

Central Florida Fair Sheep Committee Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting – Taken by Lori Smith  
June 26, 2008 6:30 p.m.  
Beth Moore's Home  
22120 Live Oak Ranch Road  
Umatilla, FL

Blessing for the Dinner was given by Bret Testerman  
Dinner and fellowship was enjoyed by the group

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Doug Meyers, Superintendent.  
Present were: Jeremy Valverde, Suzanne Archer, Doreen Kisacky, Rex Lawson, Lauren Watts, Kyla Asbury, Mandi Meyers, Aaron Meyers, Beth Moore, Julianne Moore, Doug Meyers, Antonio DiSalvatore, Jr., Bret Testerman, Theresa Jones, Lori Smith, Kathy Asbury, Amber DiSalvatore, Beth Meyers. Children present were: Reagan Meyers, A.J. DiSalvatore, Valerie Valverde, Jeremiah Valverde, McKayla Testerman, McKinzie Testerman.

The Secretaries report of March 11, 2008 was read by Doug. Rex Lawson moved to approve as read, and Beth Moore, seconded. Approved.

A report of the 2008 Market Lamb Sale and Sheep shows was presented by Doug Meyers. There were 195 sheep in the barn with 82 individual exhibitors. The committee received two thank you letters for awards and Thank you Letters were sent by Doug Meyers to all sponsors.

Discussion was held regarding changes to the Committee list. It was pointed out that committee members receive a badge from the fair while volunteers receive tickets for the days they are volunteering.

The following names will be removed from the committee list: Cindy Black, Kim Cravey, Richard Holland, Missy Moothart, Elizabeth Ward. The following committee members will be added for the 2009 season. Tony DiSalvatore, Jr., Theresa Jones, Kathy Asbury, and Bret Testerman. It was also decided to ask if Michele Lawson would like to be added to the committee since Polk County and Sumter County exhibitors can participate at the CFF. Doug will contact her.

The committee for 2009 will be:  
Doug Meyers, Superintendent  
Beth Moore, Asst. Superintendent

Kathy Asbury, Will Bush, Tony DiSalvatore, Jr., Brad Hall, Jessi Hall, Lynn Holland, Theresa Jones, Doreen Kisacky, Rex Lawson, Michelle Lawson, Aaron Meyers, Mandi Meyers, Julianne Moore, JoEllen Rowe, Shereen Simmons, Bret Testerman, Julie Testerman, Jeremy Valverde.

Princess: Kyla Asbury; Prince: James Mangah; Court: Lauren Watts, Andrea Lengemann, Brad Fioretti, and Princeton Harris.  
Ex-Officio Members as stated by the Central Florida Fair.

Updates to the Sheep Program's purpose statements were discussed. Doug Meyers will email an updated Purpose Statement to the members for their review regarding the Overall Sheep Program. Each Program Chairman will review their purpose statements with their members and provide their proposed changes to Doug prior to August 1, 2008. The emphasis for the Sheep Program was discussed as an Education Program for Youth, Public, and Producers.

Discussion was held regarding the Open and Youth Breeding Shows and the overlapping of exhibitors in each show. Doug contacted Stacey at the CFF and the Fair's decision was to not combine or eliminate any of the shows for next year as the Livestock Program at the CFF met or exceeded the CFF objectives.

Discussion was held regarding the aged animal classes and consistency for judges with this class.

Beth Moore moved to change the aged ewe and ram classes as 3 & 4 year olds, 5 & 6 year olds, and anything over 6 years old would be given a class for show. Rex Lawson, seconded. Voted and Approved.

Question was raised regarding Southdown's and Division placing. Divisions are based on hip height.

Bret Testerman moved to make the following changes in the Youth Breeding Show:

There will be 5 Divisions in the Youth Breeding Show divided into two shows

Show #1

Division I, II, III (Large, Medium, Small Framed Wool Breeds) Each class will be subdivided by Breed within each Division. First place in each subdivided class will be eligible to compete for Grand Champion of Division.

Classes 1 & 9 – Aged (ages 5 & 6)

Classes 2 & 10 – Aged (ages 3 & 4)

Classes 3 & 11 – 2 year olds

Classes 4 & 12 – Yearlings

Classes 5 & 13 – Summer Lambs

Classes 6 & 14 – Fall Lambs

Show #2

Division IV (Hair Breeds)

Division V (Miniature Breeds)

Classes 1 & 9 – Aged (ages 5 & 6)

Classes 2 & 10 – Aged (ages 3 & 4)

Classes 3 & 11 – 2 year olds

Classes 4 & 12 – Yearlings

Classes 5 & 13 – Summer Lambs

## Classes 6 & 14 – Fall Lambs

Youth Showmanship will be divided into three separate groups by Jr., Int., Sr. – Youth must sign up for only ONE showmanship class.

Youth Showmanship (Jr, Int. Sr)

Divisions I, II, III

Division IV

Division V

A grand and reserve champion will be chosen in each Division. No Supreme Champion in the Youth Breeding Show.

Seconded by Rex Lawson. Voted and approved.

Discussion was held regarding the image of sheep shows for older youth. The question was raised if the sheep shows portray the image of the purpose statements. Some of the issues are in the Market Lamb program.

- Market Lamb numbers are down
- Urban youth affected
- Sheep seem to be starting point and we lose them to pigs and steers as the youth get older.
- Production of wool breeds for the CFF (timing of breed cycle)
- Breeders production for market
- Buyers and understanding
- Cost prohibitive to keep market lambs for long periods

Doug discussed what the committee can do to encourage buyers to donate/sponsor market lambs and be prepared to pay \$500 - \$700 per lamb. This can be done as individuals or as groups of individuals.

Doug also explained that the two market lamb shows provide mechanisms for youth to obtain sheep in either program.

Kyla proposed that the youth do a presentation on market lambs and the ways to make money and that Market Lambs are for older youth as well.

It was moved by Beth Moore to recommend to the CFF that intact rams be allowed back in the Haired Sheep program and that ewes be allowed in the wool and hair breed market programs to eliminate the production issues stated above. That the staff of the Central Florida Fair determines what's appropriate for the true Florida markets that we should be teaching our youth. Seconded by Doreen Kisacky Voted and Approved.

It was decided by the committee that demonstrations be allowed prior to shows in the arena with the use of microphones.

Doreen Kisacky moved that the prince and princess interviews be conducted with scheduled times, held earlier in the day, and that applicants be no younger than 9<sup>th</sup> grade

and have been a sheep exhibitor for at least one year. Seconded by Jeremy Valverde. Discussion was held to tighten this even more. Amber DiSalvatore suggested that they at least hold a driver's license if they are expected to attend meetings throughout the State. It was decided by the group to leave the motion as it stands for this year. Voted and approved.

Discussion was held regarding the difficulty in determining the class placing for breeding sheep exhibitors toward champion exhibitor.

Bret Testerman moved to add a sheep judging event at the CFF. This event would replace the class placing for the champion exhibitor scores for youth breeding exhibitors. Aaron seconded. Voted and approved.

It was decided to only have Olympic Jumping and Olympic Relay at the CFF this year due to time constraints.

Discussion was held regarding the Livestock Photo Contest at the Creative Arts Shows and how to encourage members to participate. It was decided to have a sheep photo exhibit in the sheep barn. Exhibitors would be encouraged to put their sheep photos on display and that public voting of the best photo would be done as a fundraiser. Youth exhibitors will man the display during voting times.

Discussion was held regarding scholarship opportunities. Julianne recommended that the sheep committee establish a sheep scholarship for college that requires an application process. It was discussed that the hair sheep exhibitors have a \$250.00 scholarship based on champion exhibitor points. Discussion was tabled until later in the agenda.

It was noted that the ethics training would be required for all exhibitors for the 2009 CFF shows.

The Pee-Wee showmanship was discussed regarding the mentoring program for youth ages 5 – 7. It was decided to continue this program and publish that Pee-Wee exhibitors can participate in the mentoring program by arriving at 10:00 a.m. on the day of the Pee-Wee Showmanship show. The mentoring program will be done by exhibitors chosen by the committee. Youth under the age of 5 can continue to show-up for the show as done previously.

It was decided to not have a hay bale decorating contest.

Discussion was held regarding the Shepherd's Award judging process. It was decided to leave it as an individual event and that exhibitors who chose to participate by signing up would be provided a placard that clearly defined their pens. It was also decided that each sheep would be provided space defined as a 4' linear section. If the exhibitor wants the pen larger to combine their flock, then they would be responsible to re-adjust their pens within their allotted space. Tack areas will also be assigned based upon the number of entries per group. Clean shepherds can also earn a button for their efforts keeping stall

and aisles clean throughout the fair as suggested by an exhibitor parent “I as a clean shepherd at the 2009 CFF!” or something like this.

Discussion was held regarding the unloading of sheep and equipment. It was decided that tack would be dropped at the front of the east barn and that animals would be unloaded at the rear of the east barn for FDA inspection. Market Lambs would be unloaded at the Livestock Scale and then transported to the rear of the East Barn for animal entry.

Theresa Jones moved that bedding material other than sand be provided in a pile for the sheep exhibitors at the back of the East Barn. Kathy Asbury, seconded. Voted and approved. Discussion was held that even if the entry fees were raised to cover the cost or that the committee raised the money to have bedding. The committee decided to make sure it was provided.

Thanks went to Bret Testerman for the great job with the PA system.

It was discussed to provide training for ring persons prior to helping in the arena. It was decided to provide this training during our pre-educational event. It would be helpful for the youth to understand this process as well. Further ideas on how to train will be discussed by the Logistics Team.

It was decided by the committee to include prior to each show, the following:

1. Exhibitors in official dress to meet prior to the show in the arena.
2. Invocation by FFA chaplain or 4-H youth.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. FFA Motto
5. 4-H Motto/Pledge

This will provide a sense of civic pride as well as place importance on the FFA and 4-H youth in the arena.

It was also discussed to place banners with the FFA motto and 4-H motto/pledge in the arena areas for the public.

It was decided to have all the sheep, breeding and market to arrive at the fair on Tuesday evening. This will allow for a seamless check-in process.

The proposed barn schedule was then discussed.

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

- Breeding and Market Lambs check-in
- Market Lamb Carcass evaluation done
- Record books and posters due
- Educational Displays due

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

- Prince/Princess Interview Contest
- Opening Ceremonies
- Fitting and Grooming
- Sheep Jumping
- Poster/Educational Display Judging
- Wool Show check-in deadline

Thursday, April 23, 2009

- Field Trip Day
- Sheep Demonstrations
- Open Sheep Show
- Spinning Workshop
- Lead/Halter Show
- Sheep Judging Competition
- Olympics – Relay

Friday, April 24, 2009

- Skill-a-thon
- Youth Breeding Show #1
- Youth Breeding Showmanship Show #1
- Quiz Bowl
- Wool Judging
- Spinning Demonstrations

Saturday, April 25, 2009

- Youth Breeding Show #2
- Youth Breeding Showmanship Show #2
- Pee-Wee Showmanship and Mentoring Program
- Mutton Masquerade
- Market Lamb Show and Showmanship
- Farm Class Show
- Open Showmanship (Competitive and Fun)
- Breeding Sheep Awards
- Breeding Sheep Release

Sunday, April 26, 2009

- Award Breakfast
- Market Lamb Sale

It was agreed that Ashley Meyers will be the Committee Clerk and post entries in the Computer during shows.

It was discussed and decided to limit the youth in the Competitive Open Showmanship. If the youth participated in a youth showmanship, then they are only eligible to participate in the Fun Open Showmanship.

Discussion was held regarding the Fitting and Grooming Contest. Market Lambs or Breeding sheep could enter the grooming contest and earn awards. Breeding exhibitors entered in this event no matter if they use their market or breeding animal, their scores will be considered and used in the Youth Champion Exhibitor Awards. The animal used in this event must be owned by the exhibitor. It was also decided to use the 2008 judges recommendation to bring back the top 10 best fitted for show animals and choose a best of show.

The following teams were formed to provide better educational experiences for the youth.

Market Show Team – Chairman, Rex Lawson

- Hair/Wool Market Shows
- Hair/Wool Carcass Contest
- Hair/Wool Showmanship
- Market Champion Exhibitor Award
- Market Shepherd's Award

Wool Show Team – Chairman, JoEllen Rowe

- Wool Show
- Lead/Halter Show
- Spinning
- Spinning Workshop
- Wool Demonstration and Exhibits

Youth Breeding Sheep Team – Chairman, Beth Moore

- Show #1 (Div, I, II, III)
- Show #2 (Div, IV, V)
- Youth Showmanship Show #1 (Div. I, II, III)
- Youth Showmanship Div IV
- Youth Showmanship Div V
- Youth Fitting/Grooming (Julianne Moore, Coordinator)
- Youth Shepherd's Award
- Youth Champion Exhibitor

Open Breeding Sheep Team – Chairman, Jeremy Valverde

- Open Show (Div. I, II, III, IV, V)
- Open Fun Showmanship
- Open Competitive Showmanship
- Farm Show

Educational Events Team -- Chairpersons, Sheep Princess and Prince and Court

- Demonstrations
- Agricultural Photo Exhibit

Educational Displays in Barn  
Parade of Sheep Breeds  
Pee-Wee Showmanship and Mentor Program

Competitive Displays and Record Keeping Team – Chairman, \_\_\_\_\_

Market Poster Contest  
Breeding Poster Contest  
Group Educational Displays  
Market Record Books  
Youth Breeding Record Books

Scholarship Team – Chairman, Julianne Moore

Champion Hair Breed Exhibitor - \$250.00 Scholarship donated by Ruth Taber  
College Scholarship Fund – Funds donated and/or raised by jackpot show  
Florida Breeder Flock Essay Contest Award  
    2 Ewe Lambs – Donated by Lauren Watts  
    1 Possible Suffolk Market Lamb – Donated by Kyla Asbury  
MSA Youth Essay Contest  
Prince/Princess MSA Scholarships  
Youth Federation of Fairs Scholarship  
CFF Youth Scholarship

Competitive Events Team – Chairman, \_\_\_\_\_

Market Skill-a-thon  
Quiz Bowl – (Amber DiSalvatore, Coordinator)  
Prince/Princess (Shereen Simmons, Coordinator)  
Judging Competition  
Olympics Events  
Mutton Masquerade

Logistics Team – Chairman, Tony DiSalvatore, Jr.

PA System (Bret Testerman, Coordinator)  
Barn Stewards  
Pen Assignments and Layout  
Show Set Up/Tear Down  
Ring Person Training

Sheep Field-Day – Chairman, Rex Lawson

Educational Training  
Jackpot Show (Fundraiser for Scholarships and awards) – Coordinators (Julianne Moore, Kyla Asbury, Lauren Watts, Theresa Jones, Lori Smith, Kathy Asbury, and Rex Lawson)

It was again mentioned that each of these teams need to provide a purpose statement to Doug Meyers before August 1, 2008.

**Dates to Remember**

July 15, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. CFF Market Animal Superintendents Meetings  
September, 2008 – CFF Ethics Workshop (Orlando)  
September 20, 2008 – Florida State Fair Educational Livestock Seminar (Tampa)  
Oct 29 – Nov 2 – Volusia County Fair Ewe Breeding (Limit 125 ewes)  
Oct 31, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. Volusia County Youth Breeding Ewe Show  
Nov 2 – 7 – Volusia County Fair Market Lamb (Limit 50 lambs)  
Nov 3, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. Volusia County Market Lamb Show  
Nov 6, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. Volusia County Market Lamb Auction  
Jan 16 – Feb 1 – South Florida Fair – Palm Beach  
January, 2009 – CFF Sheep Field Day and Jackpot Show  
Feb 5 – 16 – Florida State Fair  
February 7, 2009 – CFF Market Lamb Initial Weigh-In  
Feb 13 -22 – Osceola County Fair (Breeding, Pee-Wee, Market)  
Sunday, Feb 22, 2009 – Pasco County Fair Sheep Show  
1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March, 2009 Umatilla FFA Jackpot Show  
Saturday, April 4, 2009 – Clay County Fair Ewe Show  
Tuesday, April 21, 2009 – CFF Sheep Check-In

Lori mentioned to add Sunday, September 14, 2008, East Coast Classic Jackpot, Showmanship, Rams, Market, and Ewes at the Volusia County Fair Grounds. Checkin 6-8 a.m. Show starts at 9 a.m.

Doreen moved to adjourn. Bret Seconded.

Meeting Adjourned 10:03 p.m.