

Animal Science Curriculum Committee Notes November 10, 2008

Goat Topics

Breed Additions – Encourage counties to add the pygmy dairy goats to their 4-H dairy goat shows. *Next step* is to share information about the breeds; contact Mike Koski for help getting started. *Assigned to* Mark Cook, Robin Luther, and Jolee Chase? *Start* as soon as possible.

NH Goat Clinic – Topics will include how to show, clip goats, breed standards and characteristics, knowledge test/quiz bowl, getting and using milk, straining, pasteurizing, and making cheese. *To be held* sometime in May or June at the 4-H Youth Center in New Boston.

ESE – Try to get more NH delegates to compete at Eastern States. It is an opportunity to participate in New England-wide competition, meet youth from all over New England. It is a new learning experience and FUN.

Dog Topics

Qualifying Shows – Attendance is down (aged out). North Haverhill needs help with organization. There was a mistake with checks; a driver paid to get on fair grounds; judge lacked experience. Jodie Ferral, Rochester; Pat Lane, New Boston; Heather Aveni, Belknap.

ESE – Good show. Dog fouling ring. Issue more posters, photos. 55 attendees: 11 Connecticut, 21 Massachusetts, 3 Maine, 16 New Hampshire, 2 Rhode Island, 2 Vermont.

ESE 2009 – Quiz, non-sporting rally (AKC rules and regulations); new Red Cross for dogs; Chapter 6, Emergency First Aid; photo theme - exercise finished. Eastern States will clarify what is an alternate dog.

Dog Guidelines missing from web.

Livestock Topics

Appropriate housing.
Fun activities after the shows.
Education about the shows and what is looked for.
Judging contests/clinics for beef
Federal Tag awareness.
Understanding the health requirements.
Have veterinarian at next meeting.

Halters needed or not?
Using more than just blue ribbons.
Lead line showing.
Lead line scoresheet should be more descriptive.
Market lamb class clarification.
Educate fair superintendents.
Shoes/clothing.

Working Steer

Attending: Bob Pearson, David & Jennie Allen, Cindy Westover, Lee Sawyer, Nancy Evans and Trent Schriefer for a portion of the meeting.

Wonderful to have new members on the committee and return of some of the older members.

Review of show season (qualifying and others) –

Shows went well, lower attendance than in years past, but numbers in project area are lower.

Good consistency at all qualifying shows.

Down to one judge per show.

Trophies at Mini Fair should be “Qualifying Show not Shoe”

Packet Changes

Add Cheshire information to the working steer packet so that all 3 “ESE Qualifying Shows” information is in one place.

Replace Bob Pearson with David Allen in member’s packet as name to contact.

Stratham Fair (and Cheshire) – omit premiums amounts and refer to fair book.

Quick review of judge list. Chris Brady and Heidi Thuotte were added to the novice judge list, (Jennie will get Heidi’s address to Nancy).

Continue to review qualifiers and demographics of where kids are from.

Bob will continue to superintend Stratham and Mini Fair.

ESE

New Hampshire brought the Sweepstakes Banner home again! What a great group of kids.

Individual Teamster trophies: Five Senior trophies were presented, NH brought four home; six Junior trophies were presented, NH brought two home.

Review of the need for health forms for participants. Health forms should not just be at the dorm, a copy should also be obtained for the State Leader/Coach and the forms should be on the team transportation bus and available in the Mallory in case of emergency.

Discussion on the way that passes were currently being done and how people who were helping out were not issued any passes. Cindy suggested that we try doing it the way dairy does. Suggestion was made that passes, medical forms and vehicle passes go to leader/coach for distribution.

Donna Woolum at ESE has indicated that each state gets two camper places. The first space should be for the leader/coach and then for anyone helping with barn duty so they have a place to rest during the day. Also, this should not be an increased expense to the state. The state should only pay for 1 camper place; if more room is needed for slide-outs etc., the extra cost should be the expense of that individual.

Need to review numbers to send before the ESE Curriculum meeting. A quick review of who is aging out and new kids, we expect to be able to send 10 again.

Nancy proposed July 11 for Mini Fair.

REPORT-OUT NOTES

Goat

Looking at starting pygmy goat class. Boer goat class.

Livestock

Report out on items of interest, concerns and suggestions.

Youth enjoy after show activities – fun to get to know each other.

Clinics and trainings: what to expect at shows, tagging/animal ID, health regulations, superintendent training, new 4-hers clinics.

Halter specifications.

Lead line.

Using ribbons as grading/improvement tool (not all blues).

Dress Code.

Create new judges fact sheets.

Interest in poultry.

Working Steer

Put Cheshire information in working steer packet.

Refer to fairbook about premiums.

General

Strong feelings to do clinics. Look at doing clinics at UNH.