



**Southwest Project Grass Chapter  
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**Minutes from September 2, 2014  
Southwest Project Grass Executive Committee Meeting - 1:00 pm**

Meeting called to order by Jason McGinnis at 1:00 pm.

In attendance:

John Hewitt, J.B. Harrold, Tom Ulrich, Jeff Liendecker, Rich Huether, Becky Berger, Dan Griffith, Ryan Harr, Laurel Rush, Jim Cowell, Lou Kopczyk, Jason McGinnis, Laurel Hoffman, Dave Steele, Don Williams and Jim Henry and Blain Winger (Keystone Beef Marketing Network).

Discussion was held on SWPG sponsoring Insurance for the Grassland Contest to be held in October. Members asked if we could possibly get yearly event coverage for our group. Discussion was held on this possibility.

- **Motion made by Ryan and seconded by Laurel Rush to approve \$150.00 to be taken from the General Funds budget category for payment of the event insurance for the Grazing Contest in October. Motion Approved.**
- **Motion by Jeff second by Jim C. to approve \$150.00 for the site fee for the Grazing Contest to be paid out of the General Account category of the budget. Motion Approved.**

Dan Griffith advised the group of the low turnout of the contest and how if the number of attendees does not pick up we will need to rethink the viability of the Grassland Contest.

**Discussion was held on the Handling facility.**

Jason introduced our two guests from KBMN. He presented handouts on a WW Livestock Systems Express Portable Corrals. He and J.B. discussed our options for the facility. Jim Henry discussed the ease of setup of the WW system. The Express Standard system will cost us \$13,000.00 if we pick it up at a function where it will be displayed next month.

The floor was opened for questions and discussion.

Answers to questions about the system – This unit does not have a floor or a palpation unit. They will check to see if it has a self activating head gate.

Answers to questions about KBMN – Jim Henry discussed KBMN and explained the group to those present. KBMN needs a collection station for their operation and they are looking at

working with SWPG to get back grounders etc... to help get the farmer more money for their animals. It will cost \$16.75 to use them if you sell.

At 1:30 Jason turned the meeting over to Lou.

A question was asked about the Center for Beef Excellence who we had previously discussed working with on this project. Jim Cowell explained the group and that they had since purchased a second chute system on their own.

A history of the work that has been done by the Executive Committee on this project was given by Lou.

Extensive discussion was held on what way the group should go with this and how they feel that our education monies etc... are spent.

- **A motion was made by Laurel R. and seconded by Dan to move forward on continuing to investigate a livestock handling equipment program in Cooperation with KBMN. A roll call vote was held.**
- **Greene – Aye, Washington – Nay, Allegheny – Nay, Armstrong – Aye, Beaver – Nay, Blair – Nay, Butler – Aye, Cambria – Aye, Somerset – Aye, Westmoreland – Aye. Motion carries with 6 Ayes and 4 Nays.**
- **Motion by John second by Jeff to adjourn. Motion Approved.**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.**

Submitted by: John Hewitt