

September 20th, 2017

Fair Board Minutes

Call to Order 7:05 pm

Members: Chad, Nick, Barbra, Jason T., Melissa, Hannah, Pete, Betsey, Bandy (horse), Misty, Wendy

Secretaries Report: - Emailed and passed out - **Chad moved to accept minutes, Betsey 2nd approved.**

Guests – Sammons Family, Sinclair Family, Eric Hinton, Erin Nissen, Sharon Adams, Mark Brown, Heather Brown

- **Jim Sammons** – Kids have shown in valley 10 years, and he was on the board in Gunnison. First year in 10 years that he brought this issue to the board. His daughter is 16 and she decided to raise her own pigs this year. She had 4 that she sold to other kids. Right after Bred and Fed the pig superintendent asked where she was. She found her daughter and the Christiansen family that had purchased this pig. It was brought to their attention that the Christensen family bought a pig from them that they felt it was a boar. They had ended up switching the pig out before the sale, they did have it butchered and the pig was a cryptorchid. Reason he is here, his daughter did not castrate the animal and she wouldn't have had any answers and he is glad his wife told him what was going on. He is glad that he made it in there because his kids shouldn't be afraid to be left alone without parents. He is upset with the way the situation was handled. He would like to have a discussion on how this will be handled in the future, as he's heard this has happened in the past. They had an animal to swap out but what if they hadn't and did that set a president, and he thinks fair board should be involved in that decision. Heather (swine superintendent) – she claims she did tell her to find her dad, Jim would prefer that the super find him first. Chad, would like to have Sinclair's speak because they have same issue.
- **Sinclair** – Thank the swine super for telling them their pig showed signs of boar. Her issue is they didn't find out about the issue until a couple hours before the sale. He called his mom and said they had to swap out their pigs and they didn't have the option to swap one. She was concerned that Heather didn't talk to the family until just before the sale and they had no idea he was a boar. She would question how it was handled that parents were not involved as well, it is a family ordeal. They had taken their extra to the butcher that morning and didn't have the option either. Another consideration is to make sure there are more than just two people there, maybe a board member, a superintendent and the family.
- **Discussion:** Jason – did anyone look up the rule. Mark said the animal could be disqualified page 28, rule #22. But, he has tried not to do this because it creates an issue. He saw both pigs at first show and suspected, and each time the pigs showed they continued to show more boar qualities. Chad says he heard that every year there has been a boar. Mark agrees says some don't ever show at fair. To be honest it is hard to see them until they are around all the gilts. Heather says the judge brought it up after the show. Heather suggests blood test next year. Chad a couple issues if this does happen every year – we need to figure out how to handle it, especially if people have papers showing they bought a barrow. We need a procedure that doesn't penalize the kid and protects the buyer. Heather apologizes by not bringing the parents in. Sinclair's believe it is something that happens every year and we need to work on a protocol for preventing boars. Heather and idea is to go around to some of the pig producers and try to get an emergency fund for certain circumstances like this happen. Chad as we go through fair if an animal starts showing those symptoms we watch him through the sale and make sure he goes buy back and pay the difference buy back loses for the difference. Chad says even at \$.50 and emergency fund of \$300 should be easy. Erin – sees issue with that, but if she sees a lamb that comes through she will kick them out, it is not easy on the kids, but there have been lambs attacked by dog morning of it's hard but she does it. Mark says the danger involved with one showing its aggressiveness and that should be something to consider too. Betsey – do our rules match state fair and how do they address it? Main problem is we should not talk to kids without fair board and parents present.
- **Eric Hinton** – Spoke with families and is 3 things to our attention. First – pre-published knowledge on what species can and cannot use, being that COOP has a trailer there, they would like to have a more clear-cut rule on what they can can't use. Lambs can use non-oil products up until show, swine could use oil up till show, etc.. 2nd

the sheep and goat pens got really muddy this year and he suggests using shaving and muzzles and this would be good for health of animals and image trying to keep them clean. Hannah commented on ammonia, Eric thinks with industry where it is, them eating shavings isn't a huge concern or use a muzzle. 3rd when you bring animals to a show we should follow state fair in drenching, for the health of the animals especially one that comes to the show and gets dehydrated and will not drink. This is for the commercial industry if there is a dehydrated animal you drench. For the health of the animal he really thinks this is a step forward – even if you limit what is drenched. Jason suggests we really look over these issues and talk to other people. Erin had quite a few discussions with people about drenching, she thinks it is becoming a bigger problem and hydration is important. Erin agrees with shavings and the changing of times, and thinks there should be no problem with that. Having extra scale – Nick concerned about variance in that and ours. Eric thinks just having it helps.

- **Erin** - Thought that fair went well this year, one little hiccup in her show but that was all. Show was fine, got compliments on judge. Most of her discussions with parents was shavings and drenching.
- **Heather** – Ear notches for next year – for example turning in ear notches on their own are we going to require them.
- **Jason** – Has been helping with James Cooley with pigs for 8-9 years and this year it was so smooth because of the scale.
- **Mark** - Judges – wouldn't have breeding judge back – said she was very unprofessional in her reasons. Said umm a lot and somewhat close in her placings. Loved the market judge! Thought things went well overall. Liked the exhibitor meeting early and good changes, loved the hog scales. Heather mentioned all superintendents need to be trained on fair entry! Panels.
- **Sharon** – Thanks for volunteer luncheon! Trying to get ribbon order for next year in – she would like to do a couple things differently – 4 outside combine into one, keeping a few separates who prefer it that way. Next year she will probably order for 2 years' worth. Hannah will let her know on banners for species specific. Regalia Banner place. Hannah email superintendents and see what they would like. If ok she would like to order the ribbons and russets – Awards Committee. Thought inside went well, lots of compliments on booths and thank you for all your hard work.
- **Bandy Lucero** – Horse council really thought fair went well. They have a couple things to make it run more smoothly for next year. The big issue they had was there was one jump stand that was broken. They don't know when it was broken but if in the future whoever brings stuff out of the barn if we could be more careful. Chad said he did it with the tractor. Want to thank everyone for all we do, thought the horse council and fair board worked well during fair.
- **Chad** – Would like superintendents to come to fair board with issues, so we know what is going on and can back our superintendents. Misty agrees – a lot of people have come and talked to her and people think fair board isn't trust worthy and or approachable. She would like us to address that this year and build ourselves up for that. Eliminate grey area on our end, for example the scales. Suggestion box for next year
- **Betsey** – This year they will have a lot of Turkeys – Dusty Claunch memorial growth contest. She already has \$300 donated towards this. This way only 2-3 will go through the sale, they still don't have all the details worked out yet. Heather, it needs to be a separate show. Jason – is there a day we can do this during fair to incorporate it, so they can have some recognition.

Treasurers Report:

- Checking \$12,897.64
- Savings \$2,125.68
- Checking \$124,532.97 (\$236,842.92- actual)
- Savings \$NA
 - Bills See agenda
 - **Jason T. moved to accept treasurers report, Misty 2nd approved.**

Extension Report:

- Tentative dates in Oct. Newsletter – weigh in etc.
- Aug 4-11 tentative fair dates.
- Move Tractor Pull Back
- Marvin will be at next month's meeting – Other fair things to talk about for next year
- Distribute checks – indoor and dairy goats no premiums. If you've turned in sheet and not picked up check it will be mailed Oct 1st we will mail them.
- Deposit checks – gave the rest of them to Maxine

Old Business

- Wendy would like to switch nights of meetings.
- **Steer Banner** – plain white 10-11'3"x4', 2-7'6"x4', 2-3'6"x4'
- **Fair Recap** –
 - Nick took a lot of heat for not having class of bred and fed. Issue of no having the class again for bred and fed. Still need to have class.
 - Misty ranch steers vs club calves. Chad doesn't know about dividing it up, as this is a show and there are show animals.
 - Hannah – buyer's dinner had lots of complaints and would really like to have a separate dinner catered just for buyers. State fair, the buyers come in talk to the kids and eat and hang out, the buyers get to meet the kids.
 - Chad look at having meal catered to buyers if the people putting on the BBQ doesn't sound like a huge loss. Quincy's.

New Business

- **Fair board Applications** – Jason - really need people to help with setup and tear down.
 - **Kaylee Mondragon**
 - **Nicole Rockey**
 - **Jeri Trujillo**

Committee Reports

- **Social Media**
- **Livestock Sale Committee**
- **Vendor Committee**
- **Facilities Committee**
- **Awards Committee**
- **Indoor Committee**
- **Outdoor Committee**
- **Fair Book**
- **Sponsorship**
- **Kids Activities**
- **Entertainment**
- **Buyers and Decorations**

Adjourn 9:10 Chad moved, Betsey 2nd passed.

Next Meeting October 11th 7:30 pm SLV Extension Office