

Yuma County Fair Board Meeting  
February 21, 2022  
Location: Wray CO. - Commissioners Office

Meeting called to order @ 6:35pm, Location commissioners' office in Wray, CO.

Roll Call- sign in sheet attached to the minutes.

**Moved by BJ to approve the minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Micah. Minutes approved.**

## Reports

### 1. Special Guests-

- a. Mason Chamberlain-
  - i. It was brought up to do Grand and Reserve Showmanship buckles.
  - ii. In the Cattleman's Division, it has been brought up to stagger the steers and not lump it all together. Fair Board has suggested that we speak with the superintendents as they are the people that break the classes down. Steer show starts at 9am.
- b. Yvonne Bucy- Propose that if we are making major changes, that a deadline be set of Nov. 1 to get rolled out to the members. Jolynn has stated that she is not emailing out to the members until after it has been voted on by the board, so nothing was sent out until the official minutes came out. Michelle reminded everyone that all the minutes are open to the public on the county webpage, as requested by members and parents.
- c. Couple members called Dave Blach the night prior to the beef weigh-in, not knowing the new changes.
- d. We as a board need to start making these decisions early and not allow it to get pushed off till the January meeting.

### 2. Standing Committee Reports:

- a. Parade- no one present from the parade committee
- b. Horse Races- no one present from the Horse Races. However, it has been brought to our attention that there may not be horse races due to Arapahoe County about to have a bill that will stop all racing.
- c. Jr. Livestock Sale-
  - i. All checks have been cashed.
  - ii. It was brought up how we can fix the problems that we encountered last year.
  - iii. Ranchland's way of doing things was to do everything and then give all the information to JoLynn. Tri-State gave all the information to JoLynn and never came back to help after the fair.
  - iv. We do not want to make the auctioneers and sales staff mad. But we need to figure out a way to collect money in an earlier manner.
  - v. Sale committee needs to produce some ideas and
- d. Security
  - i. \$5,182 last year spent
  - ii. Will not go over \$6,800 for the budget.
  - iii. How the officers will be fed will be in the proposal so there is no confusion after fair.
  - iv. Was asked if there will be more than 1 night of beer garden? Beer garden still needs to make a final decision.
  - v. There were no complaints about the way the sheriff's department presented last call, no major problems during fair

3. Grounds Crew- Jaden Campbell
  - a. As of last week, Jaden has resigned from the grounds crew. He is willing to still help during fair. He would be willing to do like Dick Mekelburg and come in before fair and after fair.
  - b. As of last week, commissioners are beginning to look for a replacement along with a job description.
4. Fair Manager- Kim Latoski
  - a. A need for volunteers has been placed in the paper. She was asking for a March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.
  - b. Vendors, she has asked for a vendor's advisory committee
  - c. Has not heard anything about a cleaning crew
  - d. 1 volunteer has signed up from ads.
5. Rodeo Chairwomen-
  - a. Approval applications have been sent in.
  - b. Commissioners approved a new stripping chute and it was delivered the 10<sup>th</sup> of January.
  - c. Been in contact with sponsors and getting ready to letters sent in
  - d. Calf-roping getting rid of and the sponsor for that buckle wanted to stop sponsoring. So, this will be changed to a Mixed Team Roping- Male/Female
6. Extension Office-
  - a. Joy Akey- it was brought to her attention that a weekend is not a good day for the care facilities as they do not have drivers to bring residence.
    - i. Also asked that the HomeEC Open class be shifted to Wed. and slightly later to allow the building to be open 1 more day.
  - b. Travis Taylor
    - i. Question on fair book to help his office, is there a way we could just change when the calves must be born so that it can just stay the same from year to year. Change the wording to current year or previous year. Approved.
    - ii. Dec 21 Lamb & Goats- Change wording to Dec. 1 to previous year to help make the fair book easier.
    - iii. Market class and breeding class cannot be switched during fair. Weight in at fair or tagged in date? Which time are we talking about? If you weighed in at the fair. Travis may change to (at fair).
    - iv. Extension office may clean out outdated information and clean it up.
    - v. Flank and belly wool on sheep, to allow it as State Fair has changed that rule. **Micah moves that we remove the flank and belly wool be removed from the fair book. Motion passes.**
    - vi. Nothing outside your stall 1 hr. after the show.
  - c. Jolynn Midcap
    - i. All changes MUST be at the next meeting to get the fair book together.
7. Superintendents/4-H Leaders/ FFA Advisors
  - a. Round Robin overlaps with Grand Champion Pictures. Is this going to be a problem?
    - i. If we have someone in the ring taking pictures, then they need to take that photo in the ring. We will give Joy, Carmen, Travis, and Jolynn the freedom to plug it in when time allows.
    - ii. Is the sale starting at 4pm or the Sale starting at 4pm. Sale will start at 4pm. Sale committee needs to schedule a meeting and have these items discussed and ready for March meeting.

Old Business-Open Items-Tabled Items

1. Rodeo VIP section- not sure the bleacher idea will work. Someone has approached Cassidee to build a building over the stock chutes over the east side of the arena. It has been given to the commissioners due to regulation and ADA requirements. Not giving up on the VIP section yet, but still figuring out plans.

## New Business

### 2. LaRetta Mallory- on speaker phone

- a. Community Blessings for Hope is the Committee- they are for individuals who are struggling with Chronic/terminal illness and the caregivers. They would like to provide a day that they can have a day away from their chronic illnesses and just have a day of fun.
- b. They want to do a dinner/dance, they did this the Friday night before fair to kick off fair. They would like to place this into the fairgrounds and the schedule. They could make a Thursday night work, so that we do not overlap already going on events at fair.
- c. It has been asked how many people they are projecting. 2021 was their 1<sup>st</sup> year and served over 400 people.
- d. Beer garden, dinner, dance, and dinner would be taken care of by this group. They are just looking for a venue to allow this take place and to bring awareness to what is available to these people in Yuma County and Northeast Colorado.
- e. The fair board will take this into consideration and see if we can make it fit into the current schedule.
  - i. We can investigate tying in the buyer's dinner and this event.
  - ii. Problems with having this after the sale, is if the Sale goes longer than 3 hours, then we do not want people to have to choose between the event and the sale.
  - iii. Robin moves that we propose to the Community to hold their event on the Thursday afternoon/evening at Fair, and have them bring all details to the March 21st meeting along with a proposal. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baylor.**

### 3. Scott Weaver

- a. Trying to detail down a better working budget. He has been able to have everyone to start breaking down things into groups to help.
- b. 2022 Budget- \$207,190 county normally brings 85,000
- c. He plans to spend some time with Logan County Fair to see how they are working their fair and budget that could allow the commissioners to not have to put so much money into the fair. We are the only county that the commissioners put money into the fair.
- d. Commissioners have placed a lot of money into the improvements on the infield, fans in the beef barn will have an additional 4 fans to extend over the show arena.
- e. Hoping this year to include into the fairgrounds budget, someone that can be out there more often and get the grounds prepared sooner.
- f. Requests that our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in Yuma that we all do a walk around of the fair so we all know what needs to be worked on.
- g. Open fair board position had no letters of interest prior to the deadline. 3 letters came in the next day. So that will be discussed on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> commissioner meeting.
- h. Report from Trent Bushner the names of concert. **Moved by Micah, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin to accept the Rhett Akins proposal and move forward. Motion Approved.**

### 4. Cassidee/Infield Crew

- a. No trailers to be there before 4pm Friday Afternoon.
- b. Stalls, stalls will be locked by Michelle or Ryan so when PRCA comes in they will have to contact Michelle and pay for a stall.
- c. 4-H Horse Council has approved to have all 4-H
- d. We are working to eliminate the "extra" people in the Infield

### 5. Marketing Committee's Report

- a. People outside of the county voted on the submissions for the pictures to place on all 4 sides of the county. We will run another contest closer to fair. Been asked to save the best pictures so Kim can take to "Fairs" Show after fair.
  - b. Working on running and retired person's showmanship, after beef show or after round robin.
  - c. Farmers Market 11-3 on Friday, in the pig barn.
  - d. Movie night at fair, Friday looks like a no-go. Sunday night?
  - e. Chili cook-off.
  - f. Cassidee- every year she feeds the contestants. 1 meal pork/1 meal beef. She has discussed doing a YCF cook-off, come in Saturday and set up, cook from midnight and judging would be 430p on Sunday. That meat would be served to the contestants. She already has a sponsor for \$500 prize. Would be announced before Sunday night rodeo.  
Location West side of the grandstands. Already has 3 people interested.
  - g. Sunday performance, we will not be able to have steer roping during that performance. Due to an overlap in another rodeo. During that gap, we would like to honor Darcy during that time. Michelle will speak to the fire departments at the next district meeting and see if they would be willing to do this project at fair in Darcy's name. Limit to 10 teams due to amount of meat we have donated.
6. Andrea had gotten an email from Viaero, asking about when our fair was etc. and they have offered to do something to help.
- a. Scott did make a deal with viaero. We will have fiber all over the entire fairgrounds. Scott will ask them about if they want a flag to be ran by the fair queens.
7. Superintendents' need to get lists of judges will be passed to the Judges committee and a date to pick the judges and send them to JoLynn for contact.

Good of the order:

Harold, since time change is before next meeting do we want to go back to 7. It will not be moved back until the meetings become shorter. Tagging (ear tags) animals for fair, it can be a real problem due to number of animals. Should not be Joyce's responsibility to buy more than 4 tags per exhibitor. Been suggested to Jolynn to get 2x as many tags as she got last year. Yuma County now has a brand, it was suggested to place that on the tags.

Micah, brought to his attention about some confusion about the cattlemen's division. Length of hair is a rule and it will be enforced. Communication between board, 4-H, FFA we need to improve that communication gap. Dave and Baylor received calls that they did not get information. Please forward all these calls to Jolynn as she is sending out the email and only 13 out of 21 opened their email and read the newsletters. There is Dr. Paul Ritter is set up to ultra-sound on that day. He will do education while doing the ultra-sound, he will be able to have results back by Friday afternoon before the sale so that kids could make a hand out to give to the buyers.

BJ- Where are we at with the premium money? Between Carmen and Sarah, it is on top of that.

Michelle- has asked that commissioners, fair board, and extension office please write down a few things that remind you of Darcy for her to say during her speech at the fallen fire fighter's memorial in Maryland.

Baylor- beer garden will meet and report back.

Extension Officer- suggests that we have check out on Sunday 3p-4p instead of Monday for HomeEC & General Building. - - - Board all agreed that we have designated Monday morning 8am-12pm for check-out of all projects.

Next Meeting—Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30pm, Location: Election Center Wray Co.

Adjournment: 9:50pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Michelle Smith 2021-2022 Secretary