

# Uinta County Fair Board

## Minutes

January 3, 2024

Evanston Fairground, Evanston, WY

### Call to Order:

7:02 p.m. by Steve Sims

### In Attendance:

Becky Lupher, Brett Anderson, Elyse Lopez, Josh Davis, Pete Lym, Sam Krieger, Steve Sims, Tamara Boglino, Mark Anderson, Brooke George Jason Palmer, Jake Stiglitz, Sabrina Stiglitz

**Agenda:** Approved as presented, no amendments or corrections

**Minutes:** Approved as presented

### Financials:

- Becky motioned to pay the bills as presented. Elyse seconded and the motion passed.
- Board discussed the credit card (late) payment issue. It was resolved that as long as the purchases are pre-approved in other fair board meetings, or under general operating costs, Tamara will email a copy of the most recent available copy of the credit card statement to the FB, then will cut the check and reach out to the FB Officers to get the two required signatures for payment. This should solve the ongoing issue of accruing late fees. The credit card due date cannot be changed, as the card/account are linked/lumped in with the County account.

### Public Input:

Uinta County Motocross Association - Jacob Stiglitz, president of UCMA agreed that they can provide a motocross event the evening of Saturday, August 3rd at the fair. Josh and Jake discussed specifics - arena is 143' x 285'. No 2" hydrant anymore, but 1" firehose is available. Start line is 25'. Practice will be at 3 pm, race starts at 5 pm. They will do entries, we will do spectator tickets. We will provide wristbands of multiple colors to indicate who the wearer is - racer, pit, staff, spectator, etc. Jake will see about DJ (Kevin?), and let us know. Jake's number is 307-679-3940.

### Committee Reports

**Livestock Sale Committee:** Jason Palmer updated the FB on the concerns and general thoughts from the LSC. The biggest issue of concern about any future restructuring/ involvement is the liability coverage.

**4-H Comments:** The meeting scheduled for Jan. 20th was canceled due to McKenna being unavailable. This meeting will be rescheduled.

**FFA:** None

**Commissioner Comments:** Mark stepped out to call Loretta regarding the LSC. Upon his return he relayed that she doesn't like the idea of having the Commissioners appointing LSC members. Loretta indicated that other LSC's are their own 501(c)3 and/or independent entity who obtain their own liability insurance. Mark expressed doubt, Sam confirmed this practice. Mark said he will call other counties to see how they address LSC structure. Sam shared the specifics of how other counties in Utah operate their LSC as completely separate from the Fair Board. Josh asked Jason what the interest level is from current LSC members would be to shift to this model. Jason said he, personally, wouldn't be interested in that style of structure. Josh suggested having the LSC be a true sub-committee with no financial power or authority. Everyone agreed that the overlap and confusion of responsibilities needs to be cleaned up and clarified. Becky recommended a Standard-Operating-Procedure approach.

Mark informed that Becky Lupher was reappointed to the board by the Commissioners.

**Fair Staff:** Update on contracted talent for 2024.

Quinn Martin is willing to be Superintendent for Team Branding. He will gather his own crew and find the judge. Tamara shared that she told him to let her know who he gets to judge, so she can keep FB informed. He asked about the sponsorship name and amount, Tamara doesn't have that information just yet. His requests of changing the day and starting at 5 pm were presented. It was determined to leave the event day as Tuesday. The start time of 5 pm would be a tight fit and was not officially decided. He also wants to meet with FB leadership in the Spring to address redoing/rewording some of the rules.

Discussion of Savannah Weneger having a livestock contract contact was shared. Tamara was given permission to seek out more information. Pete said that he's spoken with Adrian Hunolt about providing cattle for the 4H team sorting.

**Maintenance:** Panels will be ordered shortly. Covolo bid was approximately \$150k, Prefert panels bid was \$98k and is good till mid-January. Lead time for fabrication is 6 weeks. He quickly reviewed future project plans that have been reviewed by the Commissioners and Maintenance.

Josh also addressed a tent repair issue, in that the company that used to be dealt with sold and relocated to Virginia. He believes we can still use them, it will just be more complicated. He will reach out to them in the next several weeks to see about getting what he needs and if they will honor the warranty.

## **Unfinished and New Business:**

**Junior Rodeo:** Steve said we can get it for \$4500 and includes bullfighters and pick up men. CT Rodeo can do the rodeo if it's moved from Monday to Wednesday. Josh asked since it's a PBR event, if it should be ticketed. Steve said no, due to the lower spectator turnout that is likely. Steve also relayed that they have equipment for those kids who wish to try participating in the events, to give them exposure to the sport. Contract needs were addressed, as Steve indicated they likely don't have one on hand.

Tamara requested input on ideas for entertainment for Saturday Aug. 3rd. Her suggestion is utilizing local talent for the free stage. Brooke also suggested Kids Day and Aglympics. Pete and Elyse suggested pie and hot dog eating contests. Cornhole was also recommended.

Josh expressed his concerns/issue on Saturday night going late and not having adequate staff/support on site.

**Digital Sign:** Sign is repaired. Tamara and Brooke will get together on Jan 15 to get the Ads back loaded and training for Tamara. Flyers promoting the advertising will be created. Josh said 5 slots are available for county use and the fair gets it for the month prior to fair.

**Fair Theme:** Confirmed 2024 theme is “Barnyard Bash”. The suggestion of having the public contribute art designs in competition was discussed and agreed upon. Brooke encouraged Tamara to go talk to the schools in person, rather than just sending out emails. As well as more social media advertising of the contest. First place gets the Front Cover of the Fair Book, second place gets the back cover. Submissions need to be turned in by the end of April, so the Board can vote on the winners at the May meeting.

**Dog Trials:** Pete reported that he’s spoken to the dog trial people in Coalville, that guy doesn’t do arena style trials. He gave a number for people in Idaho. Those people do a 2-day event, and are a circuit based point system. Idaho, people do both beef and sheep and provide all their own stock. This could be an outside of Fair week event. They run the entire event. Charge cost was not discussed with him. Pete will get back with them with more details.

**Live A Little Productions:** Tamara informed that the production company Live A Little Productions has submitted their Fairground Usage Application and sent their deposit to put on a Insanity Monster Truck event on July 19th & 20th. This will be addressed at the regular Staff Meeting with the Commissioners.

**Fair Book:** The list given was reviewed and each item discussed. Sam will guide the Catch & Show, as well as have an informational meeting regarding this event. Catch is on Saturday, then they have their own class of Showmanship. Wording regarding the dairy/breeding/market/meat was addressed. Brooke said Ronni Camphouse came and helped with cleaning up some of the wording. Elyse shared that for USDA standards, they count market, dairy, breeding, and meat. And those each need to be separated. Brooke expressed confusion on what and where things need to be labeled. Sam reiterated that these go off State standards. Becky stressed that we just need to get a State Fair book and align wording/structure with that. Poultry was discussed. Small birds are pens of 3, large birds are one bird. Pete said the minimum weight for turkeys is usually 21 pounds. Sam shared that on the 4H end concerns about white ribbons. Poultry showmanship was addressed, to break out each breed. Judge selection and education was stressed. Sam said that ‘in pen’ showmanship is the typical way of judging. Sam said she’ll do some research and call some other counties to get insight.

Finding a judge for round robin was discussed. Board members expressed concern for finding the judge. The suggestion of giving a list of prospective judges to FFA was offered. Sam suggested having parents sign up to judge. Becky expressed that it’s an FFA thing and it needs to be sorted out prior to the event.

Carcass Contest needs to be defined, clarified when results will be released, listed 4-H animal, award structure and if there will be buckles for each species. Will be excluded from the premium book to avoid leaking results prior to livestock sale. Winners will be announced at the livestock sale. Same guy who did this last year to be brought back. Entry cost was debated. Sam suggested a flat fee option of paying, say, \$1,000 regardless of number of entries. Brooke was concerned the results would influence livestock sale. Steve disagreed they impact sale prices, and announce only champion and reserve champion carcasses. Brett will get a hold of Jason Anderson for the Carcass Contest.

Exhibit sizes were addressed. Sam again reiterated that we have to follow State Fair guidelines.

**Selection of Officers:** Steve shared Bradon’s wish to stay on board but not an officer. Becky Lupher nominated Steve Sims as President. Brett seconded. Motion carried

Steve nominated Pete Lym as Vice President. Becky seconded. Motion carried.

Pete nominated Elyse Lopez for Secretary. Brett seconded. Motion carried.

Becky nominated Andy Rollins as Treasurer. Pete seconded. Motion carried. Steve informed Pete and Elyse that they need to take a copy of the minutes showing their new officer position to the bank to obtain a signature card that will allow them to sign fair board checks.

**Additional \$1 fee:** Mark explained the Commissioners intentions behind the \$1 grand stand fee, and how it will benefit the Fair and any future funding for projects. Commissioners feel Fair events should also implement this fee, so there's no appearance of favoritism. These fees will go into the recapture fund, which is a fund that is specifically designated for Fair only. Mark advised to adjust entry costs accordingly. How to make these adjustments for presale/discount tickets, will be an issue of consideration. Brooke expressed a need to do better with counting attendance/ticket sales. Counter clickers, ticket stubs, ticket tents, were all suggested. Mark indicated a simple monetary division of ticket sale price into the total money amount would also suffice. Brooke shared that past volunteers had no idea of what to do via protocol. Developing a SOP is needed. Pay one price ticket (season) was addressed. Mark clarified that the idea is 'impact to the structure' on the fee; so it is attendance/usage per person of the structure. The concern of if events being canceled, and how that would be addressed is also another issue to consider.

**Exhibit Hall Year-Round Use:** The ability to heat the exhibit all was discussed to allow for year-round usage. Josh explained that this is not a possibility due to issues of no bathrooms. There is a gas line for heat. To facilitate the restrooms a whole new water line would be required to the existing bathroom, and then those would need to be heated year round. In the past, people were allowed to bring in heaters, but that's a liability issue. Also not having water in the building. The pipes that are currently in place are not adequate for frost free depth. So overall, the issue is water pipes that could be adequately piped and heated year round.

**Tag Dates:** Becky addressed the topic of animal tagging dates. February 1st is Beef and June 1st is Small Animals. Tags are in, and all 4H/FFA leadership have been contacted and informed they are here.

**Misc:** Becky brought up Valley Espresso wanting to bring their coffee trailer for the whole week. Tamara will send a vendor application to owner Michelle Jaeger.

Camp trailer spots were brought up in passing. Brooke said a lottery was used after FB, 4H/FFA, then what's left a lottery was drawn.

**Meeting Adjourn @ 9:10 pm** meeting adjourned

Our next meeting will be held at the Mountain View Town Hall, **February 7, 2024 at 7 pm**