

Livestock Show and Sale Advisory Committee Meeting

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Oct 27, 2025 6:30pm - MINUTES

Location: Elko County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

Elko Nevada 89801



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1. Call to order – Chairman – Called to order at 6:33pm – by Jay Dalton

2. Public Comment: (3 minutes per item) Information Item

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Carson King – They were un aware of the breeding rule and sold a steer to a local exhibitor that was ready to sell but has not done the 2 years of breeding. He spoke about maybe removing the rule. With livestock costs and prices it can be difficult for families that move in to show a heifer for \$3000. He also talked about maybe allowing them to sell along with having a breeding animal.

3. Concerns and Rule Changes

a. Rachel Buzzetti – Checking animals - Cannot attend – Jay read her information in to the record

- i. I would like to suggest that someone from the Elko County fair livestock committee actually go around and get their eyes on market steers for the upcoming fair during the month of January. In addition, I would suggest that somebody from the committee do the same thing for the market sheep in June.
- ii. This person would be filling out, a check sheet on each animal to report that they were tagged, vaccinated, **castrated**, looking healthy, and their shelter, food, and water were all satisfactory. (Basically a Ron Torell is needed)
- iii. A proactive approach of checking in on these animals can save a lot of problems down the road.

*** Ben talked about castrated steers that were castrated very late. Talked about how we don't any control until January. There is not rule about when an animal has to be castrated in any species.**

*** Pictures and forms for steers are due in Jan.**

*** Lambs and goats have a tagging day and this works so the committee can see the animals.**

- * Livestock tour are not done by all clubs so a committee member could not attend them to see the steers. And they are done in July and the committee needs to see the animal before then.
- * This causes complications with steers.
- * Maybe we set a date for each club to meet and show their animals to a committee member and this can be when the steers are tagged.
- * Another idea is they are in possession in Jan. with photos and paperwork turned in, then in March we have an initial weigh in for all steers and they are tagged at that time.
- * Leaders should also be involved in the tagging.

b. Garrett Tomera – Addition of Award

- i. Bob Reed Outstanding Showman Award- Presented before the Livestock Auction- by the Reed/Tomera Family. This award is in memory of Robert (Bob) Reed. * To Qualify: You must be entered in two or more classes. One of those classes must be showmanship. * Point System: A point system will be used based on their class placing and the ribbon color awarded. The person that qualifies with the highest points will be the winner of the Bob Reed Memorial Outstanding Showman Buckle. * All age groups from Junior to Senior can qualify as well as all species.
- **Talked about his Grandpa and how his family would like to add this award.**
 - **Based on Showmanship**
 - **The family would present it**
 - **They would get points for all the classes they are in for that species as long as they were in a showmanship class.**
 - **The point system would be determined by the family.**

c. RaeAnna Carroll – Market Rabbit Date

- i. Instead of the pen being kindled no sooner than June 1st, I'd like to change the date to May 7th.
- **15 week range for market pens. They need the kids to know their bree dna dhow long it will take to feed out.**
 - **More time with rabbits in hand**
 - **They want to move it to May 7th instead of June 1st.**

d. Tabitha McGarr – Multiple Items

- i. I would like to continue the discussion of updating the Elko County Fair Livestock Show and Sale Rules and Guidelines to include a clear outline of expectations regarding the Show and Sale. Additionally, incorporating a statement of purpose within the Rules and Guidelines would be advantageous, ensuring that all participants understand the committee's goals in organizing this event for the community. Some items I feel still need to be addressed are:
- ii. I recommend establishing a subcommittee to address ongoing inconsistencies within the rules and guidelines. A detailed list of these issues will be provided for review. The subcommittee should work towards updating the policies to align with current industry standards
 1. This includes considering the possibility of permitting lambs and goat kids to be born after the previous year's fair, thereby allowing for growth that more accurately reflects the animals' true potential.
 2. Leather boots requirement.
 3. Participation requirement and how it is enforced.
- iii. The guidelines should encompass detailed information regarding the add-ons, the date of the sale event, the Ambassador program, and the annual

scholarship. I think a Home Grown Class should be considered or a better explanation of the Futurity classes.

- iv. Awards and prizes should be uniformly applied across all species.
- v. Any modifications to existing procedures should be communicated to the exhibitors in advance, such as changes to the sale order. While I appreciate the new arrangement of the sale, I believe the Grand and Reserve exhibitors were unfairly impacted by not being informed of the change in order before the day of the sale, which may have contributed to lower market prices for the top animals.

- **Look at the hand out and information in the agenda.**
- **Page 2 “Good Standing” what does it mean, leave it up to the leaders. To make it too specific, reword it, how do we hold club leaders accountable?**
 - **Cody had a side comment saying that project, quality, safety and club participation are important. If animals aren’t safe they shouldn’t be here. Keep that in mind.**
 - **Set a standard**
 - **The committee shouldn’t be telling the clubs how to run their clubs**
- **Leather shoes and boots is too specific, be more generic because some species don’t need those types of shoes.**
- **Look at the showmanship ribbons and decide if we are actually going to use that or if we are just going to keep giving everyone blue and only placing the top two. The rules currently state Grand through 5th place but that is not happening.**
- **Who is the show superintendent? Make that say barn superintendent instead of show.**
- **Look at the sheep and goat classes. There are animals that cannot show if they are born after fair up to Jan. Maybe add a class. Jan1-March 15th and March 16- Fair and then after fair to Dec. 31st.**
 - **Looking at classes maybe Doe kit 3-6 months, and 6-milk teeth**
 - **Looking at Ewe lambs separate them out.**
- **Add on’s – add to the rules along with how they will work**
- **Day of sale information Buyers baskets**
- **Add Ambassadors Program**
- **Add Scholarship**
- **Add a Home Grown Class**
- **Explain futurity better**
- **Look at the home raised on NJLS – one for market and one for breeding**
- **Make sure that all species have awards. (This was done this year no need to change)**
- **Combine classes with less than 3 animals.**
- **Communicate to buyers and leaders about big changes like the sale order**
 - **The crowd wasn’t ready for the change**
 - **Kids need to market their animals**
 - **Buyers didn’t go as well because kids didn’t market their animal**

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- **Other items discussed**
 - **Make sure that exhibitors know that if the animal doesn’t make weight it cannot be sold on the fairground property.**

- **Keep the sale order the same, but make sure it is advertised better**
 - **Maybe add it to the sale brochure.**
- **Get a Dairy goat judge and make sure that all dairy goat classes are on Friday morning**
 - **Jennifer Landen can help find a dairy goat judge, but she will not judge.**
 - **Add a dairy goat futurity class**

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Adjourned at 8:06pm