

Junior Fair Board Meeting Date: January 21st, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President, Liliana Phillips

Pledge of Allegiance: Tyler Yarkosky

4-H Pledge: Tyler Yarkosky

Roll Call was taken by Secretary, Lily Fullenkamp

There were no absent members

Shelby County Junior Fair 2024 Suggestions to Review:

- **Suggestion to only require pygmy goats on the fairgrounds for a 48 hours maximum, remove the milking doe class, utilize local pygmy goat breeders to help run the show, find a legitimate pygmy goat judge instead of using the same judge for both the pygmy and dairy goat show**
 - Discussion about the implications on other species if pygmy goat are only required to stay 48 hours and having breeders help run the show
 - **Junior Fair Board declines**
 - Discussion regarding how the JFB finds judges that have both pygmy and dairy goat judging experience due to resources and timing
 - **Junior Fair Board declines hiring separate judges**
- **A suggestion that turkeys grow best when they are in the exhibitor's possession by the end of February**
 - Discussion to have Extension reach out to Cooper Farms about moving up the pickup date
 - **Junior Fair Board supports**
- **For rabbit showmanship, have a scheduled time to start rabbit showmanship. If the judge can not commit to waiting around for Showmanship, then another judge should be hired for that part.**
 - Discussion regarding accuracy of times in the book and avoiding misprints.
 - **Junior Fair Board supports keeping the 2:30 PM start time**
- **I suggest ensuring that in Showmanship, the judge places or lets the JFB know who their top 5 for Showmanship are. This way, the JFB can accurately determine who will be in the Showmanship Sweepstakes.**
 - Discussion to ensure that the showmanship judges let the JFB know their Top 5
 - Discussion to ensure that we get in contact with the right participants if someone opt outs of the Sweepstakes
 - **Junior Fair Board supports checking with the judges to place a Top 5 in the Showman of Showmen contest for each species**
- **A suggestion is to find a sponsor to cover a cash prize for the Showman of Showmen contest winner to encourage participants to participate!**
 - Discussion to offer a cash prize as a way to encourage participants to be involved in the contest
 - **Junior Fair Board supports**
- **Suggestion to look into starting a dairy wether class in the market show.**
 - Discussion about the level of interest within the goat barn

- Discussion about the logistics: check-in process, verifying dairy descent, and weight requirements
 - **Junior Fair Board supports investigating interest for the addition of this class before implementing**
- **Suggestion to add a buck show for dairy goats**
 - Discussion about safety concerns for both exhibitors and other animals in the barn
 - **Junior Fair Board declines due to safety concerns**
- **Suggest combining horse show days as a cost-saving measure and reducing the days needed for staff shows.**
 - Discussion about condensing days and the addition of new classes due to the new Ohio 4-H Horse Rule
 - **Junior Fair Board tables and agrees to attend a Horse Advisory Committee meeting to discuss.**
- **Suggestion to rearrange the current Hog Show Schedule so that the Junior Fair Shows were earlier in the week to prevent those animals from getting burnt out and riding the gates. By the 4th day, keeping them out of the corners becomes too difficult.**
 - Discussion with Senior Fair Board about moving the Open Show, not in favor due to the check in process for Open Show pigs.
 - **Junior Fair Board declines due to logistics of the current show schedule.**
- **Suggestion to implement “A Day in the Ring” show for youth and adults with special needs. These individuals would be partnered with youth in the program, and they would help teach them how to show the animal!**
 - Discussion about the proposed location and time of this show
 - **Junior Fair Board supports.**
- **A child/Adult Changing Station could be provided by the Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the duration of the Fair.**
 - **Passed on to Senior Fair Board**
- **Suggestion to move the Grand and Reserve Market Goat, Sheep, and Cattle to a staging area for the urine samples to allow exhibitors to be with their immediate family, as the swine barn did last year.**
 - Reviewed the current rule in the Junior Fair Book (pg. 135)
 - Discussion about the situation last year and possible solutions for this year with the wash racks being moved
 - **Junior Fair Board declines, supports keeping the rule the same with more enforcement and organization for the swine show.**
- **Suggestion to allow the poultry showmanship champion to be added to the Showman of Showmen contest. There are several poultry families in favor of this idea.**
 - Discussion about adding poultry, rabbits, and horses to the contest.
 - Discussion about the logistics of a contest that size
 - **Junior Fair Board moves to table the conversation and think about how to implement a contest of that size with our current resources.**
- **Suggestion to ensure that all kids in a 4-H group are penned together in the swine area of the barn.**
 - **Passed on to Senior Fair Board**
- **Suggestion to implement a rule that states there can be no sports balls or bats in the arenas**

- Discussion about the broken light from last year and how that could have affected the rest of the week's show schedule
- Discussion about how to best prevent this from happening.
- Discussion about exhibitors wanting to practice in the rings prior to shows
 - **Junior Fair Board supports signage, working with Senior Fair Board to determine how to move forward**
- **Suggestion that there be a two-cage maximum for poultry exhibitors**
 - Reviewed the Market Chicken entry rule in the Junior Fair Book (pg.23) and (pg.42)
 - Discussion how most exhibitors exhibit their Single Fryer and Single Broilers out of their meat pens
 - Discussion on current spacing restraints due to numbers in the rabbit/poultry barn
 - Suggestion to implement a 4 bird maximum for market chickens (excludes fancy birds). For example, bring 2 meat pens and show a single fryer and single broiler out of your meat pens, or bring a meat pen and a separate single fryer or single broiler.
 - **Junior Fair Board supports implementing a 2-cage maximum (dependent on the # of animals you bring) for all rabbit and poultry exhibitors**
- **Suggestion that there be a two-pen maximum for swine exhibitors.**
 - Discussion about the ongoing penning issues that persist in the Multi-Livestock Complex (Goat/Sheep/Swine Barn)
 - Discussion about how many families feel caught off guard about the penning situation when they arrive at the fair and find out their penning assignments
 - Discussion about how it is hard to tell what the situation will be due to lack of entry numbers and some shifting in the barn (wash racks moving, pens being adjusted, etc.)
 - **Junior Fair Board supports, All swine exhibitors should be prepared for the following penning assignments: 1 pig = 1 pen, 2 pigs= 1 pen, 3 pigs= 2 pens, and 4 pigs= 2 pens. Extra pens will be available on a lottery drawing basis (these pens may not be used for tack!)**
- **Suggestion for all junior fair hogs to be in the hog barn. Junior fair projects should be given space in the overflow (outside area) before Open Show pigs can be penned.**
 - **Passed on the Senior Fair Board and the Swine Department Chairman for SFB**
- **Make ALL Open Show pigs (unless they are junior fair projects), show off the trailer, and return home after the show.**
 - **Passed along to SFB**
- **I suggest having a meeting at the Consignor's Meeting. It was a waste of a trip to pick up a check that could have been mailed!**
 - **Passed along to the Sale Committee**
- **If you have won your respective age division in Showmanship, you should have to move up.**
 - Reviewed the rule on pg. 54 of the Junior Fair Book
 - Discussion to prepare a list for the JFB to have with past year's winners
 - **Already a rule. No action taken.**
- **If you have won the Showman of Showmen for that species, you should be done showing in that class**
 - Review of the current rule on pg.54 of the Junior Fair Book
 - Discussion about how if they can't compete in the Showman of Showmen for that species multiple times, some kids would not get to compete in Showmanship

- **Junior Fair Board declines**
- **Suggestion to have consistency among the Top 5 banners for all market species so that all can look the same**
 - Discussion about how sponsors enjoy the freedom to select their own banners and make them unique
 - Discussion about how if someone is willing to sponsor an award, they should get to spend their money the way they see fit
 - **Junior Fair Board declines, Junior Fair Board does ensure that the banners that are ordered through the JFB will be uniform**
- **Suggestion to start a Show Clothes Closet for youth exhibitors**
 - Discussion to ask for donations early on
 - Discussion to make the clothes available at tag-ins, Skillathons, Pre-Fair Judging etc.
 - **Junior Fair Board supports**
- **Add wording about the Breeding Lease agreement under Department Three: Entry, Eligibility, and Ownership rules**
 - Discussion about how there is no current wording in the Junior Fair Board
 - **Junior Fair Board supports**
- **Add wording about the Prohibited Grooming Practices in the “Fitting and Grooming” section of the Junior Fair Book**
 - Discussion about how this ORC is outlined in the Senior Fair Book and with the books being separate it should be added to ours as well
 - **Junior Fair Board supports**
- **Add wording about the Unacceptable practices in the “Department Three” rules to reduce confusion and better inform exhibitors and their families**
 - Discussion about how this ORC is outlined in the Senior Fair Book and with the books being separate it should be added to ours as well
 - **Junior Fair Board supports**
- **Label names of photography winner in the Booth Building**
 - **Junior Fair Board supports**
- **Do the Junior Fair Board Dunk Tank again**
 - Discussion about the possibility of hosting the dunk tank two days during the fair week
 - **Junior Fair Board supports**
- **Change the start time of the Market Sheep Show**
 - Discussion to actually make the Sheep Showmanship Show start later, allows the Sheep Show to stay at the same time, but still shortens the time in between the two.
 - **Junior Fair Board supports, Sheep Showmanship start time is now 5:30 PM**