

Weld County Fair Board Meeting

August 10, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Eli Hatch at 6:01 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Bledsoe, Neil Temmer, Isaia Aricayos, Christie Gabel, Mike Frink and Eli Hatch

EX-OFFICIO/STAFF PRESENT: Keith Maxey, Kim Sterkel, Jenette Masarie, Larry Hooker, Nancy Gogreve, and Kevin Carbaugh

SPECIAL GUESTS: Commissioner James, Kevin Carbaugh, Janet Miller, C Martinez – Greeley Tribune, Cody LeBlanc, Benjamin Sulien and Bridget Holcomb

Agenda: Additions/Changes: 1) Showing in Multiple Counties

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda by Mike Frink, second by Christie Gabel; motion passed.

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) Schmunk Family – official weigh in were 30 lbs. under weight, 247 lbs. before sale, 217 lbs. at Fair, after Fair went home was 251 lbs. Protested during fair, but was denied re-weight. Requesting rule changes to be considered. Suggestions to consider: 1) exhibitor can see weigh in as it is happening, 2) 15 to 20-minute window for re-weigh considerations, and 3) open pens section off to isolate protested weigh ins.
- 2) Commissioner James – contribution of purchase of champion chickens, proud of the work of Fair Board and Committees to put on successful Fair this year
- 3) Benjamin Sulien on behalf of Congressman Ken Buck – read letter of appreciation to Board for accomplishments this year and having a successful Fair

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Fair Dance Recap – a dance was held during Fair but it was a non-4H and Fair sanctioned event, kids got together outside of 4H prevue, but YEC felt they were left out of opportunity to be involved; the Fair Board did not vote on this as a Board; Security was there and used the sounds system in the hog barn; Eli helped to coordinate at the last minute with those who were planning it to make it a safe situation and near facility, the sound system was his and already set up for the hog barn and he allowed use of it for the kids; feedback from parents and exhibitors were very positive of the event, Eli would like to consider a free dance event for future where YEC can be involved and perhaps receive money from Fair (since attendance fee would be waived)
- 2) Individuals showing in multiple counties – Facebook showed individuals showing animals in other counties including Weld – this has been an issue in the past, however, 4H participant in one county and FFA participant in another county for the same individual with different animals are allowed
- 3) Fair Recap – overall Fair was very positive, tents outdoor were well received – conversation is being held with Stampede to perhaps come up with a sponsor or arrangement in sharing the purchase and ownership of tents; Junior livestock sale total \$1,040,000 (includes \$230k

of add-ons) – just \$50k shy of record year last year; Ag community stepped largest portion of buyers; food bank received 30 animals; G and M Implements highest buyer this year, Gutteresen and his companies were the second highest buyer, 7 animals sold online during auction, contractors shared that they really appreciated how organized our Fair was; classification of animals (hog and beef) continues to be a challenge and will need to be evaluated for future, Superintendents considering camps or educational opportunities for exhibitors before events; food trailer moved around where events were being held each day providing more opportunities for income; photographer feedback was good; check in with iPads were well received; online W9 very positive and useful in collecting paperwork from individuals; cleaning services were very good; pig stalling was an issue and will need to be evaluated (and weigh ins); opportunities for evaluating future Fairs with what was available and not here this year; poultry loved space and recommend move ag exhibits for space to include rabbits and poultry in the area; tent setup company was difficult to work with – City not happy with broken tree limbs and electrical box backed into; City forgot electrical underground so tents were energized and arcing while being taken down, no one was hurt; Lemonade lady was missed but less vendors appeared to help food sales for 4H and provided less coordination by staff

- 4) Committee Reports: Royalty – Cody LeBlanc – not much training for girls this year due to limited opportunities from COVID, some issues were brought up and will be addressed in committee; Security – Kevin Carbaugh – Orozco was helpful and picked up night coverage on security, Sheriff posse provided more services (additional shifts) than they originally indicated they could cover, traffic patterns through park and open gates when they should have been shut, dirt road is open from C St and 21st Ave and a lot of traffic traveling fast came through even during rocket launch day, will need to check into who owns road and if it can be closed off at times during Fair; Sponsorship/Donor Committee – Bridget Holcomb – budget and planning meeting with Jenette and Christie need to be set up to get started for next year ASAP; Premier Exhibitor – Jenette Masarie – Fair Board has purchased jackets in the past for Champions, jackets are given at Recognition night scheduled for October 6, prices/cost are pending; an email vote will be needed for purchase of jackets as soon as cost is available

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Next meeting Monday, 9/14/2020, 6 pm
- 2) Fair Board year begins October – Tom Bledsoe and Neil Temmer will need to consider if they would like reappointment of full term (3 years) by September meeting

MOTION to adjourn meeting by Tom Bledsoe, second by Isaia Aricayos; meeting at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Isaia K Aricayos
Weld County Fair Board Secretary