

Fairboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 15, 2022 @ 6:30pm
Yuma Fairgrounds, Concession Building

Meeting was called to order by Dave Blach @ 6:30pm.

Roll Call was completed on sign-in sheet.

Approval of minutes with corrections on spelling. Moved by Justin, 2nd by Micah. Motion passes.

Reports

1) Standing Committee Reports

a) Parade- Treia Means

- i) Had YC Road and Bridge there which was a huge help
- ii) Still had terrible problems with children running out into the road and to close to the equipment, and the entity that was throwing candy, many of them did not have walkers which continued to cause problems.
- iii) Changing their committee rules, to state that you must attend 3 meetings and be there the day of parade to be eligible for a rodeo ticket.
- iv) Need to change the application and where the checks need to be sent to.
- v) Outriders were extremely helpful and needed this year for horses that were not being cooperative.
- vi) Need horses there by 9:30 am next year for the parade
- vii) They need to buy more radio batteries.
- viii) Must go thru State Patrol to get help with the parade and traffic
- ix) Parade committee would like to have a representative from Fairboard to attend meetings and we ask that the parade send a representative to fairboard meetings.

b) Horse Races-

c) Jr. Livestock Sale-

- i) Jolynn says that with add-ons we are over \$550,000 in sales. In the paper it was reported that \$521,000 without the add-ons. Almost all has been billed out. Have collected a little over half of the payments which is weeks ahead of normal.
- ii) Questions about sale pictures, Maryia says the photographer is working on them.

d) Security- Todd Combs & Larry Gilliland

- i) Missed the budgeting mark by \$99.90, that is acceptable by the board
- ii) Did have a few situations at one of the beer gardens and some over-serving was happening.
- iii) Do not need to have 2 beer gardens going at the same time. Stretches security way to thin.
- iv) Possibly need to shut down the beer gardens shortly after the event ends.
- v) Concert night ran into a few problems about the crossing of stands to standing room. Need to create a barrier.
- vi) Tickets- could not find ticket takers. Need to find added help for those events.
- vii) Passes for North End did help a lot with parking, need to continue to improve that that idea.
- viii) Was brought up that there was more side-by-sides or 4-wheelers than normal? And if it was becoming a problem. Not a problem currently.
- ix) Nobody was at the dance; the band playing was wonderful.
- x) Need to look at putting speed bumps on the east side of the new barn, people are driving way to fast at times.
- xi) Possibly condense the standing room entrance.

2) Grounds Crew- Mike Criswell

- a) Thinks things went decent.

- b) Sheep barn did not get cleaned up the way they should have and by the washout by the Northside.
- 3) Fair Manager- _____ unknown currently.
 - a) Kim announced Sunday at the fairboard meeting that she is retiring from fair manager.
 - b) Has been brought up to give her a belt buckle after so many years of service.
 - c) One of the best cleaning crews we have had in a while.
 - i) Need to focus more on the trash cans in the Endfield
 - ii) Need to make sure to empty the trash cans by the campers.
 - (1) Michelle will email the trash can placement map to Mike to help with this problem.
 - iii) Lone Star plans to come back again next year.
 - d) Commissioners are looking at making the fair manager and another department a part-time position. Commissioners will handle this job description and placement.
- 4) Rodeo Chairwomen- Cassidee
 - a) County Events were down on entries, and it went smooth.
 - i) Started 15 mins and a 15 rain/lightning delay
 - b) BBQ went well. Everyone enjoyed it.
 - i) Kirk Fire won the cook off.
 - ii) They would like to do it again and maybe opening it up to more groups.
 - (1) Has had a couple people volunteer to run the BBQ
 - iii) Did not get as much money in the giveaway as they wanted.
 - iv) Rodeo itself
 - (1) Need a telehandler
 - (2) Cervi did not get programs to us soon enough to allow for proper proofreading
 - (3) Only had 1 rough stock complaint and a complaint by the ambulance crew about having a banner right in front of them.
 - (4) Slight ambulance issues, they have been handled.
 - (5) The ground was amazing. No complaints about the ground this year.
 - v) Had the most volunteer help that the rodeo has ever had.
 - vi) Do not have a report yet from e-tics on rodeo sales yet.
 - (1) Majority of the complaints on dates, not having the Monday night rodeo
 - (2) Wrestling Club reported that for the first time every they were sold out on everything, and they have supplied the same amount every single year.
 - vii) Need to build a step for the stripping chutes
 - viii) Need to re-evaluate the stock contractor has they are not supplying what we need and want and that will stick to their word.
 - (1) Contract will be sent to county lawyer to review.
- c) Commissioners- Trent Bushner & Scott Weaver
 - i) Trent Bushner- his observations were that it went very well. Some vendors were upset that the foot traffic was not sent by them well at all.
 - (1) Concert was a bust. Conflicts with opener and contract would have had to be completely re-written.
 - (2) Beer garden was not as helpful as thought, way too many tables which allowed them to not buy concert tickets.
 - (a) Complaints about how restrictive the beer garden is during the concert.
 - (3) Only sold 600 tickets and lost a lot of money.
 - (a) How do we get people into the seats?
 - (4) Do we need to always have a country act or a county/rock combination?
 - (5) Was brought up to move a rodeo to Saturday night instead of Monday night. Then you have all day events on Saturday.

- (6) Possibly look at using a different promoter.
- d) Extension Office- Jolynn Midcap
 - i) Very pleasantly surprised about how well things went over-all. Pleased with the new schedule minus a few bobbles that need to need to be tweaked.
 - ii) 20-30 people informed her that the Monday check-out was not extremely do-able for far away members and having to come back.
- e) Superintendents-
 - i) Curt Lapp- thought the pig show and sale went well. Thinks there are a few things they could tweak about Sunday or Monday check-out.
 - ii) Mariyah- suggest that superintendent's and helpers need to come to June-July meetings to get expectations on set up and tear down and when.
 - iii) CJ Leonhart- biggest concern is exhibitors showing up without scrapie tags at fair. Liked the covid year when they took a picture of the scrapie tag and sent it in with the paperwork.

Open Issues/Old Business

- 1) Survey- 15 questions on the survey
 - a) Want to take the answers into consideration and help to improve.
 - i) Liked the parade Saturday
 - ii) Like to see a better parade
 - iii) Maps
 - iv) Move regular vendors to green area
 - v) Better recognition of the Fair Queens
 - vi) Few days
 - vii) Rodeo attendance if better Saturday and Sunday
 - viii) Round robin to Sunday, more things to do in on Sunday
 - ix) Add more music events
 - x) List the 4-H clubs for buyers
 - xi) Rodeo's not so late at night
 - b) Approx. 80% of people voted that the fair was either better or about the same.
 - c) Approx. 90% of people said they did like the new schedule
- 2) Candy Gilliland- vendors was good, can completely do better. Just need to continue to improve and grow with it and retrain people to go down that direction at some point in time.
- 3) Budget- Scott Weaver
 - a) A lot of trivial things that need to be gathered.
 - b) Need to create some committees to get more tasks completed and better communication.
 - c) Quick overview of budget
 - (1) 2019 cost \$180,000 with \$80,000 in revenue
 - (2) 2020 cost \$108,000 with \$69,000 in revenue
 - (3) 2021 cost \$212,000 with \$112,000 in revenue
 - ii) These numbers listed above is not a complete and exact list of the expenses
 - iii) Operating Supplies \$10,200
 - iv) Rodeo \$57,000
 - v) Night show \$40,000
 - vi) Need to start having a better paper trail
- 4) September meeting all superintendents of all departments
- 5) October Meeting- open public comment
- 6) December meeting- fairboard only with commissioner's budget discussion

Respectfully Submitted by: Secretary Michelle Smith

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Tabled Items

- 1) Need a new plan for scrapie tags.
- 2) Curt Lapp- couple items to tweak
- 3) Mariyah- meetings with superintendent's and their help to discuss expectations during fair
- 4) Budget- possible separate budget meeting