

Fair Board Minutes  
During Yuma County Fair 2021  
Location: Yuma County Fair Grounds Office

8/7/2021 @ 4pm

Michelle, Robin, Baylor, Harold, Jed, Travis, Jolynn, Darcy, Dave, BJ, Kim

- Our Fair Board team needs to communicate. No body is to make decisions on their own. Must be a decision of the fair board. We have a text group and email group if needed. We need to be using these tools to help us do better for our community.
- Mekelburg daughter, approached the fair board, asking to allow someone to help her show sheep and goats, she will show her pig alone. She will set the legs and everything, just needs someone to handle the animal in the ring for her as she has a torn rotator cuff. Jed moved to allow her a helper to handle the animal, Michelle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
- Hog weigh-in went well, still having issues with tags this morning.
- Still hanging the light up screen above the ring, right before the Hog Show.
- People need to follow chain of command when addressing Jaden about the grounds, to many people are throwing to many directions at him at once.
- New picture board is in the way of goats and sheep. Every species wants a different location. Need to figure out where Jim Powell wants it for lighting purposes.
- Horse race doesn't know if they get will have enough horses to match what's in the fair book for the purse winnings. If they have less, they would like to divide the purse up differently. Jim Pagel will not know how many horses will be entered till 5pm tonight. Motion made by David B to all Jim to split up the purse as needed and to re-evaluate the language of this issue in the fair book for 2022. Moved by David, 2nd by BJ M. Motion passed.
- We have a goat that got bitten by a snake at home. It will not be showing. The goat needs a buddy at home or needs to be brought to fair to the family pen, as it did not do well alone. Concern of the board is the appearance to the public, as the animal is under veterinary care, however doesn't look to good right now. BJ has offered to provide a buddy for him at home, the family will need to go get the buddy and take to their home. Unanimous board decision, as we don't allow sick animals on the fair grounds at any time.
- Saturday morning an elderly woman wanted to come up and drive up in her car to watch the horse show from her car. Couldn't pull up to the fence. Was upset that she was not able to drive up to the fence and watch. Board agreed that accommodations could have been made had anyone of us been notified or the superintendent, however, none of us knew about this till after the show.
- A pig Exhibitor would like an exception for State Fair. There is one that didn't get DNA done on time for Colorado State Fair. They would like to take them home early, but not going to the Colo State Fair. Fair Book states that they may have early release for Colo State Fair. Fair board agreed, no exceptions, need to follow fair book rules.
- Meeting Adjourned, 4:34pm

8/8/21 @ 9:30am

Darcy, Jed, BJ, Harold, Scott, Travis, Michelle, Kim, Robin, Micah, Dave

- It was reported to the fair board, that Hoffner, who had asked for an exception and to take his hogs home early was unhappy with the board decision about releasing the Hogs early for the Kansas State Fair that isn't until October.

- Hog Superintendent- Kurt, had already told Hoffner that this would be okay, to fill out the release form and he would need to forfeit the \$200. The Fair Board was not made aware of this information, it is the position of the board to back their superintendents in their decisions.
- Harold moved to resend the motion from 8/7/21 and to allow Hoffner to take his hogs early, forfeiting the \$200, which was a decision of the Hog Superintendent. Jed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed, 8/7/21 motion was rescinded. Darcy will contact Hoffner about the board decision.
- Will still need a meeting at 4pm to accept the by-back prices.
- Discuss State Fair information at the next general meeting.
- Meeting adjourned, 9:50am.

8/8/2021 @ 4pm

Jed, Michelle, Kim, Dave, Harold, Travis, Jaden, Baylor, Darcy, Todd, Larry, Dean

- Buy-back prices
  - \$0.66 lbs. Hogs
  - \$1.24 lbs. Beef
  - \$2.70 lbs. Goats
  - \$2.60 lbs. Sheep
  - \$1,500 for Dairy
    - Jed made a motion to accept the packing prices, Baylor 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passes.
- Security
  - We need to watch for a guy with shorts and long beard walking around, Possible PETA, filming everything. Filming license plates, children, shows, pens, etc. Beware and watch for him. Let Sherriff's know if we see him and if he does anything else that is not accepted. As of that time, he was not hurting anyone or committing any crimes.
  - Brian and Jim were both told that they have to have their own security, they did not this year. We will re-remind them for 2022 that they have to provide their own security for the horse races at the gates.
  - Otero is back, stating he's selling bug zappers. He was told he needed to pay to set up a stand, if that is what he chooses to do. Beware of him. He's walking around with tree limbs in the barns. He is a local kid; however, we have had problems with him in the past.
- Jaden Campbell
  - Needs to borrow some pens from Dave Blach for extra holding pens. Holding pens to be placed next to the show ring.
- Darcy Stallings
  - The cat loader is leaking acid, mechanic will be here in the morning to fix and/or look at the problem.
    - It is still usable if needed, Jaden said the skid steer should be able to handle all that is needed until it is fixed.
- Jed Gleghorn
  - We need to get the cleaning crew to go back around the arena to pick up trash.

No need for further meeting during fair, unless an issue comes up. Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Michelle Smith