

Lake Co. 4-H Auction Committee Secretary's Report

October 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Nicole Kasparian.

The Secretary's Report was made available from the June 27, 2024 meeting, however was not posted online. All future reports will be posted online. Amy Hein motioned to approve Secretary's Report, Michelle Humbert seconded, Motion was approved.

The Treasurer's Report was made by Julie Ziese. She stated the current balance in the account is \$17,202.56 as of 09/30/2024. Nicole Kasparian stated once everything clears, the balance will be \$19,913.26. Amy Hein motioned to approve Treasurer's Report, Connie Brittingham seconded, Motion was approved.

Old Business:

Fair Review- Nicole stated that Auction Night registering has been corrected for next year, so there will not be any errors with Bidder numbers. The Auction committee scrubbed the system down to the last three years of buyers. We will not export buyers again. We will enter the Bidders as they arrive, so this allows us to assign numbers easier. This will also allow us to know who to send invites to for the next year based off of who registers the previous year at the auction.

2024 Auction Details:

Small Animal - \$22,425.00 with 58 Lots

Large Animal - \$210,152.75 with 156 Lots

Total of \$232,577.75 with 214 Lots

There were 98 Buyers, 165 Registered Buyers, and 12 Records were Broke. Based off of Auction Details from 2023, Small Animal Lots increased from 26 to 58. Large Animal Lots increased from 141 to 156.

Nicole asked for feedback on this year's Auction.

Ike Essary stated that we need to stress to the children to bring in more buyers, to spread the wealth. He also said we should look into possibly coloring the auction ring bedding to enhance the appearance. This will be discussed for next year's auction.

Kristin Donaldson asked how members get the Auction passes for buyers. Nicole stated that they can contact any of the Auction Board members for passes. There is also information shared in Clover Connections as well.

Stephanie Neal suggested teaching more kids about the Auction, and how to correctly write Thank you cards. It was discussed, and an Auction "How-to" will be added to one of the QCA Training workshops.

Amy Hein stated she would like the Auction council to present and decide what our hospitality will be for next year's Auction, by the end of this year.

A discussion was held on the start time of the Auction, and to not differentiate between "small and large" livestock. Amy Hein motioned to advertise that the Livestock Auction will start at 5:00 PM and run straight through, motion was seconded by Dave Monix, Motion was Approved.

Nicole discussed the hospitality options, she asked everyone for input. Amy Hein stated she liked having the food truck, it was an easy option for everyone. If we were to do a Buffet Style, we would need volunteers to run it. A question was asked if we would need permits from the Health department to serve food to the public. Others asked what other counties do for hospitality. It was stated that other counties just serve popcorn and water, and have a banquet for their buyers at a different time. Amy Hein stated that if we do a catered meal, we would need to hire someone that serves the food as well. Patti Nichols suggested if we have a Buyer's dinner after Fair, we could give them an RSVP for the dinner when they check out the night of the Auction. The discussion for Hospitality was tabled for the next Auction Committee meeting. Nicole Kasparian will reach out to business for quotes on the meals.

The Auction Committee had correspondence from Claire and Colleen Donaldson. Their Thank you cards were read and appreciated.

New Business:

Elections were held for the Auction Committee Board. Nicole Kasparian was nominated for President, Debbie Nieman was nominated for Vice President, Amanda Woodworth was nominated for Secretary, and Julie Ziese was nominated for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Connie Brittingham motioned to approve the nominations with a unanimous vote for Nicole Kasparian as President, Debbie Neiman as Vice President, Amanda Woodworth as Secretary, and Julie Ziese as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Patti Nichols, Motion was approved.

Nicole Kasparian stated that the 2025 Auction Committee Meetings will be held following the County Committee meetings in the odd months, with meetings added as needed.

Nicole Kasparian asked to increase the Hospitality budget to \$3500.00. Connie Brittingham motioned to approve the increased budget from \$3000.00 to \$3500.00, Patti Nichols seconded, Motion was Approved.

Educator Comments: *There were no educator comments.*

Patti Nichols motioned to adjourn the meeting, Tom Reed seconded, Motion was approved.

Sincerely,

Amanda Woodworth