

Uinta County Fair Board

Minutes

February 1, 2023

Uinta County Fair Office, Evanston, Wyoming

I. Call to Order:

- ❖ 7:02 p.m. by Brandon Day, President

II. In Attendance:

- ❖ Brandon Day, Becky Lupher, Pete Lym, Elyse Lopez, Brett Anderson, Andy Rollins, Josh Davis, Suzie Holmes, McKenna Julian, Alex Morrill, Brooke George, Mindi Tollefson

III. Agenda:

- ❖ Approved as presented

IV. Minutes:

- ❖ Approved as presented

V. Financials:

- ❖ The fairboard account balances were reviewed.
- ❖ Pete motioned to pay the bills as presented, Becky seconded and the motion passed.

VI. Public Input: None

VII. Committee Reports

Livestock Sale Committee: None

FFA/4H Comments: The 4-H Office will contact the State 4-H Office and see who needs to sign the MOU that was reviewed Pete motioned to approve the MOU, Brett Seconded and the motion passed.

FFA: None

Commissioner Comments: None

Maintenance:

- ❖ The steer barn flooded this year and it was discussed at a previous meeting that sand needs to be added to the steer barn to bring up the ground to level so all the water doesn't run into the barn. Josh was at this meeting and he said you buy the sand and I will put it in the barn. Josh expressed his concern about the difficulty of getting the sand in the barn. This can only be spread by a BobCat. Josh will call Dustin and get a price on sand.
- ❖ The tree situation by the show ring was discussed, they were talked about in a previous meeting. Josh will review the situation by either removing a tree or trimming branches.
- ❖ Josh is going to call on the tent panel and see how long it will take to have it made.
- ❖ The beef tie outs were discussed and the fair board asked Josh if he would put a cap board on the top of them to keep beef from putting their legs between the two boards. The board asked him if he would make them 4 feet tall and possibly double the length of what is there.

- ❖ There is a stakeholders meeting tomorrow, February 2, at 1:00 to review that fairground bleacher project. We were asked to bring any concerns that we may have to the meeting. Mindi compiled a list of her concerns for the arena project that were discussed at the meeting: power - and where will it be located will we have enough for concerts? sound - how will the summer events work if the speakers are facing away from the bleachers? Arena Lights - will we have enough lights for the size of the arena? Vendors where will they be this summer and how will they get in and out of the vendor parking? Storm Drains - Has this been considered? Food Booths - Are keeping the food booth buildings?

Fair Staff:

- ❖ Mindi found a copy of the Bylaws and handed them out to the board members. She will also put them on the website.
- ❖ There is a fair managers meeting on March 1st in Laramie and Mindi will be attending by Zoom.
- ❖ The fairgrounds sign is no longer working, Mindi contacted Yesco and Westar and they are submitting bids. Westar's bid came back at \$10,084.00 for a 4x8 sign and \$16,040.00 for a 6.28 x 9.45 sign. Yesco's bid has not been received but he has looked at the current sign to see what needs to be upgraded and replaced. This will be tabled until next month
- ❖ The paperwork for the yearly renewal has been received and will be sent in with the 40.00 renewal fee.
- ❖ Mindi asked if we could order ribbons for Supreme Champions for the fair. Andy Motioned that we order supreme champion ribbons in the amount of \$412.00 Pete seconded and the motion passed.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

- ❖ The Pig show was discussed and the pig show ring and the holding pens need to be made bigger. It was also suggested that we show the pigs on grass and not use sawdust. Brett Anderson suggested that we have divisions in our pig show at our last meeting. Alex Morrill came to the meeting to talk about having divisions and what it would do for our show. He explained that it would help us determine the sale order better and also place classes out further. It was decided that we need to meet with the pig show superintendent before any decisions can be made.
- ❖ Jason Anderson runs the carcass contests at county fairs, he charges \$1.00 a mile from Jerome, Idaho to the fair 1 way. He prefers to do this on weigh-in day, it costs \$25.00 for beef, \$15.00 for sheep and Swine. This would be optional for kids at weigh-ins. We will talk to Jason and give him our weigh-in schedule.
- ❖ Steve is working on getting a contract for the Jr. Rodeo.
- ❖ The fairboard areas of responsibility were assigned for fair. They are as follows
Beef - Steve/Andy, **Horses** - Brandon/Pete, **Sheep/Goat** - Elyse/Andy,
Swine - Elyse/Becky, **Rabbit/Poultry** - Brandon, **Dogs** - Pete, **Cats** - Elyse,
Booths/Concession - Steve, **Exhibit Hall** - Elyse, **Fashion Revue** - Steve,
Jr. Rodeo - Becky, **Livestock Sale** - Steve/Brandon, **Blue Ribbon Breakfast** - Board
Ninja Nation - Brett/Steve, **Dance** - Becky/Brett, **Team Branding/Sorting** - Brett/Becky,
Truck/Tractor Pulls - Brett/Brandon, **ArenaCross** - Pete/Elyse, **Corn Hole** - Andy

- ❖ Ninja Nation - This contract is waiting on a few revisions, so we will table it until the next meeting.
- ❖ Cari Sue is working on the Dog Trial information. She said that with the area we have to work with it would be best to do a cattle and sheep dog trial. She is working with her people to gather all the information that she needs. This will be Tabled until next month.
- ❖ Mindi signed up for the online food truck scheduling service.
- ❖ The Fair Book Cover Contest flyer was handed out and approved by the board. This will be put on facebook and in the newspaper and also sent out to the school art teachers.
- ❖ The postcard was also handed out for the board to view and approve some minor changes were made and this will be sent out to the fair exhibitors and FFA and 4-H members.
- ❖ Mindi contacted the beer companies to reserve a beer wagon for the fair and Western Wyoming Beverage did not have a wagon - all of their wagons are reserved for the Sweetwater County Fair. Mindi Contacted Teton Distributors and they said they had a wagon for us to use, that we were reserving early enough that it wouldn't be a problem at all.
- ❖ Mindi ordered 5 wheelbarrows for \$225.00 each, \$1125.00 total and \$1114.95.00 came from grant money.

IX. New Business

- ❖ The following entertainment ideas were discussed.
 - Brett will get a bid for a mechanical bull.
 - The Carnival Contract was reviewed, Mindi is going to contact the carnival company and request the same opening times as last year.
 - Jessica Welling Submitted a bid for Face Painting for \$5400.00.
 - The Truck and Tractor Pullers have made contact with us and I have emailed their admin. I am waiting for an email back.
 - Battle of the Bands - Brooks presented us with lots of information about battle of the bands and how this works. We have an option of joining a Wyoming Singing/Songwriter competition. We would need to provide stage sound and lights.
 - 2024 Fair Dates: July 27 - August 3, 2024
- It was decided that the board will table entertainment until next month. Board members will look for ideas and bring them to the meeting.
- ❖ The scholarship applications were reviewed and they are good to send out to the schools. These will be reviewed at our April 5th meeting.
 - ❖ We do not have enough interest in llama's to have a class for them at the fair.
 - ❖ We discussed the Open Mini Horse Show and the 4-H Mini Horse Show. it was decided that there is not enough interest in Open Class Mini Horses to have a show, we will only have a 4-H Mini Horse Show.
 - ❖ House Bill 95 was discussed, as a board we are going to do more research.

Our next meeting will be held in Mountain View, at the Mountain View Town Hall, March 1, 2023 at 7:00

Meeting Adjourn @ 9:01 (Becky motioned, Pete seconded, meeting adjourned)