

## Yuma County Fair Board

August 19, 2024

Blach Residents

The August 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 and Micah. Ext. office: Travis. County commissioner Scott Weaver, Adam Gates

Others: Kaci Porter, Carmen Murray.

Ruben approved and Micah 2<sup>nd</sup> Approval of minutes.

### Fair Queens:

Fair Queens had a good fair and stayed plenty busy.

### Fair Parade:

Their only request is to be sure to have the date set as soon as possible. Scott said that he had received a lot more complaints about the day of the parade.

### Extension:

Joylyn Couldn't be there but there were some complaints about senior day and not animals for them to see. Alex turned in her resignation, so they are looking for an admin. Need to address rules Carmen said and make them say what they want. She said that she felt like the Mexican Concert helped the attendance.

### Grounds:

Randy said he needs a bit more sleep next year ☹️ Maybe next year get someone to help drive the water truck year?

### Rodeo:

Cassidy is not there. She said the rodeo went well and all seemed to be happy. She wants to schedule asap.

### Livestock:

*Pigs-*

Rueben Said he feels like they messed up and should be classified at scale next year to avoid issues. Maybe need to shorten the time for weigh ins.

### *Sheep-*

A few mistakes were made but for the first year as to be expected. Weighing off the trailer needs to be addressed and ruled on. They liked weighing the night before.

Issue with Sheep having no tags. We had agreed in July that it would be ok.

### *Beef-*

Weigh ins went well. Maybe next year we will move the scales since they have changed the way the beef barn is set up. Beef show and the sale was a little tight for time. The bucket calf was too long. The judge spends too much time on each class with the heat etc. Maybe needs Co-judges to help her to move things along a little bit. Go from youngest to oldest possibly as well. Would like to hear the kids talk about animals or maybe her have a microphone to hear what she was saying and their answers.

Talked about panels being easier if they didn't have to move around so much. Maybe order larger flakes of wood shavings for the show ring to help control dust.

## **Livestock Sale:**

Didn't have microphones for sale and needed to figure out whose job that will be for next year. Got started a little late. Speaker issues as well. Possibly get LCD screen to working?

Random comments:

People want the old schedule. Start on Saturday and end on Sunday. Many comments were made about the schedule.

Check in for Home ec was tough.

## **Commissioner:**

Scott said the dates of the fair cannot be changed after October. Need to come up with Bi laws. Changes to Fair books etc need to happen like February. The night show bombed. So, they are thinking they are done with the night show that they have been doing and looking at something different for next year. He agreed that rodeos were great. Cassidy was the calmest she had been in years. Maybe look at more ticketed events like draft horse show etc. Need to work on budget at October meeting and pin that down.

Advertise for positions up on board and then they will make a decision.

Thanks to Dave and Karla for hosting the meeting.

Next meeting will be held in Eckley on September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned by BJ.

