

Livestock Development Committee
September 20, 2005
Minutes

Present were: Marilyn Moore, Woody Davis, Jessica Fisher, Jim Thompson, Gene Pirelli, Bill Broderick, Gary Delaney and Vicki Avery

Minutes from the spring meeting were reviewed and it was noted that the second meat goat web site was omitted. The materials from Rutgers University should have been included. The minutes were approved as amended.

It was noted that it would be helpful for leaders and members have access to some fact sheets for meeting activities and project information. Fact sheets suggested in the near term may include:

- Quality assurance – (Woody Vicki, Jessica and Gene will work on this)
- Market fact sheets/frame and feeding for target dates
- Pesticide reporting
- Animal ID

A county requested that we divide the animal science advancement into project specific advancements. After examination of the advancement guide by the committee, it was decided to keep the advancement as it is although we will work to revise some wording so the specific activity includes all species areas (beef, sheep and swine). The member can then complete the activity for their animal project only.

Forms online – Several members expressed a need to be able to fill our forms such as stall cards online. Vicki will work with Pati on this.

Livestock School – The committee agreed that an “animal camp” might be helpful for members and their animals. Topics might include feeding, fitting, and showmanship, Joy, Woody, Jessica, Vicki will explore this option

Master showmanship –The committee discussed having a goat run-off for master showmanship with the final contest for master showmanship consist of beef, sheep, swine, dairy and goats

State Fair

Meat goat classes were excellent. Market classes had some good participation except in market steers.

Participation in market animal classes were as follows:

Steers	1
Lambs	15
Goats	12
Swine	30

State Fair book - Navigating on the Web-site was difficult this year. Many people did not find what they needed. Some people duplicated information (like the animal science rules) in each division they printed, resulting in wasted paper and a lot of frustration. Vicki will explore options to improve user friendliness so people get the information they need.

Then next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 28, 2006