

Weld County Fair Board Meeting

May 18, 2020

Zoom Meeting called to order by President Eli Hatch at 6:05 pm.

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

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

SPECIAL GUESTS: Dan Joseph, Bridget Holcomb, Cody LeBlanc

Agenda: Additions 1) Randy Lewis – help with 2020 Sale; 2) Concern about other county 4H members entering Weld County Fair

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

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment– Dan Joseph – he and the department will be a resource to the Fair Board and available as needed – the goal is to be within health guidelines and Governor orders; a large component to health is time and connectivity – virus spreads in groups together for an extended period of time; moving traffic and having most events outside should be a goal as much as possible; limit time of large groups together – event planning is needed; Q&A: 1) Waivers/Release Forms needed for attendees? Necessary or effective? – it may be a possibility, but there is an assumption of risk entering the event – signage or posted information about health/safety should suffice; 2) Large shows, ie. Hogs? – dividing into smaller sections/categories could be an option, the committee is looking into tents for shows outside for air flow, ventilation, etc. limit class sizes is an option as well; 3) Safer At Home chart – send to exhibitors? May not be necessary, however, messaging perhaps may include consideration of limiting visits to at-risk people after event; 4) Should there be temperature checks at doors/entrance for participants and attendees? – may be difficult and may be inaccurate since it's IR and there may be other limitations as well; 5) Are sanitation teams needed? – may be helpful with a good schedule and management of teams and areas being cleaned on a regular basis; 6) Co-horting – groups sticking together, limiting exposure as much as possible? – an option may be to ask participants to be 6' apart; 7) PPE – don't recommend gloves, masks are highly recommend and effective to limiting spread if you are asymptomatic, hand sanitizer stations are good; 8) Can we enforce mask use? – no, the focus are on workers in a facility for hours and making sure they would be using masks not attendees; 9) Is there a limit to people in the building? – no limit to numbers, but area, size, space, etc. social distancing is needed; Recommend having secondary plans in case issues arise during Fair

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Entry Open Date – the date of June 15 was decided last meeting as the open date for Fair registration, but June 1 would give additional time to collect required forms; electronic forms

may be an option, but will need to review with County – Pres. Eli Hatch will visit with Commissioners tomorrow to see if that’s a viable option. He will report back to the board on his findings.

- 2) 4H Food Booth – a motion passed at the last meeting to have no vendors at Fair, but 4H was not considered and ever handled as a vendor in the past – 4H selling at Fair is a large fundraising event for the organization; Dan from the Health Dept indicated food in pre-made bags should be fine when it comes to health concerns; perhaps a limited menu and pre-made items/bags would speed up the purchasing process so people aren’t hanging out or waiting together; MOTION by Christie Gabel to allow 4H pop stand, shavings sale, and food booth at 2020 Fair, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.
- 3) Campers – should a decision be made to provide refunds to people who reserved RV spots at the Fair? – decisions and plans for the Fair are currently being formalized – a decision on camping spots should be made at a later time after additional plans are made; security is still being finalized as well; MOTION by Neil Temmer to allow only essential camping – no second to motion; motion failed; MOTION by Christie Gabel to table discussion of RV spots until June 1 meeting, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.
- 4) Tribune Live Webcasting – Jenette stated Tribune doesn’t have the ability to do Live Webcasting events; Brian Allmer with Barn Media can do webcasting but will need to give specifics, but he can only do one show at a time; cost will be free; other option is for someone else to livestream on Facebook (Facebook Live); Sale committee has discussed online platforms and is investigating streaming and live broadcast options; no decision will be made at this time.
- 5) Rabbit Show update – move to Livestock Committee report
- 6) Cattle for Kids, Bucket calf, and Horse Lead line – these events were scheduled to be postponed this year since they are not 4H or FFA related; breeder shows would also fall under the same category; MOTION by Mike Frink to leave the schedule as it is at this time, seconded by Christie Gabel; Discussion by Keith stating at our last meeting our decision was to exclude non-4H competitive events, Mike stated we need additional time to consider the extent of excluding these events; Roll Call vote – Neil Temmer – no; Tom Bledsoe – no; Christie Gabel – yes; Mike Frink – yes; Isaia Aricayos – yes; motion passed.
- 7) Other counties 4H members coming to Weld to compete – Kim shared that 4H members cannot show from other counties since they will need to go through a transfer process for approval and competitive purposes are not an approved reason for transfer.
- 8) Randy Lewis – radio announcer and auctioneer – wants to help junior livestock auctions happen; additional information will be needed and should go through the Sale Committee. Eli will share information with Mike.

- 9) Committee Reports – Livestock – making plans to limit length and size of shows/classes, Rabbit shows are being cancelled across nation, market rabbit sale would still proceed just not breeding show – market show/sale would be on Sunday, only using a local judge, which would limit cost and traveling – the Livestock committee accepted the proposal by the Rabbit Superintendent; other shows/breeds are still planning possible options – move ring/shows outside, change of schedule to stalling and show, etc. – next meeting is scheduled for 5/27/2020, and will occur every two weeks; Sale Committee – currently researching two scenarios/options – normal and online platform, checking into online platform options now; there are options for processing carcasses; Logan County Fair sent a letter saying state ag secretary saying County Fair sales and auctions are essential to ag business in state; Innovative Food fire is limiting processing options particularly donations to Weld Food Bank; Royalty – will likely change format, scheduling and handling of duties; Premier Exhibitor and All-Around – committees have not met; Dog committee – considering events may all be virtual.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June 1 next Fair Board meeting – on the agenda will be camping/camper spots at the Fair

Meeting adjourned by Eli Hatch at 8:03 pm.