

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 20, 2024

Meeting was called to order by: BJ Mekelburg

In Attendance

Mariya Mekelburg, Jessica Murray, David Blach, BJ Mekelburg, Harold Blackham, Micah Seyler, Baylor Buck, Kaci Porter, Jordlynn Wiltfang, Jody Wiltfang, Kahlee Lapp, Curt Lapp, Adam Gates, Scott Weaver, Laura Salinas, Beto Vasquez, Travis Taylor, Carmen Murray

Approval of Minutes

Dave approved the April minutes with the amendment of Tom's 4-H club being changed to Pleasant Valley Hustlers 4-H Club. Micah seconded.

Committee and Special Reports:

Fair Manager: Carmen wanted to verify that we asked somebody at Country Side Vet Clinic that they would still be willing to be the vet for our fair. Micah said he would talk to Pat or Austin. Carmen asked for approval on running open class through ShoWorks and paying those entries their premium all in one envelope instead of one envelope of money for each entry. Board told her to do what was easier for her. One complaint from sheep/goat weigh in that a family's goat ended up with sore mouth. No other discussion on that. There were 128 pigs, 81 goats, and 39 sheep entered. Carmen has been in contact with FFA groups about doing activities during the fair. Wray FFA is going to do the goat tail untying, Liberty is wanting to do a stick horse race. She is working on getting their times solidified so she can add that to the poster calendar.

Superintendent: A letter was sent in from the horse superintendent about the Superintendent Code of Conduct that was sent out, specifically about the line stating parents and immediate family cannot be in the ring/arena. BJ is going to reach out to the superintendent and the amount of parent contact that is needed during the 4-H horse shows.

Queens: Queens represented at Deer Trail. They invited all to their Queen Luncheon on June 20th. They stated that their schedule really picks up in June.

Fairgrounds: Everything is mowed, many things have been sanded and are ready to be painted.

Extension: Travis Taylor will be setting a date with Ruben Richardson to go out and classify pigs. There were 15 purebred pigs entered from 7 different families. Rabbit and poultry ownership dates was discussed. It was thought we are too late this year to change anything and it will be brought back up after fair to get it the way we want it. There was discussion about the dairy show happening because of the bird flu being found in dairy. No changes were made now but they can still happen.

Beer Garden: The beer garden presented 2 options. Stay the same and have the Yuma County Sheriff do security at the Concert, Sale, and Sunday Rodeo. Second option is find a new security staff and have them patrol the whole fair and the beer garden can be open more than the previously stated 3 events.

Special Guest Beto and Laura (La Terraza): Beto and Laura are working on putting on the concert after the sale. His plan is to have 3 food trucks, alcohol, his own security, 10 employees, mechanical bull, 2 different bands and playing from 8 pm to midnight.

2% Fund: It was discussed that the 2% fund needs moved out of the 4-H hands as it is an account for 4-H and FFA kids. Harold made a motion to move the 2% fund to the fair board and Micah seconded. It now has to go to 4-H council to get approved to move to Fairboard then fairboard will discuss where to put it.

Parade: The parade committee has requested 7 rodeo tickets to give to the parade judges. Fairboard approved getting them their 7 requested tickets.

Dr Ritter was confirmed to do the ultrasounds for the steers, and Rollie Deering is going to help pay for him to come.

Vendors: Everything is open, just working on getting them collected

Sponsors: On the rise, did a new contract, currently at about \$11,000

Tall Corn Contest: Nutrien sent in a letter about sponsoring and Open and Junior show for the Tallest Corn Contest. We will have Nutrien run that and it will still be displayed with the crop and garden entries. Micah motioned to omit tallest corn from fairbook Jessica seconded. We will put this change at the front of the fairbook where other changes are noted.

MQA Requirements: There was a letter submitted from an FFA student that is a first time showman and was not aware of the MQA requirements. Fairbook states that you just need to have a certificate, it doesn't state when or where you get it. Since all of the state MQA dates have passed, Jolynn will do a one on one session with the student and get her a certificate before fair. However, it was stated that we encourage all kids to do the provided MQA classes and not rely on doing it later.

Meeting was adjourned quickly by BJ when the tornado sirens started going off.

Minutes submitted by Mariya Mekelburg