

Weld County Fair Board

Monthly Board Member

December 2, 2019

Meeting called to order by Vice President Mike Frink at 6:00 pm.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eli Hatch, Katharine Lotspeich

EX-OFFICIO/STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Eastwood, Keith Maxey, Robby Adams, Kim Sterkel, Nancy Gogreve

INVOCATION/PLEDGE: Isaia Aricayos

ADDITIONS/CHANGES to AGENDA: New Business items added, Consent Agenda item Dog Show Schedule Change moved to New Business

MOTION to approve Consent Agenda as amended by Tom Bledsoe; seconded by Christie Gabel. Motion carried.

SPECIAL REQUESTS/GUESTS:

- 1) Kendyl Berger will be replacing Jennifer Eastwood as Fair Coordinator after Jennifer leaves
- 2) Ron Gentry – will be scheduled for a later date due to him being unavailable

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) 2020 Committee Chair Appointment – applications received for some committees, but not for all:
 - a. Catch-It – not applicable at this time since committee has been temporarily suspended
 - b. Education – recommendation from committee chair is Samantha Pierce and co-chair Jennifer Seltzer – MOTION to accept committee recommendation by Tom Bledsoe; seconded by Christie Gabel. Motion carried.
 - c. Junior Livestock/Animal Health Project Inspection – Chair nominees: Bridget Holcomb, Aaron Helus, and Gus Sidwell – MOTION by Neil Temmer for chairpersons Gus Sidwell and Bridget Holcomb; seconded by Tom Bledsoe. Motion carried.
 - d. Premier Exhibitor – Chair Nominees are Jen Seltzer, Gus Sidwell, and Aaron Helus. Motion by Tom Bledsoe for chairpersons Gus Sidwell and Jennifer Seltzer; seconded by Christie Gabel. Motion carried.
 - e. Royalty – Chair Nominees: Cody LeBlanc, Bridget Holcomb, Pat Kindvall, Dakota Kos. MOTION by Christie Gabel for chairpersons Cody LeBlanc and Pat Kindvall; seconded by Isaia Aricayos. Motion carried.
 - f. All-Around Showmanship – Nominees are Debbie Carpio and Aaron Helus – MOTION by Christie Gabel for chairperson Debbie Carpio and Aaron Helus; seconded by Tom Bledsoe. Motion carried.
 - g. Junior Livestock Sale Committee – Nominee is Fred Kayser – MOTION by Tom Bledsoe for chairperson Fred Kaiser; seconded by Christie Gabel. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tom Bledsoe for committees that participate in selection of officers to make selection by October 1 as a recommendation to the Board for approval for the upcoming year; seconded by Christie Gabel. Motion carried.

- h. Appreciation Lunches – chairperson to find vendors to bring food, coordinate volunteers, waters by 11:00 am – nominee is Jane Miller. MOTION by Tom Bledsoe for chairperson Jane Miller; seconded by Neil Temmer. Motion carried.
 - i. Awards, Promotions, and Sponsorships – Nominees are Cody LeBlanc and Bridget Holcomb. MOTION by Isaia Aricayos for chairpersons Cody LeBlanc and Bridget Holcomb; seconded by Christie Gabel. Motion carried.
 - j. Grounds, Entertainment, Vendors – no nominees at this time, will table until a later date
 - k. Fair BBQ – Isaia will reach out to Becky Seiler who has helped in the past and may be interested in helping this year – Jenn will forward contact information to Isaia Aricayos
 - l. Fair Parade – no nominees at this time, Cheryl Monger may be interested – Tom Bledsoe will reach out to Cheryl to see if she’s interested
 - m. Security – no nominees at this time, Neil Temmer will reach out to Dusty Kunau
- 2) 2020 Budget – Christie Gabel will meet with Fair Coordinator on a budget proposal to bring to the board at the January meeting
- 3) Farm Show – additional funds needed for costs. MOTION by Christie Gabel to increase budget by an additional \$841; seconded by Tom Bledsoe. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Consent Agenda Deadline – need time to review prior to meeting, in the past documents were sent in by Thursday or Friday prior to meeting. Overseeing Board member should determine if committee recommendations should be on the consent agenda or not, Monday/Tuesday prior to meeting – MOTION by Christie Gabel for items to be considered on the Consent Agenda they need to be sent in one week prior to the meeting; seconded by Tom Bledsoe. MOTION Amendment by Mike Frink that all agenda items, if at all possible, to be sent in one week prior to the meeting and overseeing board member of committees to determine if item should be on the Consent Agenda or not; seconded by Christie Gabel. Amendment and motion carried.
- 2) Process of Hiring Judges – Keith shared that Commissioner James suggested contracts for judges go through Board not just committees – suggested process is as follows:
- Appropriate committees and/or other designated personnel (Fair Coordinator, FFA, Extension) contact judges and receive a commitment from them to judge (pending Fair Board approval)
 - Committees submit recommendations (and judges’ contact information) to Fair Coordinator
 - Fair Coordinator distributes recommendations to Fair Board prior to their monthly meeting so that they can be considered for the consent agenda
 - Fair Board approves judge recommendations (as with any consent agenda item, any Board member can ask to have any of the judge recommendations taken from the consent agenda and placed in New Business for individual consideration)
 - Upon approval, Fair Coordinator prepares and sends judge contracts

MOTION by Christie Gabel to adopt suggested process for hiring judges; seconded by Isaia Aricayos. Motion carried.

- 3) Publishing proposed judges – it is recommended by the Livestock Committee to publish contracted judges for Fair. MOTION by Christie Gabel to publish livestock judges in the monthly newsletter when available so that everyone is aware; seconded by Tom Bledsoe. During discussion of the motion, Larry Hooker stated initially he was not in favor of the motion, but now supports it due to everyone being aware of who the judges are and not only a select few; Mike Frink indicated he supports publishing of contracted judges as well. Motion carried.
- 4) Beef ID – Larry Hooker asks for volunteers on Beef ID day – sign up as available. He will email more information about the event being held at Producers on February 1 from 8 am to noon.
- 5) Dog Committee Recommendations – Kim Sterkel presented recommendations from the Dog Committee. MOTION by Christie Gabel to accept recommendations as presented by the Dog Committee; seconded by Tom Bledsoe. Motion carried.
- 6) Livestock Committee Judge Recommendations:
 - a. Beef – Scott Shockey
 - b. Swine – Jordon Leatherman
 - c. Sheep – Jimmy Davis
 - d. Goat – Slayton Strube

MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to adopt judge recommendations from the Livestock Committee; seconded by Neil Temmer. Motion carried.

- 7) Motion Recommendations from 11/18/19 Jr. Livestock Committee meeting:
 - a. Rabbits: Up to \$1,000 dollars for the hiring of Donyelle Schultz from NC to judge Breeding & Market Show & Showmanship. Approval to move the Market Rabbit show to Thursday evening following Rabbit showmanship. Begin at 5:00pm. Breeding show remains on Saturday. MOTION by Isaia Aricayos to accept proposed requests and recommendations; seconded by Tom Bledsoe. Motion carried.
 - b. Poultry: Up to \$1,000 to hire two separate judges. Mr. Tracy Hill (Amarillo, TX) for Market & Breeding and Johnny Baker (Parker, CO) for Showmanship. MOTION by Isaia Aricayos to approve contract of judges; seconded by Tom Bledsoe. Motion carried.
 - c. Goats: Create rule banning the use of pronged/spiked collars for Market Goats. MOTION by Isaia Aricayos to accept recommended rule; seconded by Neil Temmer. Motion carried.
 - d. Sheep: Removal of the mouthing “milk teeth” rule. MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to accept rule change; seconded by Isaia Aricayos. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Royalty will host Sponsor Appreciation Dinner this Thursday at the Bunkhouse – Fair Board members are invited to attend – open house format starting at 5:30 pm

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 8:37 PM by Tom Bledsoe; seconded by Christie Gabel. All approved and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Isaia Aricayos

Weld County Fair Board Secretary