

Elbert County Fair Board Minutes
February 18, 2019/Ag Building 7PM

Meeting called to order by President Tammi Schneider. Board members present: Tammi Schneider, Vicky Whitman, Sheri Trehal, Greg Mitchell, Will White, Dan Carpenter, Trevor Smith, Rod Sigmon, Chris Carnahan, Dave Rook, Ric Miller, Garrett Miller, Aaron Thieman, Jill Duvall

Extension staff: Kali Benson

Guests: Superintendents

-Kim Tervort, Rabbits

-John Baker, Poultry

-Sarah Lindauer, Dog

-Talynn Allen, Horse

-Vicky Hutson, Horse

-Nikki Lowe, Goats

-Jim Duvall, Parade

Excused: Ben Duke, Nancy Ramsour

Approval of agenda (added petting zoo and sports medicine/EMT discussion) and minutes from December 17, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Aaron Thieman, new Fair Board member, was introduced.

-Approval of all current Fair Board members granted by BOCC.

-Supreme Contest - to be replaced by Premier Market Exhibitor; 3 divisions (junior, intermediate, senior). Live placing, showmanship and written test are components of this competition. Participation in event not required. Awards to be given at Saturday Awards Night. Vicky Whitman presented guidelines and shared specifics of proposal. Details to be finalized at March meeting.

-Weigh-ins for beef, sheep and goats to be done same as in the past. Swine will not have a mandatory weigh-in.

-Rate-of-gain for species tabled until March meeting.

-Round Robin discussion - superintendents spoke about need for all barns to help each other; possibly more placings; keeping large and small animals together in one competition; let superintendents choose animals for event; perhaps simplify scoring process; allow sufficient time for judging; parents don't judge their own children. Round Robin Committee appointed: Chris Carnahan, John Baker, Trevor Smith, Garrett Miller, Sheri Trehal to meet and report back to Fair Board. Also perhaps hold a Round Robin training session during fair.

-Superintendents reminded of new rule about 4Hers being in their appropriate time slot at Market Sale; if kids miss their time slot, they will not be allowed to sell.

-2019 Schedule: Friday night entertainment - Colorado County Showdown interested; need more details from them about what they require. Horseshoe tournament can possibly overlap with band.

-Dog presentation - Gerri Scheidt unanimously approved to coordinate the dog demonstration for the 2019 county fair on Thursday @2PM.

-Bleacher pricing - Trevor still negotiating price with Arapahoe County to rent their bleachers.

-PA system needs updated/replaced. Tammi will contact County Manager.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Open Elbert County Talent Show on Thursday (6-9PM) - State Fair no longer has Performing Arts competition, but Extension would like to have an open talent show at our fair in the Fellowship Hall. Approved by Fair Board.

-Kristi Strachan's resignation from Fair Board accepted; Sheri Trehal has agreed to serve as Treasurer.

-Purchase of laptop and software: needed to keep Fair Board records; Friends of Fair will fund the purchase; county can facilitate purchase at reduced cost.

-Parade Marshall 2019: Roger Evans family chosen. Approved to have a plaque/board made to recognize all previous parade marshalls. Hermès family to be recognized during beef show.

-Fair Theme: discussion tabled until March.

-Open Class: discussed how to display/hang quilts; quilters offered to raffle off a quilt to raise funds to pay for display equipment.

-Petting zoo: Fair Board members need to reach out to locate possible vendors.

-EMT/sports medicine: Lincoln Health Mobile Clinic approved to provide services during rough stock events. Jill will follow up with Lincoln Health.

-Royalty: Trevor Smith volunteered to be royalty liaison to Mary Louise Jacobson.

-Assignment of Kristi's duties: Tammi will take on Kiddie Corral; Jill and Tammi to cover petting zoo; Sheri will arrange cash to pay/schedule paramedics; Rod will secure port-a-potties; Will to handle golf carts; Greg, Aaron and Rod to shuttle rabbits; shuttling to and from BBQ and sale - Greg; coordinate fiddle contest pay outs - Ben.

Extension report: Kali mentioned upcoming beef weigh-in @9AM on 2/23/19. Leader's Council has received donations in Roger Evans' memory for a possible new PA trailer.

Next meeting - March 18, 2019.

Jill Duvall
Secretary
Elbert County Fair Board