

Weld County Fair Board Meeting

July 6, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Eli Hatch at 6:03 pm.

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

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

SPECIAL GUESTS: Jane Miller, Bridget Holcomb, Gus Sidwell and Kevin Carbaugh

Agenda: Additions/Changes 1) Memorial ideas for Robbie Hirsch; 2) Premium distribution; 3) Vendors; 4) Next meeting

Moment of silence for Robby Hirsch – Eli Hatch

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

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) City of Greeley – Debbie and Rochelle via Zoom – need timeline of set up for Fair – July 20th we will have help to set up and will help the City – Jennette will contact the City tomorrow; haven't heard from the locates company at this time; Sunday the 19th 4H has the 4H building; the City will start setting up pens soon; where the City is unable to help, the County will help as well

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Committee Reports
 - a. Sale Committee – Christie Gabel – recommend sale proceed as normal – Monday at 3 pm in building, meal plan will be available but will be set up and spaced for social distancing, release times for breeds will change – nominated animals will stay, sale order is posted and unqualified animals will leave on Sunday, there will be some change to the structure – terminal sale for all 245 animals as in the past, load out Tuesday morning – no carcass contest this year – stalling will need to change; limited Weld Food bank donations, however, Valley packing will help will donations to Weld Food Bank – will continue to do online broadcast sale – can bid online as well; no photos will need to be submitted by exhibitors; MOTION to accept list of recommendations from committee by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Aaron Helus; motion passed.
 - b. Royalty Committee – Cody LeBlanc – participating at camp Clover Bud online, presented awards at Cake decorating and Cooks contest; fashion review; planning to help non-livestock drop off; week of Fair Royalty will be there as normal; helping at

Horse show and Rocket Fly day; helping with sale as well; helping with Barn media as needed; they present Fair Book to Commissioners and planning to do that as normal; Tea with Dorothy Bates was cancelled due to Covid-19; there were 12 parades cancelled this year already; Weld 4H videos are posted now and recommend people visit

- c. Sponsorship Committee – Bridget Holcomb – received \$500 from Energy Inspection Services; will have 4-5 Kubota’s for shuttles; requesting signs from all sponsors; Jenette has received some signs already; Recommend not have sponsorship row but all banners on show rings (3 rings total) – MOTION to accept recommendation to hang banners on show rings by Christie Gabel, seconded by Mike Frink; motion carries. Need to make sure signs do not block audience view of ring.
- d. Livestock Committee – Bridget Holcomb – recommend we keep show tents; Recommend no Rabbit show at all due to RDV2 deadly virus – schedule would need to be updated; MOTION to cancel rabbit show for 2020 Fair and make appropriate changes to the schedule by Mike Frink, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed. Recommend no weigh cards, do normal weigh in’s – MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to have no weigh cards, seconded by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed. Recommendation goat and sheep stalled and showed in event center as normal; MOTION by Christie Gabel to accept recommendation, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed. Recommend hog pen set-up only in building, no show ring. The show ring will be in the tent outside. Scales – Will have 6 scales available – all certified – each for different species; recommend no specie crossover for weigh-ins; MOTION to utilize 1 large and 3 small scales, one per species (sheep/goat combined, beef, poultry, and hogs) by Christie Gabel, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed. Want to make sure we can have printout of weigh-ins. Office area in the arena has been torn down; a company is offering 36’ trailer office to help with Horse, however there is a charge of \$600 for trailer set up and tear down; MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to approve \$600 for trailer set-up and tear down, second by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed. Tents - \$360 for set up and tear down of tents; hand sanitizers and 6 floor fans 36” for show tents, total for tents/hand sanitizers/fans would be \$1,348.73. \$240 will be needed for rental of fans for tents – MOTION by Christie to approve \$250 for 6 fans for tents, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed. Portable cooling units – 4 in pig barn, 2 in cattle barn already schedule.
- e. Premier Exhibitor – Gus Sidwell – recommend having livestock Premier Exhibitor contest – need to communicate to exhibitors and give them opportunity to sign up; event center meeting rooms would be great to test kids; MOTION to allow Large Animal Premier Exhibitor and flexibility for entry by Christie Gabel, seconded by Mike Frink; motion passed. Gus will need list of exhibitors prior to stalling due to contest beginning at that time. MOTION to not have non-livestock Premier Exhibitor contest by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Aaron Helus; motion passed. MOTION to allow committee to put on small animal Premier Exhibitor if at all possible, by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed. All Around Showmanship recommend large animal Sunday 9 am; MOTION to accept recommendation by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Aaron Helus; motion passed.

- f. Security Risk Management Committee – Kevin Carbaugh – recommend 10 hand sanitizer stations total for grounds – volunteers from committee will help to keep them full; \$58/box with 2 bags; 7 stations for \$28/each – total \$232 cost – stands to mount dispensers - \$150/each, \$1050 total – total cost would be \$1,478, would have to consider storage – MOTION to purchase hand sanitizing stations and set up to \$1500 by Christie Gabel, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed. Campers – MOTION to allow for campers at 2020 Fair by Christie Gabel, seconded by Aaron Helus; motion passed. Those who had campers will have the same ones if wanted, there are only 9 spots available; Scales – will not be allowed to be moved – Orozco will monitor; signage – new signages will include “safer at home, masks recommended, social distancing, and hand wash,” MOTION by Christie Gabel to allow up to \$500 for signage as needed, seconded by Neil Temmer; motion passed. Orozco will charge the same amount this year – last year \$4921 was paid for services. MOTION to proceed with Orozco at the same rate as last year at the max \$5000, seconded by Neil Temmer; motion passed. Services provided from Sunday through Sunday. Weld County Posse will be here as back up and overnight security, total spent \$2200 last year – a couple patrols – four people total; MOTION to proceed with the Weld County Posse again this year up to \$2500 by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Neil Temmer; motion passed.
 - g. Appreciation Lunches – Jane Miller – Dining in conference rooms, buffet style from outside vendor Sat thru Mon, then provided through food booth from Tue thru Sat – volunteers will serve food and hand out waters; MOTION to approve up to \$5000 for Appreciation Lunches by Tom Bledsoe, second by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed.
 - h. Dairy – MOTION to allow Dairy luncheon at the Buckle Club by Mike Frink, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.
- 2) Platte Valley Athletics Help – cost last year was \$5000, which would not be in the budget this year; MOTION offer \$1000 for at least 5 kids Tues thru Thurs 6 to 9 am, Fri 5:30 am to 9 am by Christie Gabel, seconded by Aaron Helus; motion passed.
 - 3) Premium Distribution – typically on Sunday, will keep it the same for this year
 - 4) Vendors – Animals will be here longer than originally planned – may need support – Freeman Showbox can offer support – Fit to Show – MOTION to invite animal support vendors by Tom Bledsoe, seconded by Christie Gabel; motion passed.
 - 5) Memorial for Robbie Hirsch – bench or something to dedicate and commemorate her service; potentially name rabbit show after Robbie for future – since this is not a board initiative the family and Rabbit Superintendent may consider this and do as they see fit
 - 6) Communication – communication from Board and details from committees forthcoming – Camper letter will need to be sent soon as well – Board representatives will send summary bullet points to Jenette/Kim – link to website and send directly to exhibitors likely – Eli will draft general letter – summaries to be sent by Tuesday, 5 pm
 - 7) Next Board meeting will be an in-person meeting 7/20/2020 6 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Live Streaming set up is coming along as planned
2. Fair Entries – show works will be updated as needed

3. Thank You card for Marlon is going around to be signed

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tom Bledsoe at 9:12 pm, second by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed.