

Weld County Fair Board Meeting

December 7, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Eli Hatch at 6:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Bledsoe, Isaia Aricayos, Christie Gabel, Mike Frink, Aaron Helus, Ken Vaughn and Eli Hatch

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

SPECIAL GUESTS: Cody LeBlanc, Bridget Holcomb, Adem Evans, and Ella Nicoli

Agenda: Additions/Changes: None

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda by Tom Bledsoe, second by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed.

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) Averie Park via Zoom – discussion of eligibility; loss in family caused delays in submitting record books, Baily is in 4H and other siblings are in FFA; MOTION by Christie Gabel to accept Sale Committee recommendation to allow eligibility if eligibility fees are paid for each exhibitor, record books are submitted and copies of thank you notes received, seconded by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed.
- 2) Commissioner James: express thanks to Fair Board for outstanding work this year in a difficult transition and pandemic; another Commissioner will be overseeing the Fair Board next year; appreciation to Keith Maxey in his retirement at the end of the year and many years of dedicated service to the County
- 3) Adem Evans – discussion of eligibility; sale picture not picked up from committee, but they sent their own pics thinking that satisfied requirements; thank you notes were received but not marked off in Fair office; MOTION by Mike Frink to accept Sale Committee recommendation to allow eligibility if eligibility fee is paid, seconded by Christie Gabel; motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Photography Update – another photographer is interested in applying for the opportunity; an application has been completed to allow information to be submitted and reviewed; the application will be available online, deadline for applications will be December 31, 2020.
- 2) Committee Reports/Updates:
 - a. Royalty – Ella shared an updated, group was coronated in November, CAFS were cancelled; 2020 jackets will have embroidery for sponsors, cost will be incurred by the court due to promises made in outside of sponsor letter agreements; 2021 jackets have been ordered but will not have sponsor logos put on them
 - b. Security and Risk – want to open camper spots in January; next board meeting is January 4 and we would like to discuss the plans for campers this year, so opening spots should be after our next meeting; Vet Check – 234 cars passed through area during Vet Check and is a safety issue-discussions and investigation is ongoing to determine best approach to reduce safety hazard; MOTION by Christie Gabel to

- accept recommendation of committee for officer slate and camper timeline, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.
- c. Livestock – continuing discussion of husbandry of livestock during Fair, changing of goat/sheep/cattle placings; plan to review points of concern: 1) education, 2) rule enforcement, 3) participation; a few attendees of the previous meeting mention they would like to join the committee for future membership; MOTION by Christie Gabel to accept recommendations for horse judges and associated expenses, seconded by Mike Frink; motion passed. Need help on committee and would like to invite volunteers to participate. MOTION to create committee application form by Christie Gabel, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed. Christie will create the form and have available electronically. MOTION by Christie Gabel to table discussion of “SOP for committee membership removal if needed” to the January meeting, seconded by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.
 - d. Sponsorship – draft brochure and sponsor packet have been created, working document recently created
 - e. Jr. Livestock Sale – Ken attended, role call taken there, discussing photographer and picture frames, Ken will advise the committee of motions from this meeting passed for ineligible exhibitors
 - f. BBQ – Mike reached out to Becky Seiler and she is willing to help this year
 - g. Education – nothing to report at this time
 - h. All Around Showmanship – nothing to report at this time
 - i. Awards – stickers, ribbons and other items were ordered and received today, one more year under contract with current supplier
 - j. Appreciation Lunches – nothing to report at this time

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) Keith Maxey’s last meeting is this evening, we wish Keith all the best in retirement
- 2) Next month’s meeting will be January 4

MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to adjourn 7:33 PM, seconded by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Isaia K Aricayos
Weld County Fair Board Secretary