

Weld County Fair Board Meeting

May 4, 2020

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

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

EX-OFFICIO/STAFF PRESENT: Keith Maxey, Nancy Gogreve, Kim Sterkel, Jenette Masarie, Larry Hooker, Robby Adams

SPECIAL GUESTS: Bridget Holcomb, Commissioner Scott James

INVOCATION: Keith Maxey

Agenda: No additions

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve consent agenda by Isaia Aricayos, seconded by Christie Gabel; motion passed.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Jamie Johnson – photographer – she is okay with the Fair publishing photographs with credit, watermark will be on photos – she will be at events if not her, then she will have help to photograph during the fair and cover as many events as possible – her younger sister may be available; she will be at sale to take pictures; Motion by Mike Frink to table a decision until we touch base with the Sale Committee, seconded by Christie Gabel; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Plan for Presentation of Fair – Keith Maxey – shared possible scenarios for 2020 Weld County Fair; Commissioner James – shared City of Greeley could possibly be the final say regarding the use of Island Grove, but Weld County will weigh in heavily; he will open discussions with Mayor and facilities manager regarding County use for Fair; Commissioners James recommends we plan for “bare bones” event due to current knowledge; Livestock committee and superintendents can/will need to plan accommodations – CDC recommending moving outside with airflow to increase safety; may need decontamination and well-being checks before attendance; food consideration; how do we determine attendance

MOTION by Christie Gabel that the 2020 Weld County Fair have no vendors, no public/general attendance, no entertainment, seconded by Tom Bledsoe, AMENDMENT: 2020 Weld County Fair include 4H and FFA competitive/noncompetitive events and junior livestock sale only – Christie Gabel, seconded by Tom Bledsoe – all events include livestock and non-livestock; awards would be presented at events not at BBQ this year (no BBQ this year) – Premier would be at a later event; testing would need to be planned accordingly as well – Amendment passed. Original motion passed. Board members will go back to committees to begin planning. Friday, May 20, is the deadline for livestock ID's to know total exhibits.

- 2) Housing Form Deadline – original date printed was May 1, but published date and wording of the housing form deadling would actually be May 22. Jenette will send another email about the May 22 date to participants who may not have turned in their forms yet.
- 3) Fairbook – due to limited Fair events we will only have an online Fairbook also called – Exhibitor Book; Livestreaming – nothing has been set up; Tribune has had difficulty selling ads for book, they should be amenable to discuss possible changes to the Fairbook – Jenette and Bridget will contact the Tribune regarding possible changes to the contract
- 4) Entries – open and deadline dates on Show works – July 10 is deadline; update in Show works – usually open in May. MOTION by Christie Gabel to open Show Works registration on June 15, close on July 10, seconded by Mike Frink; motion passed.
- 5) Platte Valley Athletics help – Platte Valley has helped with the Fair as a fundraiser for the athletics dept. We will table the discussion for now. We will need to determine AmeriCorps availability; MOTION by Christie Gabel to table the discussion until the June 1 meeting, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed
- 6) Vendors – we will not have vendors none this year
- 7) Sponsors update – \$1,800 received recently from AgCredit and Five Rivers; JBS beef and pork dept have donated \$3,500 to both beef and pork for carcass contests; sponsors Google sheet is online – Bridget and Christie presented and shared with the board on how to use
- 8) Awards update – costs will be \$16,656.15; \$11,394.75 is currently available – included is open class to total available, but open classed will not happen this year; Nancy will go back to open sponsors to let them know of plan and see if they would give to 4H/FFA
- 9) Jamie Johnson – follow-up – Sale committee has been working with Jamie to see if she’s available – MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to accept proposal and contract with Jamie Johnson to be the 2020 Weld County Fair photographer, seconded by Mike Frink; motion carries
- 10) Rabbits report – Larry Hooker – virus is not real concern in Colorado since there has been only one confirmed case – no concerned at this time; CSU recommends having a good vet check – the bigger question is should the rabbit show continue if participants are not willing to come due to likely death of their rabbits if they become infected with the virus

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

May 18 next Fair Board meeting – to include on agenda: Fairbook discussion

Worth noting – City of Greeley furloughed 85 employees until June 10, most employees from facilities dept and may affect Island Grove

A newsletter announcement will be forthcoming from Board President to 4H and FFA regarding decision to continue Fair

A Wyoming County Fair is doing similar things we are doing – Jenette will contact them to get feedback and perspective; Gilpen and Denver County Fair have been cancelled; Pueblo going to a virtual Fair

Motion by Mike Frink to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Christie Gabel; motion carried 7:53 pm.