

Yuma County Fair Board Meeting
November Meeting
Monday, November 15, 2021
Location: Election Office, Wray Colorado

Meeting was called to order by Dave Blach @ 7:00pm

Moved by Micah Seyler, 2nd by Baylor Buck to accept the minutes as correct on 11/15/21 during meeting.

Reports

- Grounds Crew- Jaden
 1. Just cleaning up after 2021 fair currently
- Rodeo- Cassidee Gleghorn (via facetime)
 1. Every 7 years Kimble NE moves their rodeos. Need to possibly move the Sunday start time of the rodeo to 8pm. With Fair Queen Coronation at 7:30pm before the rodeo in the arena.
- Extension Office
 1. Beef weigh in, when do we want to do it? 19th or 26th of February. In previous October meeting we have already set date as February 19th for weigh-in. Micah will ask Idlers down south if can use them again. Extension does not care which location and/or both.
 - a. We will do 19th February at BJ Mekelburg and Idlers in Kirk, CO.
 2. May 7th, Blackham for sheep and goat weigh-in.
 3. Checks have gone out to kids as of 2nd week of October.
 - a. Debating what the hold up was for the checks this year in 2021.
 - b. More of a miscommunication issue between Extension office and Sale Barn and when things needed done and about collecting buyers' money. Also did not know how much extra help would have been needed to make this process easier and quicker.
 - i. They were also fighting with a new computer system, which did not help matters.
 - c. Sale made \$426,000 which needed to be collected after add-ons, Made \$260,000 on the sale itself in 2021. All buyers were sent 2 letters and received a phone call about getting the money quicker and getting payment taken care of.
 - i. For 2022, Would like to have all paid by Monday when they pack up and leave.
 4. Kit Carson- best beef contest and live carcass contest
 - a. A doctor comes in to do the scan, right out of the chute during weigh-in to determine top carcass, based off the per lbs. Overall total carcass is used as tiebreaker if needed.
 - b. He used a sale sheet from a large packing plant in the state and used that as the sale price for the week.
 - c. Doctor takes about 10 minutes per kid to evaluate the animal. He takes all the scans back and evaluates them at his office. He can have it printed back out to the sale within 2 days. This doctor charges a scan fee per head and per milage.
 - d. Dr. Ritter DOES NOT CLIP ANY OF THE CATTLE FOR THE SCAN.
 - e. Multiple technical questions will need to be asked to the doctor, Micah will be talking to him.
 5. It has been brought up that a substantial change like the cattle division should be discussed for the 2023 fair, not the 2022 fair as it is a drastic change.
 6. All corrections from superintendents that are needed in the fair book, need to be done by March meeting to be approved so they can go to print.

Superintendents/4-H Leaders/FFA Advisors

- 1) Mariyah
 - a) Was brought up that Tylynn would like to step aside from taking pictures in the show ring, however the superintendents believe we should still have a photographer in the ring at fair.
 - A couple different photographers names were given to Mariyah to investigate for new possible in the show ring photographer.
 - b) Wed. Aug 3rd @ 5pm. Will be the close of County Event entries.
 - Would like to remove bull riding from the county events.
 - A few other wording changes for the fair book were given to Jolynn about county events.
 - c) Since all the county events and kids will be done on Saturday, possibly have the kids moved out of the horse stalls by Saturday night/Sunday Morning to not cause problems with the PRCA rodeo contestants. This will be discussed between Cassidee Gleghorn, Michelle Smith, and Ryan Noble to see what the best course of action will be as far as when the 4-H/FFA kids can take their horse's home.

Open Issues-Old Business

- 1) Report from the state convention Kim/Scott
 - a) Volunteers like to come in if we just ask them
 - b) Possible silent auction in the HomeEC building to give to a scholarship for a few select seniors after an application process.
 - c) Colorado Association of Fairs & Shows, roughly 30 counties in attendance.
 - d) Amazing how much money is out there to use and acquire.
 - Walmart is a large sponsorship to fairs and rodeos.
 - e) Need more vendors
 - A lot of other counties are moving away from commercial vendors and going to local vendors.
 - Vender spaces are currently \$50 per space, might look at an increase
 - f) Possibly have a faith and family night
 - g) Couple counties have gone to a lifetime pass to the events, might investigate what that could be if even interested.
 - h) Marketing meeting, evaluate ticket sales
 - i) Bio-Security update (need to acquire the current one)
 - Proper signage would help so much for the animal and human protection
 - j) Observation- Wyoming state fair moved to open the beer garden to the fair due to covid and it was an enormous success.
 - k) NWSS, they have over 800 volunteers and they set up a committee with a few benefits. When they began to structure the volunteer idea, they found there was so many more people who wanted to help.
 - l) Carnival/Amusements- it is difficult to get larger vender for this, try to get someone who has better rides for 2023.
 - m) Sponsorships- a lot of large companies that are willing to sponsor they just need to ask.
 - n) Brand Board to be displayed to help build the sponsorships
 - o) Queens need to be involved and start going to the Colorado State Royalty Convention. Michelle Smith will discuss this with her Assistant Coordinator and figure out how to make this work each year for the girls.

- p) Possible come up with a theme for the fair maybe same as parade or not.
 - 2) Micah Seyler- review of Cattlemen's Division (will copy updated rules below)
 - a) Suggestions were given to Micah to allow this rule/regs to be more complete and more understandable for all the county involved.
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Cattlemen's Division Beef Show Rules

- Cattlemen's Division will be a new class or classes in the Yuma County Fair Market Beef Show. Exhibitors can show in the Cattlemen's Division classes or the traditional Market beef classes, but not both with the same animal. Any animal in any division can still show in the Homegrown Classes, so long as they meet the requirements, as it has been in the past.
 - To enter an animal in the Cattlemen's Division, the exhibitor will identify the animal/animals on their entry card prior to fair in July.
 - Hair will be ½" or less across the animal, except for the legs from the hock down. This will be inspected at weigh in.
 - Adhesives and paint are not permitted.
 - Class 1st and 2nd place animals in the Cattlemen's Division Classes live animal show will compete in the Grand Champion Drive against all other 1st and 2nd places from Market Classes
 - All other rules pertaining to the beef show will apply, according to the Fair Book.
 - Overall Champion Cattlemen's Division award will be selected on a points basis which comes from the following:
 - 33% of points come from animal placing in Live Show
 - 33% of points come from the carcass contest (Ultrasound to be completed after weigh-in)
 - 33% of points come from rate of gain.
 - Rules are tentative and subject to change prior to county fair.
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- 3) Report from Committee on MOU/Duties- Chairperson Robin Schneider to report
 - a) Robin will update and re-write the rough draft of duties and get them over to the commissioner's office to approve and put into proper MOU format.
- 4) Christmas Party
 - a) 4th and Main are available for the Christmas party. 5:30pm Happy Hour, 6pm Dinner. They just need head count and choice of food preference.
 - b) Robin will send out invitation cards, with the date she needs to know the head count and food choice
 - c) Invites to the Christmas dinner will always be Fair Manager, Rodeo Chairperson, Commissioners and office staff, Extension staff, fair board members, Grounds crew- - each get 1+
- 5) Draft Horse Pull- Justin Crossland reached out to Balch's to continue making this happen.
 - a) **Micah Seyler moved that we change the name of the Draft Horse Pull to "Darcy Stallings Memorial Draft Horse Pull." 2nd by Michelle Smith. Motion Passes.**
 - b) **Michelle Smith moved to have Justin Crossland take over as chair for draft horse pull. 2nd by Micah Seyler. Motion passes.**
- 6) Fitters Rule- was decided to table this item till January Meeting when all the fair board members could attend and voice their opinion on the matter before deciding.
- 7) Champion Alleyway

- a) Maybe recognize the champions prior to the concert on the stage.
 - Give buckles to the kids that night
- b) **Micah Seyler moved that we get rid of the champion alleyway and change to having the champions walk across the stage before the concert, with the sponsors, to receive their buckle and pictures altogether. 2nd by Michelle Smith. Motion passes.**

New Business

- 1) Michelle reported to fair board about the loss of their committee member and how they should proceed forward.
 - a) Fair Queens are overseen by County Commissioners and Yuma County Cattlemen's Association. All 3 commissioners were present at the meeting, all agreed to allow Coordinator Michelle Smith and Asst. Coordinator Kaci Porter to run the fair queen program between the 2 of them and report to Commissioners and Cattlemen's Association as needed. There will be a liaison from Cattlemen to report to if needed. Coordinator may have as many volunteers as needed to improve the program. Michelle will need to get updated Fair Queen rules, regulations, and description to Jolynn to update the fair book accordingly.
 - 2) Thoughts on fair board open position/vice-chair position
 - a) Was decided that we would table the election of vice-chair till January and allow us all to get through the holidays.
 - b) Commissioners have reported that they will post in January for the open fair board position and will attempt to have a decision by February meeting.
 - c) It was discussed to elect a replacement vice-chair in January, however in the fair book and webpage will still state honoree vice-chair Darcy Stallings.
 - 3) Cleaning Crew
 - a) Different options were discussed around the room on the best way to move forward with this position. Who and what the new contract would look like? Do we split the responsibilities?
 - b) All members need to be more responsible for helping to pick up trash. If you see it pick it up and throw it away.
 - c) Kim Latoski is working on a new updated contract, even more detailed than before.
 - d) Will limit who can go to the store and get needed supplies to avoid unnecessary purchases.
 - e) **Robin Schneider moved that we split up the cleaning and trash crews into two separate entities. 2nd by Micah Seyler. Motion passes.**
4. Week before January Meeting, all changes to the fair book need to be to Jolynn a week before the January Meeting.
- Fair Board will vote on what needed to be changed in the fair book for Jolynn to move forward and be able to get the fair books printed.
5. Open Art Youth
- Limit of 1 entry per medium will be added to the book.
 - Will add to pg. 144 on HomeEC Building during Judging time, only contestants may be present for their item to be judged, with respect to the judges.
6. Judges have not been selected at this time as no judge names or options have been given to Extension office at this time.

7. Possibility of committee to select animal judges, made up of superintendents with no family ties to the species the judge is being selected for. It has been suggested that superintendents provide a list to Jolynn of judges for each species. Rank their choice 1-3 or 1-5 on each one. Jolynn will compile the list and give to fair board. At which time fair board will form a committee on the judges.
8. Superintendents need to have suggestions to Jolynn by January meeting for fairboard to create a committee.
9. Night Show- Trent Bushner
 - a. A lot of people out there that our small county cannot afford. John Michael Montgomery and Diamond Rio have been asked to see if they can be routed this direction and the offer is on the table. The lady that is helping to route these entertainers, says that being on a Friday night will be helpful

Next Meeting- Monday, January 17, 2022 @ 6:30pm Election Office.

Good of the order- none noted

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Michelle Smith- Secretary 2021-2022

Tabled Items

Committee on selecting judges

Rodeo VIP section- needs to have rodeo chairperson present for this discussion

Horse races- need them to find their own security

Sheriffs- need proposal for 2022 fair expectations

Family animal context in the fair book

4-H Leader requirements

Fitters Rule

Fitters Rule- need to vote once we have more members present for a proper vote

Elect replacement Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2022 year

Cleaning Crew

Rodeo