

Yuma County FairBoard
Monthly Meeting
Date/Time- Monday, January 10, 2021 @ 6:30 pm
Location- Election Center, Wray CO

Meeting called to order @ 6:30pm

Roll Call- please see attached sign in sheet.

Approval of minutes from Nov. 15, 2022. Baylor moved to approve with typo corrects. Micah 2nd.

Reports

1. Parade- no one present
2. Horse Races- no one present
3. Jr. Livestock Sale- have not had a meeting yet to report anything. Most all checks have been collected except 2-3. Should have been cashed by Jan 1, however with them getting out so late we will give them till end of the month before extension office begins to call the kids.
4. Security- no one preset
5. Grounds Crew- Jaden Campbell unable to attend, Scott Weaver will pin down Jaden and speak to him about next year.
6. Fair Manager- nothing to report currently
7. Rodeo Chairwomen- Jed attended the NFR Banquet, did win Justin Boots most improved
 - a. Anthony Luca- Announcer
 - b. Dalton Morris- entertainment
8. Extension Office
 - a. Correction of schedule and move a few days
 - b. Add Working Ranch Rodeo to Thursday evening
 - c. Jolynn will not be at the February 19th weigh-in but we will make sure to have plenty there to help.
9. 4-H Leaders/Superintendents/ FFA Advisors
 - a. Mariah, pig weigh-in goes much smoother if they weigh off the trailer
 - i. She can see the point of having some of the kids come in Tuesday night, so they can use a scale the night before to weigh-in
 - ii. **Robin moved that we only allow the hogs to weigh off the trailers, Micah 2nd. Motion passes.**
 - iii. Proposal from Shelby Clark, on the horse side only. **Integrity Stock Shots????** She does not want paid; she just wants the experience.
 1. **Micah moves that use both young ladies to take pictures of the shows and pass it along to the commissioners for further discussion and decision, they will be the recommendation from the fair board, and would select choice B on the sheet supplied and attached to the minutes. Michelle 2nd.**
 - a. **Amendment, passes.**
 - b. **Motion as amended. Motion passes.**

Open Issues-Old Business-Tabled Items

1. We will stay with the decision of a July nomination. Pre-entry cards and Record Books will be due July 22nd.
2. Committee on selecting judges-
 - a. **Micah moves that we do not announce judges till after individual species weigh-ins. 2nd by Justin. Motion passes.**
 - b. Micah suggests that we create an internal committee on the fair board consisting of Michelle Smith, Robin Schneider, and Justin Crossland, we will add Travis Taylor as Extension office representative.

3. Rodeo VIP Section
 - a. Cassidee suggests that we place bleachers on the track as a VIP Section, this is a work in progress. Livestock buyers will be part of the VIP section. This would be on the west end of the arena on the track.
 - i. Area over the east side pens, create a platform to help eliminate the Mekelburg/Stallings trailers and allow for more infield bleachers and/or add a beer garden.
 - b. Cassidee will work on a proposal and get it more organized to present at the February meeting.
 - i. Recommendations for VIP- 1 ticket per animal bought to the VIP section.
4. Family Animal Context in the Fair Book
 - a. People have reached out and would like to be able to weigh-in as many animals as they would like, however may only bring 4 to the fairgrounds.
 - b. Original Rule for the family animal was made for the families that were unable to buy or have an extra animal. This was taken out of context and was used inappropriately.
 - c. It has been suggested that we only allow each contestant may only weigh-in 4 animals.
 - i. **Robin makes a motion that we discontinue the “family animal” in the 4-H and FFA program and fair book. Michelle 2nd. Motion passes.**
 - ii. **Baylor makes a motion to be able to weigh-in as many animals that the exhibitor wants and only able to bring 4 to fair, those 4 must be on the pre-entry card by specified date in the fair book. Micah 2nd. Motion passes.**
5. Special Guest- Jed Gleghorn has asked that we add a Calcutta to the draft horse pull and the proceeds will go to Darcy’s children. Jed has been asked to get together with Fair Board Draft Horse Pull Chair Justin Crossland to create a proposal and bring it to the February meeting.
6. **Micah moves that we remove the 4-H leader requirement and allow outside fitter’s day of show only. BJ Mekelburg 2nd. Motion Passes 5 to 1.**

Election for replacement of Vice-Chair position for rest of 2022 year.

Commissioners will advertise in the papers for the open fair board position, will have a replacement by February Meeting.

Moved by Robin to nominate Micah. 2nd by Michelle

Moved by Justin to nominate Robin, 2nd by Micah.

Hand vote, 3 to 1. Micah will be the Vice-Chair rest of 2022.

7. The advertising and hiring of cleaning crew will be completed by Fair Manager when she gets a copy of the contract and is able to make changes to divide the contract into two for cleaning and trash separately.

New Business

1. K Latoski will contact Brian about the horse races and explain they will need to find their own security
2. C Gleghorn explained how she would like to honor the market sale buyers by giving them VIP tickets to the rodeo and after more thought she would like to rope off a section in the grandstands instead of putting them in separate stands.
3. Gleghorn has also given the YC Commissioners some estimates/bids for 6 Aero pens and/or rebuilding and repairing our existing stripping shoots.
4. Cassidee Gleghorn explained the Marketing team has been working on one central Facebook page to house the Fair and all the components such as the rodeo, fair news, events, etc. The Facebook page is being created by Michelle Smith, Commissioner Weaver and Smith will meet with Andrea on the specific do’s/don’ts for the Facebook page.
5. Corrections and updates to all sections of the fair book need to be given to Jolynn as soon as possible so they can begin work on the corrections for the March final draft.
6. Discussion about opening the Beer Garden for the rodeos this year. Baylor Buck reported they will get some more people involved on the committee since Jed Gleghorn and Darcy Stallings are not available.
 - a. He told the board they would propose opening the grandstand for a beer garden with use of wristbands.

- b. A request was made by Reuben Richardson to have a part of the garden get closer to the sale ring during the sale to allow better viewing and bidding from the garden area.
7. It was mentioned that the auctioneers requested making the sale ring smaller to make it easier on the ring stewards. This will be passed on to the Livestock Sale Committee.
8. An updated document was presented by Commissioner Scott Weaver to follow up work on the job duties for the Fair Manager position. It was changed to Roles and Responsibilities of Independent Contractors. It was briefly reviewed and explained they will make similar documents for the Rodeo Chairperson and possibility Fairgrounds Maintenance.
 - a. If there are any suggestions, they should be sent to Andrea Calhoun.
 - b. Scott Weaver went further to encourage the board to think freely and think about ways to grow our fair by developing innovative ideas and involving volunteers.
9. It was discussed that someone needs to pick up the organizing of golf carts for the fair. Dave Blach, Kim Latoski and Brian Collin will be contacts for now.????
10. Weaver updated the night show news and said we are still waiting to hear back from 2 letters that were sent out. It was mentioned Kaitlyn Oschner would still be interested in preforming at the fair and her current price was approx. \$6000.
11. We are hoping to have a final budget available at the February meeting.
12. The commissioners are looking to find someone willing to take over the coordination of the stage, sound etc. for the night show in Darcy Stallings absence.
13. The fair schedule and calendar were updated with changes noted on the attached schedule.
14. Kindi Kirchenslager and organizers of a benefit would like consideration to bring their event onto the fairgrounds and in coordination with the fair activities.
15. Other ideas about more activities such as a teen dance and family movie night were discussed as well.
16. Ruben Richardson finished the meeting with lots of questions and insight about the Cattleman Division being proposed for the 2022 YC Fair. Micah Seyler is currently organizing this addition and took note of thoughts about the rate of gain portion, the carcass contest and how the point system would shake out in the final contest.
17. Bj Mekelburg asked we have better communication and earlier notice of the meeting. This is important for the board but even more so the other fair board attendees.
18. Robin Schneider thanked the Commissioners for a nice Christmas dinner in December.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 pm

Next Meeting - - Monday, February 21st @ 6:30 pm, Location: Election Center Wray Co.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Michelle Smith- Secretary

Tabled Items

- Horse Races- need them to find their own security
- Sheriff's- need a proposal for 2022 fair and expectations
- Add Calcutta to Draft horse pull- proceeds going to Darcy's children for a collage fund