

Yuma County Fair Board

July 15, 2024

Yuma CO 80759

The July meeting was called to order by President Bj Mekelburg. Fair board members Bj Mekelburg, Baylor Buck, Michah Saylor, Justin Crossland, Tom Mekelburg, Harold Blackam, Jessica Murray, Dave Blach, Ruben Richardson Commissioners, Scott Weaver, Adam Gates Extension: Jolyn Midcap, Travis Taylor, Superintendents, Maryah Mekelburg, Curt Lapp, Jessica Friedly, Katie Dismore Queens Jalyn Archer, Kaci Porter, Jordlynn Wiltfang, Jody Wiltfang. Carmen Murray, Cassidy Rogers, Jake Rodwell, Lexi Potter, Randy Mekelburg, Jaden Campbell, Shawn Fonte, Dave Martelle, Jamie Martelle. Humberto Vasquez and Laura Salinas, Jerry Thompson Yuma PD and Trevor Neb.

Amended minutes: Purebred Hogs can be moved from purebred to Crossbred. Also, 4-H council voted to put the money from the 2% fund to Sale promotion committee account.

A motion was made to approve the amended minutes by Dave and 2nd by Baylor.

Special committee reports:

Ministerial Association:

Plan on being there about 3pm to set up and will be doing the sound check at 4:30 concert is from 5-6 and will be out by 7?

Spanish Concert:

Beto is showing plans for security. He has security plan and bands lined up and Dave Blach is trying to help get license for the beer garden for the Spanish concert as well. There will be an exit and an entrance marked. Will be expecting around 600 people. Will need to clear the fairgrounds at end of concert. His security will be there until 2 am. Working with Beer Garden committee as well. Scott asked if he could get Brandy the plans as soon as possible and they will have to call a special meeting. Jake and Dave will help with the plan. After the event they will help with trash pickup as well.

Security:

Ruben has been in contact with Yuma Pd to help with Security. Yuma Pd is pretty short staffed but willing to help where they can. Plan on doing drive-throughs so that people know that people are watching. It was suggested that the cops be here Saturday when they come in, so they know you are here when they leave. They will be working with Ruben and BJ. They will consider off duty work as well, not necessarily through the city.

Rodeo:

Cassidy- She thinks it's all good. County events open on Wed. Mutton Bustin will be opening on Wed. I have a crew meeting wed night working on the rodeo maintenance area. Tom is going to check on a telehandler. expenses are 40,800 not including hotels, and she has about 52,000 so far.

Event Manager:

Carmen- Fair posters are out. She has some extras and has made travel flyers. They are filling up with everything for volunteers except for bouncy houses. Still looking for vendors as well. The city said all you need for food vendors is sales tax id and fill out a paper for them and pay 10.00.

Superintendents:

Jessica- lamb that lost both scrappies and county tags wanted to bring up to the board prior to fair. Also had a question about lamb show. Going to run show a bit different this year. Superintendent will have the last decision. Tom also mentioned that he has one kid that is going to show a chicken and a lamb at same time what can be done? They will work together and work it out.

Dairy Show- wants to move dairy show up a little bit. Move it up to 4 start time.

Make sure that all superintendents work together with multiple species.

Emergency Plan:

Jake was there and will have an emergency plan in place. County Commissioners and Fair board can cancel or postpone event until weather moves through for safety of everyone. One person in charge each day. They will print plans and have copies.

Fair Queens:

Fair Queens have been busy running up and down the road. They will have a new event for Autism rodeo on August 11. They will be having a stick horse rodeo on July 27th in Wray as well. Princess rodeo is happening as well. Please communicate with Royalty is show times change.

Fairgrounds:

Randy- major deal got done tonight. Put sand in pits. Another announcer stand will be following up on that tomorrow and curtains are being made. Speakers for arena are staticky so we need to look at that? Scott B. will come down and look at it. Need to look at how they want Beef barn set up. Discussed what electric outlets to use. Jaden will be here to help Randy before and after and during fair.

Extension:

They have a new livestock judge since the first one cancelled. Discussed making sure judges have contact information.

Beer Garden Committee:

Been approved for option #2 have to have something to city tomorrow for Mexican concert as that will be within 48 hours. Waiting for the State to get it approved. Hoping all works out ok.

Livestock Sale:

Invites have been sent out and postcards can be picked up tonight that the kids can do face to face or leaders as reminder. Dinner has been figured out and ordered. I had a meeting with Tri state, and they are taking over invoicing. They have made a couple banners thanking Tri state. Arron Schwartz will announce the Parade of Champions. Buyers' bid cards will be in front of the office. To close out our idea is that we have the Grand Champion Banners permanent. So will be looking at that closer. So that people can see it year-round. Make sure the Queens are being used. FFA kids will be running tickets. The speaker has been changed and turned so sound is going out toward the bleachers this year.

Parade Committe:

Discussed throwing candy from floats. Motion made by Micah that if a float wants to hand out Candy, they have to have a walker to hand it out to kids. 2nd by Jessica.

Sponsorship:

They are set up very well, Draft horse pull is good, and Rodeo is good. General a little short. Sent out 300 letters. Discussed raising money for fair in general and that is why the sponsorship letter was sent out. Tom has two checks for sponsors, one is ear marked for rodeo and one for front gate. PRA has donated.

Marketing and Vendors:

Carmen is working on them. She has changed the wording a lot so people understand what is happening in the market.

OLD Business:

Carmen needs to get some security vests. Talking about getting paid people to work security. Tom has 4 people from lion's club to take tickets at grandstand. Will look at hiring some security for gates and rope. Justin will be reaching out to some of them and see what they were paid for and get the ball rolling. Cassidy said, I need to make sure the infield is clear after county events before rodeo.

An ambulance has been contacted and they will be here.

Water will be donated by Smithfield Nutrien. We will need to have 3 pallets here at least. Tom will talk to them about water. Coolers are from pepsi.

New Business:

Russel Smith would like to drive a golf cart around during the fair. Will put a Handicap placard on there.

Coolers for buildings. 2 from Tracy one from irrigation. Carmen was going to check on those.

Problem with ac wiring. We will look at other options and generators.

Thank you Maria!

Meeting adjourned by BJ

See you at the Fair August 1-5

