

Fair Board Meeting
4/19/2021 @ 7pm
Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma CO

Roll Call: YC Commissioners Scott Weaver, Trent Bushner; Fair Manager Kim Latoski; Fair Board Members Michelle Smith, Robin Schneider, Baylor Buck, BJ Mekelburg, Harold Blackham, Jed Gleghorn, Dave Blach, Micah Seyler, Darcy Stallings; CSU Extension JoLynn Midcap; Fairgrounds Crew Jaden Campbell; YC Fair Parade Committee Treia Means and Lisa Pinney.

Call to Order: 7:00pm by Dave Blach

March minutes were reviewed, and corrections were made to revise the statement made about people's opinion that the current weight limit of beef in the steer show was too low and second a correction about the fair premium fund was not enough to meet the current premiums in 2021. BJ Mekelburg moved to approve minutes from the March meeting with corrections. M Seyler seconded. Motion passed.

Reports

1. Special Guest:

- YC Fair Parade Committee was present and D Blach made apologies on behalf of the Fair Board regarding miscommunication and parade cancellation in 2020. The Fair Board appreciated them coming to the meeting and after some discussion they agreed to send a representative to the Fair Board meetings starting in April to ensure everyone knew what was going on. The committee members announced the 2021 YC Fair Parade theme is "Stirrup Some Fun". T Means also made the board aware of the possibility of the City of Yuma assessing an event fee which the committee may address the board for help with. For clarification they also stated they handle all city and state road closures. In 2021 they will try to have the Grand Marshall and other dignitaries (in addition to the Fair Board) ride in collectible cars.

2. Grounds Crew: J Campbell

- Campbell has been in touch with Jim Andrews about constructing pipe shade structures (3) for the infield area of the rodeo grounds and Colby Canvas about the covers. Fair Board made suggestions to get on their schedules ASAP to ensure they would be completed by fair.
- Campbell said when he came out to begin work for the summer he would take a look at the old hog and sheep barns to see what repairs and clean-up is needed after the pens were all removed. He said there is leaking in the roof and would see about sealing those up.
- J Gleghorn said someone is opening gates in the rodeo arena and has run over a couple of the barrels in the arena. Gleghorn spoke about trying to do a little more maintenance in the slow season(s) and keeping up with trash and manure especially in the rodeo area after the fair and with the arena use outside the fair. D Blach noticed the use of the stalls (rentals) but that hay storage is both creating additional maintenance and they should have to pay to store their hay on the grounds as well.
- Campbell stated he knows there are some shortcomings in how maintenance gets handled in the off-season and part of it is because Bud Mekelburg is the only one there. T Bushner explained with the off-season they do not (cannot) staff like they do as it gets busier and closer to fair. The Fair Board is asked to make the commissioners aware of items that need addressed and they will do what is necessary to get the work done with B Mekelburg and J Campbell.

Grounds Crew Report - (continued)

- Gleghorn requested getting with the YC Pest Control to spray weeds earlier this year as it seems to get put to the end of the list and has not been early enough in past years. Campbell agreed to contact him.

3. Superintendents - nothing

4. Extension Office:

- J Midcap forwarded comments from Rollie Deering regarding lighting and rails etc. he would be willing to donate toward the Alley of Champions. His suggestions were noted and will be taken into consideration for all species as the final layout is determined by the committee.
- Midcap has judges in place for poultry, horse trail and dairy but has been making phone calls to the beef, swine and sheep/goat judges without much luck. She took a few additional names and after some discussion about having one judge for all the market species or separate judges a motion was placed on the floor by Gleghorn to look for judges in a closer proximity. M Seyler seconded and Baylor Buck agreed to help Midcap with selection of judges. Motion passed.

Old Business

1. 2021 Rabbit Show. Midcap said the State Vet is discouraging rabbit shows. Travis Taylor with CSU Extension is recommending the county NOT to have their rabbit show this year at fair. The extension office thought a virtual show may be a possibility. Following discussion about ways to keep the youth enrolled in the project a motion was made by R Schneider to cancel the rabbit show for 2021 and offer an option for the youth enrolled to complete their project and put a display/photo board about their project up at the fair. H Blackham seconded; motion passed.
2. Michelle Smith reported there had been no parties submit bids for the cleaning crew at fairgrounds. M Smith has been in contact with our past cleaning vendor, and they are interested in the job for 2021 and will submit a bid shortly as she has been out on maternity leave.
3. T Bushner stated a revised contract for the night show with Travis Denning has just come in and he has not had a chance to review the details. The artist is routed so it should be going forward for a 8:00 Tuesday night performance of 75-90 minutes. Darcy Stallings went out to check out the trailer as a stage option and said it would not work. T Bushner commented the YC Commissioners are still seriously looking at options for building a covered stage that would work in future years.
4. Rodeo plans
 - J Gleghorn, Rodeo Manager, was contacted by individuals interested in bringing back the Saturday night Ranch Rodeo. Gleghorn said there should be no scheduling conflicts but needs someone to organize and run the entire show. He said there were individuals (Josh Archer-lead) to organize the event, Calcutta would begin at 6 pm Saturday night and Ranch Rodeo to start immediately after.
 - The Cowboy Channel is again interested in coming back to the Yuma County Rodeo! The company which used to supply the large screen has shut down and Gleghorn got bids for a new company and has decided on a firm that will provide a screen and camera crew, etc for \$6500. He hopes the Cowboy Channel will provide some funding for the screen as well.
 - Gleghorn worked a 3-year contract with Cervi for the rodeo stock with a 3% raise each year. He is optimistic about working closely with the manager when it comes time to pick out rough stock where he can see the horses, etc on the ranch prior to the fair. D Stallings made a motion for Gleghorn to sign the contract with Cervi, M Seyler seconded, motion passed.

5. Premiums funding

- D Stallings reported on behalf of Ryan Noble. Noble has had good luck with sending out emails requesting help with premiums for the exhibits at fair. His response has produced roughly \$4500 from non-business sources as businesses get tapped out and may affect what else they sponsor at fair. H Blackham suggested keeping a record of who donated. Kim Latoski, Fair Manager, will contact the Commissioner's office to ask that they keep record of the donations separately and R Schneider suggested we get a list and post recognition of the donors at the fairgrounds.

6. Improvements to Show Barn

- Stallings commented on progress and plans by Noble for the Champion Alley in the show barn.
- Stallings updated the board on a bid coming from Dave Aageson for more speakers in the barn as it was hard to hear last fair especially in certain areas which gave way to discussion about the need for separation of the show ring speakers and pen areas of the barn. Midcap asked if having some portable speakers which could be moved according to where events were happening in different parts of the barn. It was also suggested we speak to a company who is knowledgeable in sound systems in addition to the local electricians.

7. Beer Garden Proposal

- Baylor Buck presented the committee's latest and final recommendations for a beer garden at the 2021 Fair, see attached. The current plan was scaled back to make it successful the first year before potentially expanding in future years.
- Overall the plan was scaled back to include only two secure areas and times where alcohol would be sold; 1) Monday evening 5 pm until 1 hour post sale or 11 pm in the old sheep barn, and 2) Tuesday evening 5 pm until 1 hour post-concert or 11 pm adjacent to the lean-to building west of the grandstand and north onto the track.
- A single qualified vendor has shown interest in hosting both time/locations and they will be brought on board if the proposal passes the YC Commissioners. Sheriff Combs was comfortable with only holding the beer garden when events were happening. There was discussion about the pros of scaling back the plans and not including any beer garden tied to the rodeo performances as the multiple locations could be difficult to manage. Secondly, the option of fencing off one area of the grandstands was challenging and the committee was not sure they could do it successfully.
- Mekelburg asked if the committee or Fair Board would handle getting screens in the garden during the sale for viewing and Buck confirmed the committee would handle the screens.
- As discussion wrapped up Buck made a motion to accept the beer garden committee's proposal, J Gleghorn seconded, and motion passed. The committee will be responsible for presenting to the YC Commissioners at their next scheduled meeting.

New Business

1. Fair Book changes -Midcap went over the changes and any questions regarding the 2021 Fairbook

- All scheduled times will mostly revert to the times from 2019.
- No horse races will be held except those on Sunday as the board has not heard any proposals from them. Gleghorn made a motion, M Smith seconded, and motion passed.
- County Events will be at 12:00 and 1:00 Wednesday
- Round Robin will be 3:00 Tuesday

(Fairbook changes - continued)

- Rodeo performances will be Tuesday at 1:00 and Wednesday at 7:30. All rodeo slack will be Wednesday at 7:30 am. Steer roping slack will be Thursday at 8:00 am and Stand-Alone Steer Roping will be at 2:00 pm
(Fairbook changes - continued)
 - Check out of projects will be at 3:00 pm Wednesday
 - 2021 Junior Livestock Sale order will be: swine, goats, beef, poultry and small animals, dairy, sheep
 - Since there is only one bucket calf project, the Bucket Calf interviews were moved to 2:00 right before the show. D Stallings made the motion, Gleghorn second, motion passed.
2. D Blach suggested adding picnic tables to the hog barn area for the Buyer's Dinner.
 3. M Smith presented a report from the Sheriff's office regarding the board's preferences for security staffing and budget, the report is attached. Some members questioned the rates proposed and how it was excessive compared to the funds spent in the past few years. Smith said she would take the board's concerns to the Sheriff's department and in general look to have one dedicated (certified) staff member on site morning and night and employ non-certified staff for most of the other duties. There may be additional times where certified staff is needed but the budget should reflect the times when there are more people in attendance and animals at the fair.

For the Good of the Order: There was no "good of the order" needed.

Next Meeting-Monday, May 17th, 7pm Yuma Fairgrounds

Adjournment- 9:20 pm

Submitted By: Robin Schneider and Michelle Smith

Attached documents:

1. Beer Garden Proposal
2. Yuma County Sheriff's Security Proposal

2021 Yuma County Fair Beer Garden Proposal

This proposal is to allow people of age to watch Yuma County Fair events while enjoying an alcoholic beverage within a designated area. For the 2021 fair there will be a designated area on Monday and Tuesday night of the Fair. Both designated areas will be fenced off and regulated properly by vendors and local law enforcement. People that purchase a beer will not be allowed to exit the designated area with their beverage. There will be a total of 2 different secure locations or zones at the fair grounds. These areas will not open until all junior livestock shows are over with.

Beer Garden Committee Responsibilities

- Set times and dates of designated drinking areas
- Determine where the designated areas will be
- Make sure all designated areas are fenced off entirely with one entrance and exit
- Assist in making sure areas will be fenced with panels, snow fence, ply wood, etc...
- Work with vendors to ensure they have everything they need for them to provide their services
- Determine price of beverages
- Determine the percentage of revenue the vendor should receive
- Determine the percentage of the revenue to help the Yuma County Fair – Jr. Livestock Auction, Rodeo, Concert, exhibiter prize money etc...
- Work closely and be fully transparent with the local law enforcement

Rules

- Only 21+ may can purchase
- Wristbands will be given out upon entry
- I.D's will be scanned upon entry via Ipad
- Cans only
- Vender Employees may ask people to leave if they experience any foul play
- County Law enforcement may also intervene at any time
- County Law enforcement is allowed to approach any person drinking without a wristband
- Service can be refused to anyone at anytime
- Beverages will be distributed by licensed vendors from the county
- Committee will set the percentages for the vendors, at least a 25% profit will be issued back to the vendors
- Other profits will go to the Yuma County Fair, Jr Livestock Auction, Rodeo, Concert, etc..

Vendor Responsibilities

(vendor must have at least 2 years of previous beer garden experience)

- Get all the proper liquor licensing they need in order to legally comply
- Alter designated areas to make sure they comply with their liquor license
- Enforce 21+ entry only with ID verification. Ipad will be used to scan
- Hand out wrist bands for people of age
- Enforce that nobody will be allowed to exit with a beverage, however people may leave their beverage inside the designated area if they need to leave
- Supply and train qualified employees
- Make sure there are at least 8 trashcans per designated area. If busy more may be added
- Work closely and be fully transparent with local law enforcement and the beer garden committee

(So far one qualified vendor has shown interest in doing the entirety of the 2021 Yuma County Fair)

Vendor Liability

- It is the vendors responsibility to ensure no person(s) under 21 are in the designate areas
- Vendor will be liable if local law enforcement has to intervene
- If county law enforcement shuts down the beer garden the vendor will be held liable for all costs or lost revenues

Pioneer Distribution

- Will provide beer and coolers
- Will provide training to vendors on how to identify fraudulent identification
- Coors products will be purchased through them
- 3-4 different types of beers will be selected
- Cans will be 16-12 ounces per beverage
- We may also look at the possibility of using kegs instead of cans

Schedule

Monday August 9th Junior Livestock Auction

Location: The old sheep barn just south of the sale arena/ show ring.

Open/Close: 5pm- 1 hour after last animal sells or 11p.m.

Description: Only people 21+ may enter. People can exit the area to bid if they leave their drink inside. A Tri-State Livestock Exchange sale assistant will be placed near the designated area for bidding. Tv's will also be live streaming the sale inside the area where people can bid online. There will only be one entrance and exit on the north side of the sheep barn. Perimeter fence is already established and can be reinforced if needed.

(We are looking at the possibility of having the buyer's dinner in the old hog barn. People of age could eat within the designated area as well)



Tuesday Night Concert August 10th

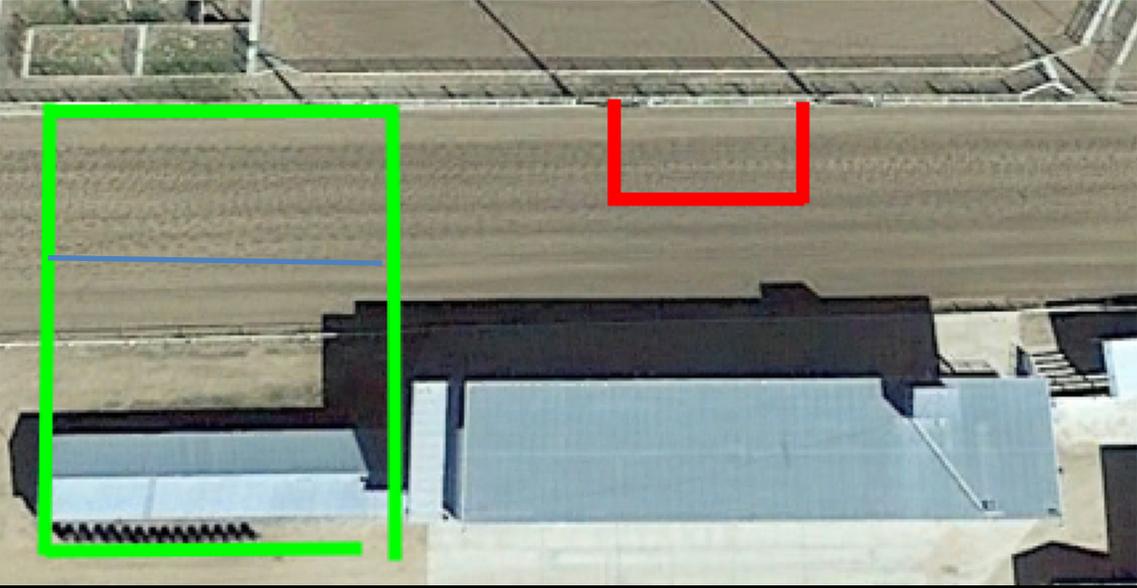
Location: Shaded area west of the rodeo grand stand

Open/Close: 5pm- 1 hour after the last song is finished or 11p.m.

Description:

West of grand stand 21+ only. They will have to purchase a concert ticket to be able to watch the concert from the north side of the designated area. If people only want to drink in the designated area and do not purchase a concert ticket they will be restricted to the south side of the designated area. The building will allow for this. People can bring lawn chairs if they want to. Picnic tables may be set up as well.

(if 2021 beer garden is safe and successful we may look to expand the designated area into the grand stand in the future)



2020 Yuma County Fair

First and foremost, I appreciate the effort and support given by the Yuma County Fair Board and the Yuma County Commissioners in the “Year of Covid.” The 2020 Yuma County Fair demonstrated an event (with proper format) can take place with minimal risk to public health.

Areas of Success

The Yuma County Sheriff’s Office made an effort to reduce the costs incurred from a security standpoint. The total cost of security for 2020 was \$2816.00. In comparison, 2019 totaled \$5949.00. 2018 (Sheriff Day) was \$7467.00. A felony arrest was made during the horse race. Animal Rights Supporters were in the Yuma area the night of the Livestock Sale. We prepared for an attempt to disrupt the sale but it, thankfully, never materialized. The entire patrol staff was at the 2020 Yuma County Fair. Only minor alcohol issues were noted and no one was hurt.

Areas of Concern

The cancellation of the Yuma County Fair was, at times, in doubt. Unavoidably, the schedule of events came out a lot later than anticipated. There was very limited time to get security schedules in place. The biggest issue was filling the overnight shifts. A deputy was on duty until 0300 Hrs, each night. However, with short notice, the overnight positions remained unfilled. This was not an issue until Tuesday (August 4th) at 11:00pm. A Domestic Violence call, a prowler call, and intoxicated driver were all occurring at the same time in the eastern parts of Yuma County. This tied up 6 officers. This led to an irate call from the fairgrounds regarding a “*whacko*” walking around the north side of the fairgrounds and negative commentary about “a lack of staffing.”

The Yuma County Deputies have altered schedules during the Yuma County Fair. This makes it a mandatory 7-8 days in a row on the schedule, in most cases in excess of 85-90 hours. It also has a direct effect on scheduling for the remaining work period. In a 28 day cycle, the staff need to keep their hours at or close to 160. That leaves each deputy 70-80 hours to cover the remaining 20 days in the work period. It results in the Sheriff’s Office being short on manpower which in turn means the department absorbs the cost of overtime for the remaining 20 days.

In 2021, hopefully the fair will be back to normal. I will no longer require deputies to work extended days on an altered work schedule to alleviate costs. I will propose a “menu” style security program to include costs. This will allow the Fair Board to determine the amount of staffing and deployment as needed. Civilian security will run at a normal rate. POST Certified Law Enforcement, dedicated exclusively to the fairgrounds, will be off duty at an overtime rate (approximately \$35 per hour).

Officers Specifically Assigned to Fairgrounds (examples)

3 Day POST Certified Staff:	\$35 / x3 / x10 Hrs	\$1050
3 Night POST Certified Staff:	\$35 / x3 / x10 Hrs	\$1050
2 Graveyard POST Certified Staff:	\$35 / x2 / x10 Hrs	\$700
2 Non Certified (Civilian) Days	\$15 / x2 / 10 Hrs	\$300
2 Non Certified (Civilian) Nights	\$15 / x2 / 10 Hrs	\$300
\$3400 per day x 4.5 days=\$15,300.00		

2 Day POST Certified Staff:	\$35 / x2 / x10 Hrs	\$700
2 Night POST Certified Staff:	\$35 / x2 / x10 Hrs	\$700
1 Graveyard POST Certified Staff:	\$35 / x1 / x10 Hrs	\$350
3 Non Certified (Civilian) Days	\$15 / x3 / 10 Hrs	\$450
3 Non Certified (Civilian) Nights	\$15 / x3 / 10 Hrs	\$450
1 Non Certified (Civilian) Graveyard	\$16 / x1 / 10 Hrs	\$160
\$2810 per day x 4.5 days=\$12645.00		

1 Day POST Certified Staff:	\$35 / x1 / x10 Hrs	\$350
1 Night POST Certified Staff:	\$35 / x1 / x10 Hrs	\$350
1 Graveyard POST Certified Staff:	\$35 / x1 / x10 Hrs	\$350
3 Non Certified (Civilian) Days	\$15 / x3 / 10 Hrs	\$450
3 Non Certified (Civilian) Nights	\$15 / x3 / 10 Hrs	\$450
1 Non Certified (Civilian) Graveyard	\$16 / x1 / 10 Hrs	\$160
\$2110 per day x 4.5 days=\$9495.00		

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office is committed to making the 2021 Yuma County Fair successful on all fronts. We are open to suggestions and are requesting direction on staffing levels; especially officers that remain on the grounds exclusively. Regarding the incident in 2020, it is rare to have three high level calls occurring at the same time but it is a possibility. I would request the fair board give input on how they wish to address this possibility.

Lastly, the effect of a Beer Garden with respect to staffing is still unknown. It is my understanding, it is being developed with several guidelines and limitations which hopefully make it a non-issue. The Sheriff's Department position is our staff will do their jobs, improvise and adapt as needed, and keep the Yuma County Fair participants and visitors safe. Thank You.