

On Monday, November 16, 2020, Mark Wade called the Special Meeting of the Albany County Fair Board to order at 6:30. In attendance was Andrea Senior, Katie Ogden, Scott Lake and Brett Moline. The meeting was recorded on zoom for minute writing purposes.

Katie moved to approve the Regulations Document as drafted. Brett seconded the motion. Andrea asked how is fullblood or purebred determined visually. Brett pointed out that the classes would not be cancelled, the classes would be combined. Andrea said it would likely be a waste of time. Brett moved to scratch the classification and the separating Fullblood and Percentage Rule in the Breeding Meat Goat Section. Motion passes.

Andrea asked how has breed classification been determined for the sheep. Josey replied that you entered what you thought they were and then showed them as such. The rule was clarified that it was in the Breeding Sheep Section. Mark read the rule and the comments on the rule. Katie confirmed that this was the way it was at state fair. Scott pointed out that since there was not a committee then he suggested to move forward with the process as it had been done in the past. Katie moved to scratch rule 6 of the Youth Breeding Sheep Show. Andra seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mark started the discussion on the Fitting Feeding and Project Preparation rule, he stated that he would like someone to write a rule that would work, and he thought it was a moral situation and if people were going to cheat they were going to cheat with or without a rule. He gave the example person who came into the barn in the past as a professional fitter. He said there was no rule that would make it fair to everyone. Mark felt he was trying to police peoples beliefs. Katie pointed out that there were people that brought in a lot of head and didn't want to create a tattletale culture. She said that the board tried to move the enforcement on to the superintendent. She said she was in the conversation at state fair. Scott pointed out that the rule would keep 99% of the people honest. Scott said he does not hate the way the rule had been fit in the past. He wanted to be able to help every kid in the barn if they asked for it. Andrea pointed out that if there was a rule it would make the grievance practice more enforceable. Andrea felt by having the rule was an advantage, but having a rule that isn't enforced was pointless. Scott pointed out that if the rule was taken out there would be no expectations. There is now a product rule at state fair but not a who can fit rule. Mark asked for the public input on this rule. Kolton Lake said he thought there should be a rule. Ruth thought that even though the rule may be difficult to enforce most people with police themselves. Meaghan said that she wasn't helping in the interest of teaching but that she was helping in a matter of time management. Mark pointed out that the barn polices the barn. Katie pointed out that she would much rather have no rule and have people be allowed to play the game how they wanted than have the barn have a tattletale culture. Brett moved to bring back the current rule and strike "however, in the interest of safely or education or need" and strike out "or any other person approved by the superintendent" Josey pointed out that

without the first part of education or safety, the final sentence would be irrelevant. Andrea seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Andrea stated that she will not be part of the conversation about expressive sexuality. She also pointed out that the industry standard is changing. She felt there was a lot of area that could get the board in some hot water. Scott pointed out that it was not out of line to expect members to dress modestly, but Andrea pointed out that definitions of modest could be interpreted in multiple ways. Katie moved to add the wording “exceptions may be considered in special circumstances. Exhibitors should comply with species specific requirements.” Andrea seconded, motion passed.

Andrea addressed Ruth Lake’s comment on the checking of teeth. Andrea explained that this rule was provided to mirror state fairs rule. Brett moved to amend the document to remove rule 10 in the Market Meat Goat Show section along with other teeth clarifications. Katie seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion on drenching and muzzling took place. The effort of the rule was to make sure that drenching and muzzling could take place but not have to get veterinarian approval. Josey pointed out that a rule does not change the public perception. Katie moved to amend the document to take out the requirement for drenching and muzzling reporting. Andrea seconded, motion passed.

The board explained that premiums were going up, the cat superintendent was not being dismissed, that didn't need to be in the regulations document. The sale order is a sale committee rule.

Josey explained that Jessica Parker’s comment was to clarify that the tagging rule matched the showing rule and that the animal had to be shown to be eligible for the sale.

Scott pointed out that the feeder classes were taken out and that they would be shown. He also pointed out that the minimum weight for miniature beef should not be 1000 lbs. He pointed out that the formatting and redundancy could be fixed.

Meaghan Stinson asked if the goat minimum weight was being addressed. Andrea moved to keep the minimum of 60 lbs for goats. Brett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mark called for discussion three times. The motion passed as amended.

Meeting adjourned.