

## **Yuma County Fair Board Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**June 21, 2021**

The June 21st meeting was called to order by President Dave Blach at 7:05pm. Present were Fair Board members BJ Mekelburg, Jed Gleghorn, Darcy Stallings, Michelle Smith and Robin Schneider; Yuma County Sheriff's Department Larry Gilliland; Yuma County Youth Extension JoLynn Midcap; Yuma County Commissioners Trent Bushner and Scott Weaver; Kim Latoski, Fair Manager; and Fairgrounds Manager Jaden Campbell.

Nobody has had the chance to review the minutes from the May meeting. Tabled to approve at the July meeting.

#### **Special Reports**

1. Rhonda Pletcher- Sheep Dog Trial, goal is to have 15-20 dogs, capped at 2 dogs per person. Would like to make it fun and let people see some talented dogs. Going to be Friday night, 6pm.
2. Jaden Campbell- Colby Canvas should be here in the next few days to measure and get the other shades up on the North Side of the arena. Put posts in cement, put frames together. Should be up and ready for fair.
3. No parade committee tonight to speak.
4. Darcy Stallings- draft horse pull is doing good, going to attempt a Calcutta pull prior to the draft horse, pending how may come.
5. County Events- going well. Limiting mutton busting to 30 contestants.
6. The Junior Livestock Sale Committee plans to have a second computer for the shows and sale and everything should run more efficiently.
7. YC Sheriff/Security is in the process of finalizing the security schedule with Saturday/Sunday being lighter coverage and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday being heavier scheduled coverage. The budget is set at approximately \$5818. The security has agreed to escort the Knights of Columbus with their cash deposits each night after the beer garden closes. D Stallings moved to accept the proposed security budget, BJ Mekelburg seconded, motion carried.
8. Fair Manager K Latoski reported she has spoken with several implement dealer and trailer sales to confirm their participation as vendors for the 2021 YC Fair. She has confirmed a few food vendors for ice cream and shaved ice. J Gleghorn requested that they also set up on the N side for horse and rodeo events, so contacts will be made to have booths in both places. There was discussion about having a drive-thru burger stand again this year and it was decided not to do the drive up for 2021 since there are no COVID restrictions.
9. In the Extension Report J Midcap reported the weigh scales had been tested to certify them and while the sheep/hog scale passed the beef scale had been red-tagged. They believe it needs to be removed and the built-up sand cleaned out and then retested. There was discussion about how to safely move and clean the scale and then place it at the west end of the beef barn (2nd bay from the end). Midcap reported the posters were printed and asked people to take them to their local areas and disperse them. All judges for the animal shows are secured, including the horse judge. The office had several exhibitors respond by email with their corrected scrapie tag

numbers. The Extension office will email the members again and ask the superintendants to help contact the people who do not respond to email.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cleaning Crew Bids- Janett Simms is still the only bidder for cleaning. After removing some of the duties for cleaning tables throughout the day and also reducing the moving of so many of the trash cans, it was agreed to pay Simms \$5000. Cliff Leonhardt agreed to pressure wash the old sheep and hog barns in exchange for allowing him to hang an advertising banner. Mekelburg will also check with him for a bid to clean out the trash cans (approx 200) after the fair before putting them away for storage but has not received a bid yet. Gleghorn also proposed giving him a banner on the north side and an ad on the big screen during rodeo performances. J Gleghorn moved to accept the cleaning bid for \$5000 including the cleaning of the trash cans, Mekelburg seconded and motion passed.
2. D. Stallings reported for Ryan Noble with the progress on the Champion Alley. A schedule is in rough stages with a list of exhibitors beginning at noon Monday with approximately 3 hour shifts at 12:00 pm and switching out at 3:00 and 6:00 with the goal of having one of each species in the alley at each shift. If there are any openings where exhibitors choose not to place their animals it will likely be filled with a horse. A rough out is being constructed of barn wood with tin which will be moveable for photos. Noble has had good results and wanted to reassure the board that funds are coming in for premiums and he will report an exact amount at a later meeting.
3. Stallings received a bid for \$3000 for 2 speakers with upgrades to the amp and brackets in the ceiling etc. The speakers are needed for the pen areas. Everyone agreed the bid was too high for the need. It was suggested to find some portable speakers and talk to Dave Hoak. Gleghorn agreed to contact the ones who completed the speakers in the grandstands a few years ago. It was suggested to check with M Seyler to assure the sound within the beer garden is adequate on Monday night.
4. The Beer Garden planning has moved to the vendor, Knights of Columbus, after they were approved by the commissioners. Licensure was approved by the City of Yuma and they are applying to the State of Colorado. The vendor would like to suggest the standing room tickets and general admission all enter on the west gate near the beer garden instead of the east end like they have in the past. The vendor will figure out the logistics and report to the fair board at the next meeting. There was discussion about how they will reimburse the Yuma County Fair in an amount per drink sold, alcohol availability, etc.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. It was suggested that the Fair Board purchase hand-held radios (walkie talkies) for use during the fair. It was suggested to see if the Parade Committee would loan us theirs following the parade. M. Smith proposed purchasing a set of 10 for \$175 and was confirmed by the commissioners to go ahead and order them.

2. J Gleghorn requested permission to pour a concrete pad (approximately 2-3 ft wide and 27 ft in length) under the roping chutes because the gates were getting very hard to open and close. The concrete pad was approved.

Good of the Order:

- R Schneider asked about progress on a gift for Dean Wingfield as he retired from the YC Commissioners;
- M Smith updated everyone on the YC Fair Queens upcoming schedule where they will be visiting 14 counties in the upcoming months. There was some discussion about not attending the Cheyenne Frontier Days. She reposted the new flags and plans for queens attending our fair as well as Miss Rodeo Colorado returning this year on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday;
- J Gleghorn stated he will have a full day on Thursday for the women's breakaway roping.
- K Latoski stated she will get the announcement in the newspaper for the National Anthem tryouts before our next board meeting. She also is looking into filling out some paperwork for funding from the Colorado Fair and Rodeo Association;
- T Bushner stated he has something in the works for Dean's retirement gift.

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

July 19, 2021 @ 7pm Yuma County Fairgrounds

Respectively Submitted,

Robin Schneider and Michelle Smith