

Elbert County Fair Board
January 22, 2018 Minutes
Ag Building 7PM

Meeting called to order by President Tammi Schneider. Present: Greg Mitchell, Trevor Smith, Rod Simon, Ric Miller, Garrett Miller, Jill Duvall, Vicky Whitman, Ben Duke, Kristi Strachan, Will White, Chris Carnahan, Dan Carpenter
Excused: Roger Evans, Mandy Taylor
Staff: Kali Benson
Guest: Wendy Walp

Pledge of allegiance, approval of agenda (with addition of drenching/stomach pumping of all livestock), approval of November 2017 minutes as presented.

Wendy Walp, representing Cowboy Up, thanked the fair board for continuing support and cooperation with beer sales during the fair.

Fairgrounds report: Shawn Carpenter (not in attendance) had no new updates.

Extension 4/H Report - Kali Benson reported on several items:

- 1) Sheila Kelly is retiring in March; her replacement will probably not arrive before fair - duties in office will shift; CSU has committed to hiring replacement; perhaps a part-time internship will be pursued (summer 20-30/hrs per week)
- 2) Fair book changes - some interview judging may be eliminated because of logistics and timing; will check with 4H leaders
- 3) Round Robin - need to figure out how to include dairy
- 4) Open Class - needs superintendent
- 5) Photography may need help
- 6) Beef weigh-in: 9AM-12:00 noon on February 24. Tammi will send thank you to the Steen family for tags.
- 7) Overall 4H numbers are up about 50 for 4H for this year.
- 8) Project Swap Meet on February 17 from 8AM-2PM in Exhibit Building. Benefits Youth Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Ben Duke reported on new BOCC Appointments Policy. Fair board is going into second year with no approval/authority granted by commissioners. Frustrations expressed over the need to revisit fair board appointments with each new set of commissioners. Items on the new Appointments Policy that differ from current practices were discussed. Kali expressed the importance of those familiar with fairgrounds usage at county fairs to continue to engage with the commissioners and the county manager. Tammi Schneider will reach out to Shawn Carpenter.

Garrett Miller and Mandy Taylor were approved as voting members of the fair board.

Drenching/stomach pumping of livestock: further discussion of policy adopted in November 2017 followed. Amended last sentence to say: "No stomach pumping devices will be allowed, unless directed and administered by a veterinarian."

NEW BUSINESS

2018 EC Fair Schedule of Events: went through daily events.

-Friday 8/3: Buck Out now 1:00PM-6:30PM; Gymkhana moved to 9AM start (depending on rocketry); Farm Olympics time change needed; Horse Shoe Tournament 7:30PM (revenue to fair board); will add Corn Hole Tournament

-Saturday 8/4: Garden Tractor Pull moved to arena; Round Robin moved to warm-up arena; auction to start at 1:00PM; Horse Pull - check into making it a morning event; concert to follow Bucking Futurity in arena - Trevor will get prices from Jeffrey Allen

-Sunday 8/5: Dr. Tony Frank will be here; parade route options discussed

Tammi will put suggested fair changes together for a final vote at February meeting.

Beer sales with Cowboy Up - moved to allow the current profit sharing relationship with them to continue.

Llama Show and Goat Roping events to be worked into schedule.

Next meeting is February 19, 2018.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Duvall
Secretary