

Re-elected officers of the Pennsylvania Swine Breeders Cooperative are: from left, Clair Hartman, vice-president; Ron Trostle, secretary-treasurer; and Dennis Grumbine, president.

Swine co-op creates fund

FARM SHOW — The week and the market hog Pennsylvania Swine prices falling 2 cents. Breeders' Cooperative members, meeting Monday evening at the Farm Show Complex, voted unanimously to create a memorial fund for the late Dwight Younkin, Penn State Swine Extension Specialist.

During the next five years, the Co-op voted to take a \$1 check-off for each bred gilt sold at Farm Show. This money will be donated to Penn State's College of Agriculture, ear-marked for the planned ag arena. The Co-op plans to donate \$1000 over the five-year period.

The Co-op stated their concern over the lower prices received for the bred gilts at this year's Farm Show sales. The hog producers attributed the drop in averages to the lower feeder pig prices during the

One other problem that may have contributed to the lower prices was the fact the sales were moved forward one day, held Monday and Tuesday rather than Tuesday and Wednesday, the breeders remarked.

The co-op members voted to request an increase in Farm Show premiums of at least 25 percent. The current \$40 premium has been the rate for the past five years, they said.

Looking at the problems at Farm Show and what improvements might be made for the 1982 show, the swine breeders suggested separate washing pens for hogs and sheep. At the present time, both species use the same wash area, and the hog showman said the sheeps' wool tends to clog the drains and water seeps into adjacent hog pens.

They also suggested officially opening the Farm Show on Saturday so working families might take advantage of the weekend to come out to the show.

The swine breeders aired their discontent with the present parking situation at Farm Show, and requested a reserved exhibitors' lot.

After rehashing the 1981 show's time schedule, the exhibitors decided the scheduling should remain the same for next year's show, with the breed order rotated each year.

The meeting was closed after the re-election of officers: Dennis Grumbine. president; Clair Hartman, vice-president; and Ron Trostle, secretary-treasur-

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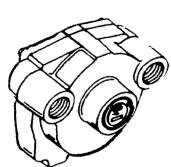
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