

Uinta County Fair Board

Minutes

April 13, 2022

Mountain View Town Hall, Mountain View, Wyoming

I. Call to Order:

- ❖ 7:01 p.m. by Steve Sims, Vice President

II. In Attendance:

- ❖ Andy Rollins, Joel Giorgis, Pete Lym, Steve Sims, Robin Whitmore, Becky Lupher, Clay Baird, Josh Davis, Debbie Fitch, Brent Hatch, Mindi Tollefson, Rachelle Saxton.

III. Agenda:

- ❖ Approved as presented

IV. Minutes:

- ❖ Amend the March 15 by adding Becky-by phone to the list in attendance, add Katie Giorgis as a scholarship recipient and file as presented

V. Financials:

- ❖ To be filed as presented

VI. Public Input:

- ❖ None

VII. Committee Reports:

Livestock Sale Committee: Scholarships were awarded, belt buckles will be donated to Bryce and to Wendyl for their 25 years of service. The stock sale is advertising for a photographer for fair pictures, gift certificates will be given to buyers again this year.

FFA/4-H None

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Hatch talked about the events center being in the 3rd reading at city council, the layout is very impressive.

Maintenance: Clay talked about the automatic waterers and it was discussed whether the 4-H groups needed to help fix or install the waterers. He wants 4-H youth involvement and empowerment and to take accountability for the automatic waterers. Clay stated there was money in the fairgrounds budget for improvement. He is going to put a proposal together for a new design and cost and to replumb the pig and sheep barn. We will gather 4-H and FFA kids to help where we can with this project. This is tabled until the design and financial outline is submitted. The idea of adding all weather lights to the tent of the show area was also discussed, this will cost \$6,000.00. We need to have banner hangers put on the frame so the banners are not hung on electrical cords. It was also suggested that more spiders were needed.

Fair Staff: Reviewed the Wyoming Association of Fairs meeting, We have the possibility of uploading ear tag pictures and possibly the bill of sale info into showworks, adding a senior citizen day at fair that would include bingo (take fairbooks to the senior citizen center or Rocky Mountain Care and help them enter exhibits), having vet inspections due within 7-10 days of fair. Sponsorships - have banners around grandstand events, fair staff wear shirts with sponsors listed on the back. Multi year contracts for sponsors. In-kind donations with car dealers or atv dealers.

VIII. Old Business:

- ❖ **Free Stage Entertainment Budget \$40,000.00**
- ❖ Spent - \$25,800
- ❖ Hypno Hick (\$7,200.00)
- ❖ Laser Maze / Mini Golf (\$12,000.00)
- ❖ Doc & Ezee's Family Fun Show (\$3,000.00)
- ❖ Face Painting (\$3,600.00)
- ❖ Dance Groups
- ❖ Carnival

Robin motioned for Doc and Ezee's family fun show to perform for 3 days and to provide a room for them, Andy seconded and the motion passed.

It was discussed to have Holly Jarvis come perform at our fair, after reviewing her cost and other demographics it was decided that we have local dance groups perform multiple times a day throughout the week. Mindi will contact dance groups to see if they are interested in coming to dance at the fair.

It was suggested that we try to find a mechanical bull for free entertainment.

The carnival will be set up in the front parking lot like before, all campers and trailers will need to be set up at sunset park. We need to make sure we have enough handicap parking.

Mindi will contact Jeff Breininger about helping with the pinewood derby.

- ❖ **Grandstand Entertainment Budget \$44,000.00**
- ❖ Spent \$43,000.00
- ❖ Concert July 30th, Cale Moon (\$2,000.00) Charley Jenkins (\$3,500.00).
- ❖ Arena X (\$12,000.00)
- ❖ Pig Wrestling (\$6,500.00).
- ❖ Truck & Tractor Pulls (\$19,000.00)

Still waiting on some contracts - Charlie Jenkins, Arena X, Pig Wrestling, Truck & Tractor Pulls.

❖ **Contract Labor:**

Mindi Talked to Jim Bridger FFA Alumni and they will run the beer garden for \$1000.00. Steve will be in contact with Evanston Express for ticket takers. Search and Rescue is planning on doing security at the fair.

The Fair office has a list of judges and they are working on contacting them.

Fair book and rules update - The stock sale committee submitted the updated rules that need to be published in the fairbook. Rachelle also went over the fairbook for clarifications before it prints.

The fair dates are set for July 30th through August 6th. Entries are due July 20th.

Mindi is working on sponsor letters.

The queen contest coordinator asked about her budget, it was determined that she will have the same budget as last year, and she can have a camping spot for putting on the contest.

Mindi asked if we could buy pocket knives, buckles, bracelets, necklaces, and engraved mugs for grand champion prizes. It was decided that we buy a sample of each award and let them pick what they want for their award and order them after the fair. We also need to buy a buckle for each event for pictures.

IX. New Business:

Mindi asked if we could have herdsmanship back this year. She proposed that we buy wooden nickels for rewards for kids who are cleaning up while judging is happening. Pete motioned that we buy 500 nickels for herdsmanship rewards, Robin seconded and the motion passed.

The special persons category has been combined into one category, we have a sponsor that is willing to pay for awards.

Mindi will email the State Vet's office to see how long a health inspection is valid, so we know when to set a due date for the fair.

The 4-H and FFA are responsible for Round Robin Showmanship at the fair.

We talked about having a fitting contest next year at the fair.

Robin asked if we could have the Friday night dance in honor of Lucas Simmons.

Fair Board scholarship winners are Emalee Bugas, Katie Giorgis, Isabella Johnson, Katie Labrum, Cassidy Hewitt.

Our next meeting will be held in Evanston at the Fair Office at 7:00

Adjourn @ 9:16 (Steve motioned and Pete seconded)