Class 2: Longer than 14’ (utility & livestock)

Class 3: Gooseneck (all)

Class 4: All other towables (BBQ pits, campers, etc.)

Div. II Livestock Equipment-

Class 5: Chutes, gates, panels, restraint equipment, etc...

Class 6: Feeders (livestock & game)

Class 7: Wildlife (blinds, traps, gambrels, etc...)

Div. III Home & Recreational Convenience-

\*All projects entered into Classes 12&13 MUST be forged. No knife blade kits or pre-manufactured

steel items can be used. No welding allowed with the exception of bits, spurs, and Damascus blades.

Class 8: Small Wood (3’ long X 2’ wide or smaller)

Class 9: Small Metal (under 30 lbs.)

Class 10: Large Wood (Picnic tables, yard furniture, cabinets, storage sheds, etc...)

Class 11: Large Metal (BBQ pits, yard furniture, cabinets, sheds, etc...)

Class 12: Forged Equipment (under 20 lbs): knives, bits, spurs, door handles, fire place

equipment, etc.

Class 13: Forged Equipment (over 20 lbs): Doors, gates, railings, etc

Div. IV Ag Machinery & Equipment

Class 14: Hay handling

Class 15: Spray equipment

Class 16: Mounted tractor equipment

Class 17: Pull-type tractor equipment

Class 18: All other Farm Implements

Class 19: Shop equipment

Class 20: Truck and Ag equipment accessories

1. Consideration of raising Ag Mech projects sale percentages. **Motion to raise eligibility to sell in premium sale from 50% of Ag Mech classes to 75%, failed.**
2. Consideration of changing Restored Tractor point distribution. **Motion (M Zinsmeyer, T Parker) to change point distribution to the following: Mechanical - 40; Aesthetics – 20; Originality – 10; Knowledge and Presentation – 10; Safety Equipment – 10; Documentation – 10; motion passed.** To be changed in Restored Tractor section, #3.
3. Consideration of changes to Yearling Ranch Horse dates and deadline. **Motion (T Parker, D Zipp) to delete present dates and deadlines and replace with the following:**
4. **Show Sign-up. Participants must sign up with the committee and pay their colt deposit by November 1 (15 months before the show and sale).**
5. **Lottery Draft. Colts will be drafted near March 1 for those participants that signed up and paid their colt deposit by November 1. Motion passed.** To be changed in Colt section, #1.
6. Consideration of changes to Yearling Ranch Horse project requirements. **Motion (T Parker, T Tschirhart) to remove “must be born in 2021” to “must turn two years old in current show year”. Motion passed.** To be changed in Colt section, #3a.
7. Consideration of eliminating item about estimated costs in Yearling ranch horse section. **Motion (T Tschirhart, D Zipp) to eliminate “Total costs will be added up…….around $1750”. Motion passed.**  #2, letter F in Colt section will be deleted.
8. Consideration of Youth Showcase changes as follows:

\***Motion (S Kunkel, P Clarke) to add cake mix hacks and gluten free as new classes, passed.**

**\*Motion (T Parker, D Zipp) to add “Entries must be made within the current show year”, passed.**

**\*Motion (K Williamson, S Kunkel) to add “with fresh ingredients” to first bullet in canned foods, passed.**

**\*Motion (A Segura, S Kunkel) to add “Artist’s name cannot appear on art work”, passed.**

**\*Motion (B Scott, A Segura) to split sewing division into apparel and household items, passed.**

Changes will be made in the Youth Showcase section in applicable areas.

The following items were considered but no action taken: exhibitors changing categories, add-ons for Youth Showcase sale, enhancement of projects by exhibitors.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Steer and state fair heifer validation was set as follows: June 15 and June 22, 2023 at Persyn Ranch, 4:00-6:00. Exhibitors will sign up for one of the validation dates through the Extension office.
2. New steer validation chairman: Chad Saunders
3. M Pedroza announced that superintendents and their committees need to have a prioritized list of 2024 judges’ names for the May meeting.
4. M Pedroza announced that the 2024 show schedule will be determined at the May meeting.
5. Discussion about selecting a standard day/week to meet.
6. The next meeting will be held on **May 15, 6:00 pm**, at the Natalia High School Multi-purpose room.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.

Minutes recorded and compiled by Brenda Prestage, Executive Secretary.