

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Fair Board Minutes

Call to Order 7:00 pm

**Members:** Chad, Jason Kreps, Jason, Melissa, Betsey, Nick, Pete, Barbra, Jake, and Deanna – Wendy and Tim called Nick said they couldn't make it

**Secretaries Report:** - Emailed and passed out, **Betsey moved to accept minutes, Jake 2<sup>nd</sup> approved.**

**Guests** – District 8 (Rio Grande and Saguache County)

- **Amy**
  - Not district 8 it is Saguache and Rio Grande County, hopefully they will involve Alamosa this year. There will be new people in charge they couldn't make it to the meeting, but they hope to get the meat catered next year and change up the food to make improvements. They are going to try to have a meeting in January.

**Treasurers Report:**

- Checking \$11,581.55
- Savings \$2,124.10
- Checking 6,367.12
- Savings \$33,349.2
  - The sales checking will get transferred to savings right before next year so we don't get assessed a fee.
  - Bills
    - MV Ambulance \$660
    - Scale Cert. \$115
    - Still getting bills from Tres Rios for Ray Hinton Memorial
  - Unpaid
    - Jackson still haven't paid \$1090
    - Heather and Jason Tillman for Ducks
  - Since GL has been approved we can post financials to website
  - Saguache county \$5,000 due early in Dec. Betsey needs to get new invoiced that includes all cages.
  - Deanna needs invoice from Tim for stamps
  - Deanna is officially resigning as Treasurer, she left a general outline attached to treasurer's report of what will need to be done.
  - **Melissa moved to accept treasurers report, Jake 2<sup>nd</sup> approved.**

**Extension Report:**

- **Amy**
  - Slow right now, working with webinars on fair entry software, thinks they will start making changes by next month.
  - Re-enrollment deadline Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - New Members March 31<sup>st</sup> – also add drop deadline.
  - February 4<sup>th</sup> steer weigh in
    - Amy will check with Marvin to see who arranges the building and brand inspector
      - We will discuss the chute next meeting
  - Ty mailed booster checks because he came and got addresses.
- **Manager - NA**
- **Old Business**

- **Indoor Awards** – Nick talked to Marvin and Maxine said they never received the info from the shows, there was nothing entered into the fair program.
  - **Amy** suggests we let the people in charge next year know what is expected of them.
  - **Barbra** will talk to Holly and Linette about results.
- **Open Positions on Fair Board**
  - Belinda with Alamosa County said the county would like to advertise the positions available before taking recommendations from the board.
  - Darius had said to send in the letter and they would vote on Jason, GG still says advertise before appointment.
    - Nick will send them an email stating we have two positions open in the county and would like to have Jason fill one.
    - Deanna – Why would we recommend Jason? We are being called the Brown County Fair, we have too much influence from one family. Many other people are interested outside the Brown family. Also Jason has said “heads are going to roll” when he gets on the board. Darrel Jackson quit because of him, yes there were personality conflicts. Jason has good intentions and a lot of good things to say, but that is just too much influence from the Brown family. Working with Lisa and buckles she believes that family to have done unethical things and believe they are a main reason we have lost sponsors. Specifically the Browns sponsoring buckles they didn’t pay for, and people who did pay not getting recognized.
    - Jake agrees – Tillman stated he was coming after Jake to get off the board and this will be his last meeting.
    - Deanna – Why aren’t we going through the application process like we had decided?
    - Chad – Chad asked why Jake thought Tillman was coming after him, Jake believes it’s because he will stand up to him, and nobody on the board will do that. People’s stories change depending on what guests are at the meetings.
    - Betsey – Question on Alamosa, did they have prior acknowledgement from fair board before the appointment letter?
    - Deanna – Who do we actually need on the board?
      - She thinks we have livestock people but no indoor, horse or dog people. What would Jason bring to the table?
      - When Deanna joined she had no prior experience, but wanted her kids involved, she constantly gets asked by Brown’s why she is involved with fair.
    - Melissa – The situation at Fair involved Tillman make her look like a liar, who knows what happened when it was just him and the family. She feels bad for that family and doesn’t think that the situation should have been handled that way.
    - Nick – Says everyone needs to stop, we were all at the prior meeting when Jason came in, we listen to what he had to say, we asked questions and voted on him.
    - Deanna believes we need to honor the system the counties put forward with an application process.
    - Barbra agrees – just as with the superintendent applications
      - Nick says we are not trying to get rid of current superintendents but are open to new applications
      - Deanna thinks the board is a closed group and it is hard for other people to get involved.
      - Barbra thinks that there are other people interested in superintendent positions. Such as Troy with beef.
      - Deanna thinks we need to filter through applications.

- Betsey - we already voted on Jason, people shouldn't get off board because of them. Whether we like Heather or not, we shouldn't let them control who sits on the board. She has been belittled by Heather at fair over buckles but doesn't like that the influence they have.
- Barbra suggests that Jason would be a good asset for sponsorship.
  - Deanna thinks we have other people like Margaret McMasters.
  - In the past she has worked with sponsorship committees and they never follow through, we need monthly emails going to committees because she is tired of lip service.
  - Little things like the sponsorship boards that weren't put up, the chairman of the board needs to follow through.
- Pete - Outside opinion – He believes his son does well at fair, and Dale personally asked him to be on the board. When he joined he didn't know much, he did know the Brown Family and was shocked to see the impact they have at fair and can see where people refer to it as the Brown County Fair. Doesn't know if that is good or bad. Heather made a comment about the overall showman not writing thank yous and Pete knows for a fact that Wyatt has send those. Pete also hasn't been happy with the representation of the blue and gold and showmanship in the newspaper. He sees what Jake is saying when they show up and the board acts like everything is good.
- Deanna – We need to keep new people in for new networking.
  - She suggests we tell Jason - sorry we jumped the gun, the county wants to advertise the position, we will keep your application to go over with the others.
- Pete – all counties need to be the same.
- Chad – Bottom line, we are a dysfunctional board and he doesn't know how to fix it, but right now things aren't good. Pete had the same perception as chad and knows good people that didn't want to cause waves that have just gotten off the board. Huge time commitment and no one wants to waste time. If we can get a process and decisions made that's good but we get frustrated and want to quit.
- Jake – Many changes and ideas that clash
- Chad agrees like Karen Hoffner – he believes she is a great person and is curious why she couldn't handle the board. Is it the people who push back and challenge the existing fair, and they get put out? He knows Karen and she doesn't back down and will stand for things she believes. Maybe it's time we burn everything down and start over again.
- Pete – Agrees and thinks we need more representation from indoor and horse on the board.
- Chad – Horse council has been making an effort this year
- Jake says that most counties have a horse council and them coming to the meeting to represent them is their representation – other counties also have species categories as well.
- Deanna – People capitalize on disorganization. She believes she has acquired power she doesn't want. Would like to start again with the application process and from now on advertise for positions.
- Chad – No problem at all going through applications even now. If he filled one out and didn't get appointed on the board he would be ok with that. Were at a crossroads and we have opportunity with new people in challenging old ways. We need to get our house in order and this is a slow process.
- Nick will email GG. Every time a term is up we will make that person re-apply and they will advertise the position. He suggests from now forward we will do this.

- Deanna term will be October and we can start advertising at Fair. She suggests we take a list of all things that need to be done and put names with it so at fair we know who to call to be in charge of specific things.
  - Rotating positions with people who leave early – Jason would Fill James spot through 2018
  - Barb – Keep Jason’s application, let the county advertise and get other applications.
  - Deanna –We should put an ad in the paper with open positions.
  - **Nick – we need to allow counties to advertise our positions – He will Call her tomorrow and go by the books. We will leave it as it is until we receive other applications and we will hold onto his letter of recommendations.**
    - Next year we will advertise at fair to fill positions Oct 1.
  - Deanna says we need to have more accountability for committees.
  - Betsey – Make sure Jason fills out the Alamosa County Application – maybe the counties will pay for background checks.
  - Pete – Do we need to send other counties the Alamosa Application so they have the same one? – Nick will see about that
- **Bylaws**
  - **Deanna moved to accept the new bylaws – Melissa 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.**
- **Fair Deposits**
  - Next year we need a better method – still check with main superintendent then when they go to get their checks they have to sign a master list as well.
- Jake suggests having Treasurer and Secretary be paid positions and get rid of fair manager
  - Barbra says that according to bylaws Treasurer can be.
  - Jake suggest \$250 each per month Danna thinks this is a good idea and would be easier on the books and insurance
  - Betsey – Barb and treasurer should be the ones to get mail. Betsey would do sponsorship
  - We would need to amend the bylaws again.
- **New Business**
  - **Tractor Pull** – Jake says Hotchkiss would like to do a pull Sunday after ours, they would guarantee 6 pulls in the contract this year. He will also help with it this year even though he is not on the board. Jason Kreps will assist and take over next year.
  - **Sponsorship** – Deanna says whoever takes this over should send letters, keep list of who has/hasn’t sponsored.
    - **Jason** thinks we need to send letters as early as possible.
    - **There is an excel spreadsheet in the drop box**
    - **Barbra** – would like to go over list and make sure we do what we guarantee as well as add event sponsor.
  - **Judges** - Erin talked to Bob
    - **Nick** says now that we have the fair week dates we can start talking to judges, he figures it will be a schedule similar to two years ago.
  - **Scale** - \$4,043.20 – this will be certifiable w/ digital print out.
    - Deanna will talk to the county to see if we can get money back from this year to go towards it.
    - Betsey moved to buy it, Chad 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed
  - Committee meetings to go over contracts need to happen – Barbra will have an event meeting, and hopefully get contracts for Judges from Denise tomorrow.
  - **Superintendent Applications**
    - Erin’s is the only one we have Barbra will send email to all superintendents.
  - **Meeting Dates**

- **Wendy** would like to stay on fair board but her school board meetings fall on the same night, can we move our meetings to a different night.
  - **Barbra** we will have to change this in the bylaws
- **Building**
  - Deanna has quote from Andrew Repke, she has met with county commissioners and gotten building inspections for windows and doors.
  - Suggests we can use curtains for partitions
  - Nick will see if stampede would pay for some.
- **Melissa moved to go ahead with room, Barb 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion Passed**
- **Amy would like \$288 for T-shirts**

### **Committee Reports**

- **Social Media**
- **Livestock Sale Committee**
- **Vendor Committee**
- **Facilities Committee**
- **Awards Committee**
  - **Herdsman Awards** – Melissa was curious if the Awards committee can order awards
- **Indoor Committee**
- **Outdoor Committee**
- **Fair Book**
- **Sponsorship**
- **Kids Activities**
- **Entertainment**
- **Buyers and Decorations**
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Adjourn 10:21 Chad moved, Jason 2<sup>nd</sup> passed.

Next Meeting January 11<sup>th</sup> 7 pm