

Yuma County Fair Board Monthly Meeting
Date/Time: Monday, May 16, 2022 @ 6:30pm
Location: Yuma County Fair Grounds, Concession Stand

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Dave Blach @ 6:36pm.

- Note from Chairman Dave Blach. These meetings are always open to the public.

Roll Call – see sign in sheet attached

Minutes from April, **moved by BJ and 2nd by Micah to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

Reports

1. Food Booth- Treia Means

- a. Does not agree with allowing food trucks on the premises during fair.
- b. It was discussed that if food trucks were allowed, they will not be selling the same items that will be selling in the food booths.
- c. It was discussed last meeting that the vendors/food trucks would be given to the Marketing Committee to run and manage.
- d. It was discussed that there are times that you go to get a burger in the concession stand and it will take you over an hour to get your food.
- e. It was brought up about having a variety in the food booths or allowing a food truck in for the variety.
- f. **BJ moves to not allow food trucks that will serve a meal alternative on the premises while the concession stands are open. Harold 2nd. In favor- 4, opposed- 4. Motion dies.**
- g. Currently, Fair Manager needs to be in contact with fair booths to make sure that the concessions are always open during fair operating hours.
- h. **Micah moves that we give the power to the marketing committee to work with the food booth vendors and fair manager to produce a plan to allow food trucks on the premises that will not interfere with the booths or the meals. Justin 2nd. Motion carries.**

Standing Committee Reports

1. Parade- Treia Means

- a. Will be using the same route as past years. Theme will “Through the Decades of High School Nostalgia”
- b. Robin Brought up that why cannot we move the horses up in the parade so that the horse exhibitors can get back to the fairgrounds in time to properly rest their horses before County Events that start at 11 am. It was reported that the parade committee had discussed this, and it will not happen.
- c. Commissioner Bushner brought up that Michelle, Ryan Noble and Trent Bushner attend the next Parade Committee Meeting and produce an alternative for the horses in the parade so that exhibitors can attend both parade and county events.

2. Livestock Sale-

- a. BJ- Tri-state will be handling all the financial side of the sale.
- b. Will have a person to run show-works during the sale.
- c. Sale committee would like to have a “sale rehearsal” so that they know everything will work and transfer and that all connections are good with sound system.
- d. Lori Hoffner- present to ask about the area for the sale dinner. The amount of space needed for the buyer’s dinner will not be enough that is in the current plan. Right now, the farmers market will be going from 11pm-3pm and will not allow enough time for

- Lori to set up and get ready to feed 400 people and it will need to start at 3pm for the dinner.
- e. They want to still allow the “meet/greet” portion of the buyers dinner to keep that momentum going with the kids.
 - f. Micah- we as a FairBoard do not want to take away from the buyer's dinner, we are just trying to get more people to come to the fair with multiple different options and variety.
 - g. As a group we need to start producing ideas to help gather the money after the sale so that the kids can get paid in a timely manner this year.
 - h. Need to make the ring a little smaller for the sale.
3. Security/Sheriff
 - a. Confirming there will be 4 beer gardens.
 - b. 8hr-10hr shifts, by extending the fair by an additional day that will add to the amount of time and payroll needed to protect the fair.
 - c. 350-400 hours will be needed for the 2022 Fair.
 - d. \$6164 that is also with a \$350 padding for over-time or additional needs. Meals are not included in this proposal.
 4. Grounds Crew- Commissioners have hired a grounds crew person. He will start June 1. Mike Criswell
 - a. Everyone will need to have a little grace as he moves into this position and runs his 1st year of county fair.
 - b. Michelle Smith will contact Mike C. to obtain phone, email information, and add him to the reminder list and group chat.
 5. Fair Manager- unable to attend. A copy of the contract has been sent to Lone Star School 4-H/FFA and their parents. She has not received a bid at this time for the 10 days of fair
 6. Rodeo Chairwomen- unable to attend. She has made a trip to Cervi to make physical contact with them. She has already received checks for sponsors and continuing to get more. Sunday night will be “Tough Enough to Wear Pink” and Monday night will be “First Responders/Military Appreciation”
 7. Extension Office- Jolynn
 - a. 160-170 approx. Goats/Lambs, 33 families for Hogs. At weigh-in. Lambs are up, Goats and Hog are down in numbers.
 - b. Joy Akey- has asked that the fair board please set the hours for the HomeEc building for viewing times. Joy Akey has suggested
 - i. Wednesday 3p-6p
 - ii. Thursday 4p-9p
 - iii. Friday/Saturday 10a-9p
 - iv. Sunday 10a-7p
 - v. Monday only for release 8a-10a
 - **Micah moves that we accept the schedule that Joy Akey has laid out. BJ 2nd. Motion carried.**
 - c. Avian Influenza has been found in Weld County at this time. At this time, we do not think the state restrictions will be lifted intime for fair. Will begin looking at the backup plan at this time.
 - i. Kids will need to have their educational board completed prior to the sale or they will not be able to sale their frozen poultry in the sale.
 - d. Horse Influenza- has been mostly contained to Canon City at this time. If the exhibitors continue to practice good preventive care for the horses, we should be okay. No sharing of water buckets, stalls, or food buckets.
 8. Superintendents/4-H Leaders/ FFA Advisors- nothing to report or ask

Open Items/Tabled Items

1. Rodeo VIP Section- not discussed at this time
2. High Plains Cornhole league- they will be doing the cornhole tournament at fair. Location? Tentative plans for 1p-4p in the grass area between the barns.
3. Beer Garden Updates- they have met with the commissioners and moving forward. They will need to get the contract signed and will need to meet with Yuma City Manager.
4. Gold Cart Update- unknown at this meeting
5. Photographer Update-
 - a. Sale committee reports that Jim Powell is hard to work with and that they plan to open the bid up to other photographers.
 - b. Still attempting to figure out the options for Hogs as they are the hardest to photograph
 - c. Exhibitors Pictures for the buyers- Robin Schneider states Jim Powell has given so much to this fair over the past years and has tried so hard and has taken a bunch of crap over the years. We would feel bad if we do not approach him and ask him if he even wants to do the photographs again this year. To pull it out from under Jim without even speaking with him is not a good deal at all. Sale Committee needs to speak with Jim Powell about Sale Pictures and see if he has any ideas or if he even wants to participate again.

New Business

1. Show-works Update
 - a. Plan to have the guy that is taking over in Idalia to run show-works.
2. Goat Roping
 - a. Possible before and after slack on Monday, Michelle will email him the schedule so that Josh Archer and his partner can discuss if that would work for them.
 - b. Josh called Michelle back during the meeting. they will use the track in front of the grandstands Monday morning anytime till 1pm and after slack potentially 4pm to 6pm prior to Rodeo.
3. Night Show- Chancy Williams is good to go.
 - a. Looking at opening act to start at 7pm.
 - b. It has been asked if there is a package deal for concert/rodeo/meal/etc. There will be no package deal.
 - c. We are not allowed to publicly announce till June 2nd per the contract. However, the information is already on his webpage and can be shared from there if wanted.
4. Look over of the food booths
 - a. Dave Blach has brought up that we as a group need to do a walkthrough of the food booths and determine if any maintenance is needed.

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BJ- Speaker system in the show ring, might need to have someone learn how to run that speaker and sound system so that it is all good for the sale.

Extension Office- D&L Meat is open in Ovid, CO and accepting fair animals. As many animals as we want but they must have an appointment.

Next Meeting- Monday, June 20, 2022 @ 6:30pm with walk-thru at 5:30pm with new grounds manager.

Respectfully Submitted by: Michelle Smith 06/17/2022