Dairy cattle exhibitor meeting 8-24-26

-Thanked all for exhibiting. You are the backbone of our agricultural fair.
-Appreciated the preparation of everything for fair, earlier than ever!
-It was the consensus of the group to keep the posting of stall assignments-no later than 9 am Wednesday before the fair.
-Shared items from Emergency Incident Action Plan for week of fair including emergency phone numbers, reporting animal injury, animal death, animal welfare incidents, and animal bite protocol, as well as evacuation plan.
-Announced Barn Reps 1-Andy Rymph, 2-Judy Baldwin, 3-Diane Smith, 5-Betsy Foote, 6-Tamme Taran & 7-Margaret Brownell/DylanSkiff.
-Read the 2 policies relating to stalling adopted by BOD at their 10-8-25 meeting that are printed in Exh Handbook pg 50. In addition, a printed copy of the notifying supt of scratches policy was attached to every stall assignment card posted in the open dairy barns. This year, due to 3 farms not exhibiting, there was extra space in some places, but extreme crowding in others. It is understandable that exhibitors want to remain "where we have always been" and/or request to be tied with others. It was suggested for future fairs, that if stall assignment changes were necessary, that the Barn Reps meet after entries have been sketched in & calls made for scratches to make any adjustments. Will be discussed at a future cattle committee meeting.
-Announced that the Hol. spring calf class will be split for Youth & Open shows. Cassie Fedler, gave the necessary details and answered questions.
-Herdsmanship scores will be posted starting Tuesday night outside the Ag Center.
-Wash rack pump has been adjusted. Do Not change hoses or remove nozzles or climb up & touch the shut offs! Please report any issues to Barn Supt or Barn Rep or the maintenance staff through the fair office.
-Place all needles in sharps containers provided in barns.
-Requested that exhibitors keep trash, bottles, baler twine, baby wipes, etc. out of the manure going in dumpsters. It goes to be composted.
-Issues of Dual Ownership (youth) entries. Policy was adopted for 2025 fair. (trying to benefit exhibitors not deter them). Sadly, there were many negative comments condemning the fair this year concerning this policy. Had 5 Dual ownership entries for 2026 and will be addressed further at the Sunday Exh meeting.
-The entry office will provide printed copies of any section/dept in the Exh Handbook upon request for a written copy instead of just looking online .If there are questions or concerns, please reach out to the Entry Office.
-Diane Smith stated that sometimes situations don't go the way we had anticipated-but we have a choice of how we react. We can choose to place blame Or accept responsibility. By taking ownership of the situation, we can focus on learning from the experience and work on ways to prevent a repeat.
-Invited everyone to attend & bring/discuss suggestions for dairy shows. Please become involved. There are 3 cattle committee meetings a year-dates & times shared and also in Exh Handbook.
-Barb 6 speaker, power issues …said when fans are on the breaker trips, and upset that breaker box locked
-Barn 7 Speakers were great!
-Fitting competition will start at 8 pm here in Dairy Tent
-Brittany Novick is the new event organizer for Little Britches & Over the Hill Showmanship.
Respectfully submitted
Diane Smith, Chairman