

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Fair Board Minutes

**Members:** Jake, Jason, Pete, Dale, Deanna, Denise, Tim, Nick Melissa, Barb

**Secretaries Report:** - NA

**Treasurers Report:**

- Checking \$19,193.70
- Savings \$2,123.25
- Checking \$98,331
- Savings \$33,338.21
- We need to decide on how much to pay Hannah and Sabrina
- Sales were down \$30,000
- Deanna needs all In-Kind donors, and the city and county will mail check deposits back.
- Deanna needs documentation for Rio Grande County- Tim says it is in the contract.
- She also needs all contracts that deal with money including Becker Photography, Gun barrel Junction and Sandoval
- James moved to pass the treasurers report, pay bills and pay \$2,500 for Hannah and \$500 for Sabrina, Pete 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.

**Guests – Superintendents**

- **Jason**
  - We need to get better power to the steer barn, he is getting quotes to do this.
    - Dale thinks Rio Grande County
  - Bred and Fed classes should be before the market classes
    - Stacey had families say they wouldn't show in it, because it makes the show to long.
    - Heather suggests having a bred and fed day. And that we should look into how Gunnison does theirs.
    - Erin suggests a scrap book to display indoors, the superintendents agree to judge them.
  - He thought there were a lot more fair board members there during fair and commends us. He really appreciated the support.
- **Mark**
  - Problem with schedule – thinks we should start with the tractor pull and roping and still do set up on Saturday. This shortens the livestock schedule, not sure how the horse people like it having their stuff split up but that's not for him. There was too much stress on the kids and animals. For volunteers it's one thing to ask for 5 days but 2 more days is too long.
  - If you put rules in the fair book we need to follow them. Heather mentioned that the Dairy Goats need a mandatory milk out. Mark continues that fair board needs to abide by the drinking rule.

- Next year we should have a tag day for swine. Heather would like to do the classifying at this time.
- The hog show needs to be after 5 pm this includes showmanship. Mark feels we were lucky this year with weather any other year we would have had issues.
- The board should not be voting outside of meetings.
  - Nick thinks there are better ways to get this done.
- **Heather**
  - We need to make sure the tag number range is out of the weight range for that species.
  - We need to revisit the bred and fed, and make sure it states Market Class as in market ready class in the fair book.
  - We need to make sure all the fair board members read the fair book as well. So they all know what is legal and illegal, there was an incident with Chad, and we need to make sure this doesn't happen again.
- **Erin**
  - Erin thought fair went good, she would like changes with bred and fed.
  - She also wants to know what superintendent's duties vs fair board.
  - We need to have a better front at fair and keep the issues behind doors.
  - Sheep continue to loose numbers, she would like to look into doing a catch it.
- **Dani**
  - The schedule was too long on the goats, 2 days of doing nothing is no good. She had one die, the issues came from home but the stress did not help it. She is afraid of losing quality such as state fair animals.
- **Stacey**
  - The Watters family brought livestock in at 10:30 the night before check in and then they had to sift their calf that was not market ready. She wants to make sure supers and fair board on the same page. The Watters family suggested they had talked to fair board and they had Okayed it. If Fair Board does stuff like this we need to let them know.
- **Amy**
  - She is making a suggestions page for the new program. She is confident they will fix the problems by next year. She suggest we buy more scanners they are \$25 each.
  - It took Maxine and Tim 6 hours to do the sale bill next year it should be quicker.
  - Heather volunteers to go to training with Hannah on the computer program for next year.
- **Anita**
  - Would like to thank the fair board for their help! Thank you for setting up panels, and the buckles were superb. She thought fair went off without a hitch, even though they had to show in rain.
  - Vendors were their big issue, we didn't have one open for breakfast or lunch the first day. It would have been nice if someone would have notified them earlier.
  - Denise suggests we work on the contracts
  - Pete suggests putting the burrito guy on the list for next year.
  - As for the schedule
    - Some people liked the split days. Anita prefers it boom, boom, boom. She had to move their equipment from the crows nest and this is inconvenient.

- If we change it next year she would like to keep the first two shows back to back, this allows for 2 judges rather than 4. Monday Tuesday Wednesday is good for judges rather than weekends. The Speed event doesn't matter though.
  - Round Robin, liked having the age groups together, but we need better communication on time. And can the kids get score cards back. Heather said she told the kids they could pick them up at tear down, but will bring them to the office.
  - She would like them placed 1-10 in each species during round robin. And would like to have the species supers make sure kids go learn about other species before the day of. Heather said she was going to modify the score sheet. Dani suggested 1-10 and the lowest number wins.
    - They would like a porta-potty next year. Dani said normally Mondragons handle that and they didn't this year. Dale suggested that Browns would leave some after stampede
- **Hannah**
  - Suggests everyone should really go through their sections of the fair book!!
- **Pete** would like to expand breed classes, Heather explained that in the market there has to be 7 of a breed to get its own class. Pete suggests classes like grass fed etc, Erin said they would be too old.
- **Sharron** – she has her curtain squares in the back corner that fair board could use for office space if need be.

### Recap This Year

- Hannah
  - The saddles from COOP were not good, and they didn't have the turn out expected because of the date change.
  - Nick suggests Buckles for next year!
- Sale
  - Deanna was good for invoices, Mark thought Brady did good, Joe not so much. Tim said that Jim still wanted to help and no one invited him.
- We need to have group texts for issues next year.
- Dale
  - Hanna sent results
  - Deanna sent thank yous
  - Betsey sent an email about Duck Buckles "Water Fowl"

### New Ideas for Next Year

- September 29<sup>th</sup> COOP is putting on a feed clinic for new rules.
- Deanna suggests taking applications for Fair Manager
  - And that we need to have a meeting to go over roles for superintendents and Fair Board.
  - Publish Fair Schedule by February
- Denise
  - We need to talk with other counties to figure out procedures
  - Nick suggests Denise talk with her friends at CAFS?

- Publicity
  - Next year send publications daily to newspapers

Meeting adjourned 10:30pm