

Yuma County Fair Board Meeting

May 17, 2021

The May 17th meeting was called to order by President Dave Blach at 7:04. Present were Fair Board members Harold Blackham, BJ Mekelburg, Micah Seyler, Jed Gleghorn, Baylor Buck, Darcy Stallings, Michelle Smith and Robin Schneider; Yuma County Sheriff's Department Larry Gilliland; Yuma County Youth Extension JoLynn Midcap; Yuma County Commissioner Scott Weaver; and Fairgrounds Manager Jaden Campbell.

After review from minutes in April, with one name change corrected, H Blackham moved to approve the minutes as corrected. M Seyler seconded and minutes were approved.

Special Reports

1. Horse races will only be on Sunday, hoping for 3-5 runs.
2. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee plans to have a meeting prior to the next board meeting.
3. Grounds Crew Report- J Campbell reported Jim Andrews will start working on the frame for rodeo shade structures with help from Dustin Thim. Once one frame is done Campbell will contact Colby Canvas to come measure and construct the shade coverings.
4. Report passed along from Kim Latoski -
 - a. The carnival has been secured for \$3500 for 2021. We sign a 2-yr contract with the carnival. We need to re-evaluate the carnival or which carnival group we will use in September when the contract is up. Discussions were held about finding a group or way to let YC benefit from the carnival, as currently the group makes all the profits. Are there ways we can keep people from the carnival also spending time/money at other parts of the fair?
 - b. Latoski has talked to a few dealerships about bringing equipment and will continue to speak with others after school is finished.
5. Extension Reports
 - a. J Midcap reported Hog and Sheep/Goat weigh-ins went well. Pigs were down slightly, Goats about the same and Lambs were way up.
 - b. The office had a few calls about differences in scrapie tag recording. The Extension office will email the members which need correction to a full number on the scrapies tag.
 - c. The 2021 Yuma County Fair poster was reviewed for final corrections so they can be sent to Fence Post and the newspapers. A few corrections were made to the poster. A few other items will be added prior to the large posters being made and sent out.
 - d. Kindi Kirchenslager requested that a pre-fair event which she is organizing be placed on the fair poster. The Board agreed that because it is not part of the fair itself it will not be placed on the poster.
 - e. RHD has been identified in Washington County in a wild rabbit, so cancelling the rabbit show for 2021 was a good decision.
 - f. Midcap had questions about what poultry animals are allowed to sell in the Jr. Livestock Sale and clarified the animals need to be a Cornish, Cornish Cross or other market animal and not a fancy. The animal must show in a market class to be able to be in the market sale and a dual purpose poultry would also qualify for the market sale.

(Extension Reports-continued)

- g. Before next year, we need to clarify "Family Animal" after the 2021 fair. There was some confusion with the information prior to weigh-in; some families did not know if it was 1 family animal or 2 family animals allowed. There was some discussion amongst the Fair Board for the need for clarification on how it should be used and the original intent for the rule.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cleaning Crew Bids- Janett Simms has the only bid given for cleaning at this time. Simms stated she would complete the work for \$6000. She would like the amount to be increased due to how much the 9 kids must do and stated they spent approx. 16-18 hrs a day, for 7 days which amounted to approx. \$5.30/hr instead of \$2.50/hr. The Fair Board talked about the need to evaluate the trash pick-up labor. The City of Yuma Trash pickup wants all the trash bins brought to 2 locations, we need to discuss with them about going to more locations to decrease manpower hours needed to drag all the bins to those two locations. The Board will take out the fair booth cleaning and trash removal in the concession stands and it will be the responsibility of the food booth workers. The Board will also provide a cleaning crew with 2 golf carts. Texts throughout the meeting produced an offer to Simms for \$4500, she countered with \$5000 after some of the cleaning responsibilities were reduced.
2. Security- Sheriff's Department L Gilliland's proposal given last month was given as examples so everyone knows how much time-and-a-half will cost if we wanted them to provide dedicated staff to just the fairgrounds. With the possibility of having calls on the other side of the county, there will be a problem with staffing the fairgrounds if there is not a dedicated officer on the grounds. J Gleghorn requested one dedicated staff be at the Fairgrounds throughout the fair. The Board gave direction to Gilliland to proceed with dedicated security some of the time but closer to a similar schedule and manpower from 2019 and an approximate \$5900 budget. He should have a proposal at the June Meeting.
3. B Buck updated the Board on the Beer Garden passing the YC Commissioners following the community meeting held addressing specific concerns with community members. The group which provides golf carts for transport at the fair is questioning their involvement at Fair with the Beer Garden in place. A few contingencies given by Commissioner Weaver for the vendor:
 - a. No kids are allowed to be in the Beer Garden area at all.
 - b. No free gratis alcohol at all.
 - c. Need a capacity rating for the Beer Garden.
 - d. Commissioners/YC Sheriffs have the authority to shut down the Beer Garden if something goes wrong in any way.

The entire beer garden is contingent on the contract from the vendor, Knights of Columbus. Additional items that are needed from the vendor include the percentage that will go to the Yuma County Fair budget. The committee would like to see 25% of sales going to the Fair budget but will be working with the vendor to come to an agreement. It was mentioned that the Board is trying to bring people to the Fair and make the Fair more profitable. The Yuma Knights of Columbus is working with the Logan County branch and their contract as an example to work from. The Commissioners will only sign a one-year contract until further notice and proof the

(Beer Garden - continued)

garden and alcohol can be controlled. Discussion was held with the YC Sheriff and how security will enforce alcohol issues with having a beer garden in 2021. The Sheriffs Dept. made it clear that they cannot do selective enforcement and the whole fairgrounds will get a lot tighter and alcohol related issues will be enforced. Weaver added that the vendor will be required to deal with any intoxicated and/or obstinate crowd. Weaver said the Commissioners are evaluating the requirement of a concert ticket for entry into the beer garden on Tuesday evening. It was discussed that the first year may not be profitable like we hope it to be in future years. Some discussion about fence options for the garden area was held. The vendor, Knights of Columbus, will plan to have their proposal to the commissioner's May 28th meeting.

4. Livestock Judges- J Midcap said all livestock judges are accounted for with the exception of Horse. She thanked B Buck for his help with the judges.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fair poster corrections were given to Midcap to fix and get sent out.
2. J Gleghorn - Rhonda Pletcher put on a dog trial which was a highly successful event. It was proposed to have a small dog show this year on Friday night of fair, limited to 20 entries and held in the rodeo arena. Pletcher would use sheep for this herding event to see how it would go. If it goes well, we could expand it for next year. It was moved by R Schneider to let R Pletcher put on a sheep dog trial Friday night before fair at 6pm. Seconded by M Smith, motion passed.
3. Cliff Leonhart would like to power wash and clean the sheep and hog barns in exchange for hanging a banner for his business. The board gave tentative approval and BJ Mekelburg will continue to talk to him about this. Mekelburg will also ask him about bids for cleaning the trash cans after the fair (approx 200 trash cans).
4. J Gleghorn mentioned the rodeo will include banners for rodeo sponsorships which the Queens will run during the rodeo to attract more sponsors.

Good of the Order:

Harold, Darcy, David-(nothing), Jed- due to some personal matters, this will be Jed's last year on the Fair Board and thanks was given around the room to Jed for his great work, Robin- passing on thanks to the Beer Garden Committee and YC Commissioners, Micah, BJ, Baylor-(nothing)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm by D Blach.

June 21, 2021 @ 7pm Yuma County Fairgrounds

Tabled Items

1. Need to clarify family animals wording.
2. Need to evaluate the contract with Carnival.
3. Will decide the cleaning crew bid in the June Meeting. \$5000 current bid, \$4500 from Fair Board