

Weld County Fair Board Meeting

March 9, 2021

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

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

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

SPECIAL GUESTS: Commissioner Saine, Theresa Johnson, and Kevin Carbaugh

Agenda: Additions/Changes: add Fair Logo

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda by Tom Bledsoe, second by Aaron Helus; motion passed.

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) Commissioner Saine is attending via Zoom and is available to answer any questions that may arise.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Jennifer with City of Greeley – Fair logo has been revised and vectored, additional colors are available; MOTION by Isaia Aricayos to accept final version, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.
- 2) Fair Dance – has been a Fair event but conducted by a 4H group, last year the health department recommended we don't have it, MOTION by Christie Gabel to have YEC continue to plan the Fair Dance as their fundraiser event and it will be held under the tent, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) 2021 Awards – Rabbit virus – continues to be an issue coming close to the County – we need to order awards and the question is if we should order without dates on the awards or no awards ordered at all; MOTION to order awards without year on it by Mike Frink, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.
- 2) Old Fair Panels – SE Fair requesting to purchase panels if available, unfortunately, we will need them for other events. MOTION to let SE Fair use panels by Tom Bledsoe, second by Aaron Helus; motion passed.
- 3) Committee Reports
 - a. Fair BBQ – no sponsor, Becky is getting some help from Tracy Axton – I asked about cash available, Christie says we need an update on tent purchase/rent; \$10k may be available for the Fair BBQ
 - b. Appreciation Lunches – Jane Miller is in hospital due to health issues, will evaluate as needed. A signup is available for meals for the family.
 - c. Premier Exhibitor – Aaron Helus – nothing new to report
 - d. All Around Showmanship – looking for judges now, but not sure will have small animals due to rabbits possibly not showing – Kim asked if consideration has been

made to just have dogs and poultry compete or have kids join large animal group; Isaia will take back to the committee for consideration.

- e. Education – making calls for participation, possibly have a couple displays inside
- f. Jr Livestock Sale – wrote \$5000 as sponsorship to Fair; ½% of sale checks are put toward carcass contest; Buybacks – language may change in Fair Book; exploring idea of online and in-person auction; reviewing rules in Fair Book
- g. Royalty – no handbags, jackets being embroidered now, garment bags will be ordered, Megan and Kiana are joining the committee; Royalty App updates are being reviewed – separate application and contract for Royalty – pairing down app. Participation will include fashion review among other things. Current list of events is in flux due to COVID. Pictures will be held in March this year.
- h. Security – moving Vet check to behind house behind Centennial Village; MOTION to accept proposal and exclude trailer parking next to beef barn by Tom Bledsoe, second by Aaron Helus; motion passed. Recommend use of Orozco Security and Sheriff's Posse similar to previous years within committee's budget. MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to accept committee recommendation, second by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed. Recommend all campers back into spaces for parking. MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to accept recommendation, second by Aaron Helus; motion passed. Recommend dogs are excluded from event buildings and show areas. MOTION to not allow dogs in buildings and show tents by Mike Frink, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed. Working on sponsorship for radios.
- i. SNOW – MOTION by Isaia Aricayos to accept committee recommendation to require Coggins and Health Papers 30 days prior to Colorado Regulators July 24 event unless otherwise directed by the County Vet, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed. MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to allow two Education Stations in the event center, second Aaron Helus, motion passed. MOTION to suspend parade for 2021 by Mike Frink, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.
- j. Livestock Animal Health/Project Inspection – met in February, already approved moving beef back to regular schedule; clinic with Country Corner but due to availability clinic will not happen before Fair, looking ahead to October; no changes to hog weigh-in, recommend change: any animal not meeting weight may have immediate weigh in by request;
- k. MOTION by Christie Gabel to accept recommendation for re-weigh all animals and verbiage must include in some way that the animal backs off the scale, the scale is then zeroed, then the animal immediately goes back on the scale, then the second weight would be final, second by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 1) Last week's meeting was unofficial due to agenda not being published 24 hrs in advance in accordance to Sunshine laws – Jenette has received an updated Fair Board by-law from the Commissioners. Only change was to remove additional board seat previously held by Neal. She recommends all board members review the by-laws. A question came up regarding recording of meetings. A request will be made to the county regarding clarification of the possibility of having to record meetings.

- 2) Mike asked if Eli's new elected position on the County Council poses a conflict to his role on the Fair Board, Eli explained position on Council will not be a conflict of interest. Council has oversight of County business and wages for some officials including Commissioners, but does not conduct any ethics investigations.
- 3) Next month's meeting will be April 5 @ 6 PM

Meeting adjourned by Eli Hatch at 8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Isaia K Aricayos
Weld County Fair Board Secretary