

# MEETING MINUTES

## ADMIN MEETING

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Date: October 16, 2023

Time: 6:10 PM

Meeting called to order by: BJ Mekelburg

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### IN ATTENDANCE

BJ, Justin, Harold, Micah, Tom, Scott Weaver, Dean Yearous, Ryan Noble, Cassidee Rogers, Mariya Mekelburg, Jolynn, Mindy, Carmen Murray, Jordlynn Wiltfang, Kahlee Lapp, Curt Lapp, Baylor Buck, David Blach, Ruben Richardson, Sharps Rollie Deering

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were read approved by BJ.

### PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING:

**Dean Yearous-** Extra Sale photos requested, with signup sheet and all species weigh ins on one day were recommended.

**Ryan Noble-**Concerned about Horse show numbers and how to bring those back up.

**Rollie Deering-**concerns about no "Wray day" and schedule being to long. Would like to see it go back to the way it used to be. Get more Wray people involved. Wants rodeo night show and rodeo same night talked about new schedule.

**Jolynn-** Spoke about letter that was received regarding a policy to address inadvertent mistakes that may take place at the fair. There are concerns that human mistakes negatively impact the exhibitors and there needs to be a way to address that.

**Jordlynn Wiltfang-** Queens really liked having parade and Quenn races on the same day. Had a lot of fun and asked to keep crowning during county events. A lot of them want to come back to Yuma for that reason.

**Eckley Folks\_ not sure who they were.-** Came in to voice opinions about no reserve seating. They were super upset they couldn't have their seats reserved this year, so they didn't go to any concerts or rodeos for that reason.

Questions as to where we were with getting checks to the kids for sale money. Said they should be mailed out in the next week or two.

## **SCHEDULE**

Had suggestions about schedule. Maybe move BBQ to afternoon invite school teams. And have parade of power there to peak more interest. Talked about new schedule will finish that up via email/text

Parade will be on Monday,

Talked about issues holding animals at Wray Meat pack, will discuss this with them, Conflict in time with parade and county events.

Tom moved to change schedule with some tweaking via email and Micah seconded the motion.

Talked about moving draft horse pull but Justin says Sunday is where it needs to stay due to the schedules of the guys and they work during the week.

BJ said he will send out the schedule and everyone can approve it through email.

Curt talked about hogs and rather we have a weigh in or not. Discussed rather or not to change the show to a registered or Gilt and burrow show. Paperwork and photos at check in and Jolyn says must have pre-entry date. Make sure all these changes are in the book. Classify hogs by breeds versus registration papers. Board must stand behind classifier (Travis) at fair.

Tom made a motion to do purebreds and crossbreds for 2024 Micah seconded it. Have breed show along with regular market.

Ryan talked about Stall policy for horses and kids not losing space to rodeo contestants. They are 4-H pens first and Rodeo pens 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Talked about parking for Rodeo possibly moving some over by horse race barns.

Sharp came in late and discussed issue at fair and concerns about superintendents and hopes the board will do something about this issue of conflict of interest. There have been many comments and letters regarding this issue.

Also talked about wanting weigh ins back for the sheep.

### **Schedule in closed meeting**

Cassidy talked about contract with Cervis being up and she was reaching out to other contractors.

Scott went over proposed budget with the board.

Meeting was adjourned by BJ at 9:19 Pm

Minutes submitted by Justin Crossland Secretary

