

Yuma County Fair Board

June 17, 2024

Wray CO 80758

The June meeting was called to order by President BJ Mekelburg. In attendance were fair board members: Ruben Richardson, Harold Blackham, Dave Blach, Justin Crossland, Jessica Murray Tom Mekelburg, Baylor Buck. Superintendents: Curt Lapp, Mariya Mekelburg, Jessica Friedly, Katie Dinsmore. Ext. office: Jolyn Midcap. County commissioner Scott Weaver, Adam Gate and Mike Lerrar. Others: Cassidy Rogers, Crystal Terrell, Kaci Porter, Carmen Murray.

Jessica Murray approved the last minutes and Dave Blach 2nd.

Security and Special Reports:

Rodeo:

Cassidy no updates right now really. County Events are under way buckles are ordered and flyers are hanging.

Event Manager:

Carmen said they had 2 different bids for cleaning. Holly Sprouse was bid at 5500.00 Cliff Custom Cleaning wanted to do manure and cleaning for 12,000.00. Decided to go with Holly Sprouse for \$5500.00 Tom Motioned to accept and Justin 2nd it. Motion passed.

Fair book will be out this week and online.

Commissioners: Nothing from commissioners at this point.

Superintendents:

Jessica introduced Katie as Co superintendents for sheep and goats.

Mariya talked about pigs and putting in classes. Travis needs to know how to handle not being able to get ahold of kids and what to do about maybe look at pictures and see if they are purebreds. If they are classified as cross they can be moved to purebred at fair. Moved to accept the nomination pictures if they are a breed character first year. Moved by Dave Blach, 2nd by Ruben Richardson.

Photographer Mandy has agreed to come back this year and do shows etc. Requested 1250.00 this year.

Shay Andrews would like to do Rodeo side. Gave a couple different options that were discussed. Horse show, Gymkhana, and county events.

Motion was made to do 1,250.00 for Mandy to do livestock photos and one sponsorship 450.00 for Shay to do Photos of Horse show. Moved by Jessica 2nd by Dave.

Fair Queens:

Fair Queens have been busy, and trailer is in and they will have Quenns supper and races on Thursday evening the 20th. Getting to be busy for the girls

Fairgrounds:

Randy is not here we discussed prior to meeting.

Extentions:

Joylyn asked about an open scale night for exhibitors to be able to weigh animals prior to fair just in case anyone needed to weigh prior to fair. For anyone needing to weigh any species. Maybe send out to all the leaders and let them know its available that you could open up to weigh.

Also had cancel meeting and they voted to put 8200.00 to give it sale promotion committee account. That would close that account. They are also getting another 8,000.00. Maybe ask the committee to make the bylaws. The motion was made by Dave that they take the 2% fund on behalf of Yuma County fair board as was stated in minutes and move to Livestock Sale committee account with 2 checks that are coming in. Second by Jessica.

Committees:

Beer Garden:

Dave said they had meeting at commissioner's office and Sherriff dept will not cover security for anything at the fair this year. With that being said on the Beer Garden side Knights of Columbus will have 2 or 3 Security people at each event. They will address any issues with words of kindness and if need be 911 will be called as they cannot handle legal matters. As far as responsibilities intoxicated people will be dealt with and not allowed to drive etc. Hours have changed Friday afternoon from 2 pm until after concert Beer Garden, Saturday before sale 2 Pm until after sale. Rodeos half hour prior to rodeo to closing of rodeos. So, 4 set times of Beer Garden. Will need to work out issues of Spanish event. Concert nights will be moved back to the west side and not allowed to take into grandstands. Sale night will be the same not to leave. Alot of the ideas came from Chase County fair. There is no such thing as a posse anymore so you cannot even get a posse anymore. Next step is to hurry and get this done so the state can get it done.

A motion was made by Tom on behalf of the beer garden committee to approve the plan as read and go to the commissioners meeting with it. Baylor 2nd

Security:

Just discussing security and trying to see what it would take to get a security company to come down and be at the fairgrounds for Saturday night mainly. Consider contacting off duty officers etc.

Discussing how to get someone there all night to watch over livestock etc. need to find out who can work gates etc. As they find out they are to let people know by emails.

Livestock Sale Promotion:

Mariya would like to change when kids are recognized. She would like it to happen at the sale after the 4-H awards and before the first animal sales. Anyone who gets a purple ribbon can go. The Queens do it and announce the champions.

Parade:

Tria said thank you for the tickets.

Several business owners have voiced opinions that they are not happy with Monday of fair.

Sponsorship:

Discussing sponsorship for Rodeo. Ticket sales pay for stock contractor. Event expenses are up this year. So, more money is needed.

Marketing Vendor:

Carmen is getting some vendor information in.

Old Business:

Code of conduct, people are refusing to sign them, and if they have to sign them, they will no longer be a superintendent. So how do they want it handled? Gunna let it ride.

Countryside vet will they be the vet? BJ will check into that with Micah.

New Business:

Tria asked about Womens Aglow on Darcy's Stage, they said that should be ok to do on Monday evening. It was moved by Dave to let Womens Aglow and Youth group after the rodeo at Darcys stage area. 2nd was made by Jessica

Ambulances? Do we have them lined up?

Jolynn is meeting with a lady from Pams Academy that is bringing people out. Maybe some money will be available to help with that. They will be here for 2 days during the fair. She will let you know cost and they really want some advertising done.

Ring set up. Need to be written up before the next meeting per species.

Picnic tables from City of Wray. Carmen is going to coordinate it.

Swamp coolers, 2 from Tracy and one from Irrigation.

Water? Nutrient and Smithfield?

Justin suggested maybe having local clubs do fundraiser by dunking booths etc.

Meeting adjourned by BJ

Next meeting Monday the 15th of July.