

MEETING MINUTES

ADMIN MEETING

Date: November 20, 2023

Time: 6:05 Pm

Meeting called to order by: BJ Mekelburg

IN ATTENDANCE

BJ Mekelburg, Justin Crossland, Harold Blackum, Tom Mekelburg, Scott Weaver, Mariya Mekelburg, Jolynn Midcap, Carmen Murray, Jordlynn Wiltfang, Curt Lapp, Baylor Buck, David Blach, Ruben Richardson, Robin Schnieder, Adam Gates, Kaci Porter, Jody Wiltfang

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Baylor to approve the minutes and Tom Seconded.

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL REPORTS:

Carmen- Looking like there may be no carnival there is a possibility of working with Burlington and their stuff, but nothing has come of that yet. We need to decide if we want food booths to stay open or food trucks for the Monday of the fair.

Fair books need to be discussed and look at doing them in house to save cost and possibly have digital copies as well. Jolynn mentioned it has been successful in the past and feels it very well could work. Paying 3,000 for fair books is very expensive.

Scott Weaver Commissioner had no reports at this time.

Fair Queens- They have been presented with an opportunity to host a hospitality dinner at the National Western Stock show to help promote the Yuma County Fair and Rodeo. She would like to print flyers and visit with the contestants about coming to Yuma. Everyone agreed it would be a great opportunity to promote our fair.

Grounds- Randy Mekelburg has been hired on a part-time basis and will be starting after shoulder surgery with a very large list.

Beer Garden- Dave said sales were down from last year and mentioned considering a VIP section for the Sale and Concert.

Sale- All but 10 or 15 checks have been received at this point, which is an improvement. So not much to report.

Judges- need to reach out to Travis and see where we are hiring Judges for 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

Beef- Fair Weigh ins being held on another day other than Friday was discussed, when all said and done Baylor made a motion to leave weigh ins on steers as is on Friday with Tom making a second.

Draft horse pull- Was discussed that Sunday was the best day for this and that it could possibly be relocated further down the track to not interfere with what was happening in the arena.

Home Grown- Home grown needs to be added to the sale list for recognition of hard work.

Queen Crowning- Decision was made to keep parade and crowning the same. May not have a lot of visiting Queens. They would like to make the Queens race the highlight of County Events. Will check with Cassidee about doing the Crowning prior to Slack on Monday.

Concert- Scott Weaver said they need to have the stage set up at 12 pm so the Gymkhana seating needs to be moved to North side only with no access to the grandstands for seating.

Farm Bureau Breakfast- Mariya asked if we could add Breakfast from 7-9 on Saturday.

Family Animal- Discussion was had about Family animal and what that means. Family animal means 1 family animal per species nominated at the beginning weigh in and declared to specific exhibitor at Fair Weigh in. Only immediate family members. Family animal is to be pre-entered on its own separate entry card by entry deadline.

After much discussion it was moved by **Ruben that there will be one family animal per species and that animal will be designated to a specific exhibitor at weigh ins at the Fair. Baylor made a second and the motion passed unanimously.**

Fair Book Changes- any fair book changes need to be made ASAP. Harold moved that we have 8 1/2 by 11 Fair books made in house and Baylor seconded the motion.

Superintendents- Superintendent code of conduct was discussed, and Tom said he will investigate this and what that would look like. It was agreed that they would add Jessica Friedly to the Sheep/Goat superintendent team.

Spanish Involvement- Scott talked to Alexandra at El Vaquero and he said he would help in a support manner but did not want to be in charge or head of anything. Looking at trying to get a Spanish event going to draw more of a crowd. Ruben and Scott were going to talk to some people and get some ideas of what that might look like.

Parade Committee- BJ will continue to stay in contact with Penny.

Weigh ins- Beef weigh ins will be held on February 24, 2024.

Sheep and Goat Weigh ins will be held May 5, 2024. There will be two locations for sheep/goats. Harolds place and Fair Grounds.

Participation- Jolynn says she is working on several things to try to increase numbers of members and getting enrollment up.

Night Show- BJ asked Scott if there was anything new to report on Night show. Scott said they will have someone booked by 12/31/23 and at this time did not want to say who. Looks like around 25,000.00 for this concert all in.

Christmas Party- will be held at El Vaquero they will let everyone know date and time when it is booked.

Meeting was adjourned by BJ

Minutes submitted by Justin Crossland Secretary