

Weld County Fair Board Meeting

June 1, 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, Aaron Helus

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

SPECIAL GUESTS: Dan Joseph and Commissioner James

Agenda: Additions 1) 4H report added to Committee Reports; 2) Non-livestock report

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

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment – Dan Joseph – updates: still searching for guidance for large gatherings, currently large congregations slowly opening with more people in a building, but segregation by groups in buildings still recommended; Question: 1) Any limitation on number of people in a single place at a time? No guidance available for acreages and number of attendees at the moment
- 2) Commissioner James – no updates from the Board of Commissioners; appreciates Dept of Health attending and providing guidance; Safer at Home order extended today by Governor through the month of June

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) 4H Food Booth/Pop Stand/Shavings Sale – food booth menu will be limited; tickets will be provided instead of ordering from menu in exchange for food; brown bag or to-go boxes will be available; may need food Monday or Tuesday
- 2) Campers – move to Security and Risk Management Committee report

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Commissioners will need to approve plan for Weld County Fair this year – current plan limits activities and attendance – Swine Breeder show is considered 4H/FFA – livestock committee recommending all shows be held outside, but stalling inside; Leadline/Bucket Calf will not be held this year, but the Breeder shows will be held
- 2) Online Forms have been approved by the County – currently working with IT Dept to prepare and roll out soon; Show Works would be able to connect with the County; Code of Ethics and W9 forms will be available online and submitted securely electronically; MOTION: Approve digital collection of W9 and Code of Ethics forms online and Fair Votes as collection company by Tom Bledsoe, seconded Christie Gabel; motion passed.
- 3) Freeman ShowBox – supplies for showing 4H/FFA livestock – they are considered vendors and will not be attending this year

- 4) Project Inspections – we should have no liability for County if inspection are planned and PPE/SOP policy adopted; if County is not given permission to the property then we should have a backup plan; follow-up may be necessary in situations of concern; MOTION: Remove project inspections for Summer 2020, Christie Gabel and Tom Bledsoe; motion passed. Protests will be handled as normal.
- 5) Committee Reports and Recommendations
 - a. Livestock – Tents for shows outside – no schedule changes at this time; no All-Around Showmanship; Supers proposals and plans are all slightly different to service participants; MOTION: Accept Rabbit Superintendent recommendations for 2020 Fair by Christie Gabel, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.
 - i. Carcass contest – likely won't happen since participants leave immediately following show and we don't have a packing facility lined up at this time
 - b. MOTION: Christie Gabel motion to have all shows outside, utilize weight cards with 5% weigh-back allowance, and use the judge's discretion on how many are weighed in each class, second by Mike Frink; Motion passed.
 - c. Panels and social distancing requirements – Jenette asked if we should borrow panels from other counties; there is concern if we would have the manpower to set up additional panels; ultimately, this may be an issue to work with Livestock committee; City of Greeley will be invited to attend the next meeting
 - d. Sale Committee – plan is for other kids to be on a platform sale; Grand and Reserve – 7 species total to be a live auction only – normal sale; Premium Sale for other kids and online platform – a plan is being finalized
 - e. Risk Management and Security – a handout was presented; MOTION by Neil Temmer to remove Marlin Kunau as chairperson, seconded by Christie Gabel; motion passed. Kevin Kunau would take over with the help of others as co-chairs (Grant, Bridget, Christine, Kevin Harbaugh and Jeremy Helzer); Recommendations at this time is to use wristbands for participants – each exhibitor gets a wristband, then a total of 4 additional bands; need to keep original wristband for a replacement if needed later; one-way traffic pattern to provide checkpoints; it's recommended that Risk/Security Committee coordinate with Livestock committee as they finalize plan due to issues with set up/drop off/handling of traffic; Campers – limit camping spots due to social distancing requirements to essential volunteers and attendees only; however, the concern is those exhibitors who live very far and if spaces should be available; MOTION to table camper discussion to next meeting Christie Gabel, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.
 - f. Royalty – due to limited social roles for Royalty this year, it is recommend to keep Royalty as is for next year as well. MOTION: Roll over this year Royalty to next year by Tom Bledsoe, second by Christie Gabel; motion passed. MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to postpone "Royalty for a Day" until 2021 Fair, seconded by Christie Gabel; motion passed.
 - g. Premier Exhibitor – the recommendation will likely be to postpone for the year due to limitations to Fair; the committee will need to meet and discuss to give the Board a recommendation

- h. All-Around Showmanship – MOTION by Mike Frink to postpone All-Around Showmanship for both large and small animal until 2021, seconded by Aaron Helus; motion passed.
- i. 4H – no live interviews, projects drop-off will be the day before judging, the building will be open from Wednesday to Saturday with checkout from Saturday afternoon to Sunday, the Dog show will all be virtual; MOTION to accept recommendation for all non-livestock projects by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Christie Gabel; motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Pat Kindvall obtained tent prices and need some direction, still finalizing needs at this time, but will need four 40x60 tents; Neil Temmer will discuss sponsorship/donations for tents
2. June 15 next Zoom Fair Board meeting – on the agenda will be Campers and Premier Exhibitor

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tom Bledsoe at 9:05 pm, second by Mike Frink; motion passed.