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Livestock Committee

Meeting Minutes

Lassen County Fair Advisory Board

Lassen County Fair Office

195 Russell Ave., Susanville, CA 96130

January 14, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Members present: Cheryl Lauritsen, Becky Albaugh, Claudio Bustamante, Samantha McMullen, Brian Wolf

Guests: Sandy Fortin

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sandy stated she shared the poultry letter with the 4H clubs. The 4H groups have extended their deadlines for January 31, 2025 for kids to declare their project. Sandy suggested maybe doing the avian bowl or showmanship through zoom.
3. **SUBJECT:** CDFA Letter Banning Poultry and Dairy Cows at Fairs

Clubs need to make sure that if they want to continue with their poultry and dairy projects, they need to follow biosecurity protocol and not bring animals to the meetings. The letter says "dairy cattle", does this include dairy steer and mini moos? Poultry is a large class but there were only two dairy steer entries last year. Are eggs affected or can we have egg exhibits still? Sam will call the state vet with Craig Hemphill for clarification on the questions. Spreads from wild birds. How will we fill the empty barns if the ban continues? Suggested to have a pen show. What would be the ranchers motivation to participate? Could maybe put rabbits in the poultry barns. Maybe displays or a garden show in the larger barn or a hay bale competition. Need to update the premium book with disclaimers about the restrictions for dairy cows and poultry. Need to also add sifting language.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Next meeting: February 19, 2025 @ 4 PM