

Fair Board Minutes

August 20, 2018

Ag Building 7PM

Meeting called to order by President Tammi Schneider. Present: Rod Sigmon, Jill Duvall, Will White, Kristi Strachan, Chris Carnahan, Garrett Miller, Trevor Smith, Ric Miller, Greg Mitchell, Tammi Schneider, Vicky Whitman, Dan Carpenter

Approval of agenda. Minutes from 7/16/2018 approved.

Excused: Ben Duke

Staff: Kali Benson and Shawn Carpenter

Guest: Jim Duvall

Fairgrounds Report - Fairgrounds Manager Shawn Carpenter was thanked for all the help during fair. Continuing electrical issues in campground; hopes to address early 2019. Plumbing problems. Fair went well from a maintenance standpoint. Budget should allow for campground updates for next year. Shawn needs help putting horse stalls back together; date set 8/21/18@6PM for work night. Keys need to be returned.

Extension/4-H Report - Kali Benson said the fair was "fantastic" from a 4H perspective. No real issues. Thanked the Fair Board for their help. Positives: Exhibitor meeting went well but need sound system; schedule with the changes worked fine. Good feedback from Sawmill - interested in returning next year; felt space was worth about \$1500. Open Class set up went well. Suggestions: request to acknowledge graduating seniors during Market Sale; some rules/policies need to be addressed in September and at exhibitor meeting; need more strict adherence to fair rules; kids on golf carts; food vendor needs to be open inside vendor hall at all times.

Tammi will meet with County Manager Sam Albrecht in September. Will propose a committee of Fair Board members to work with county on suggestions for some of the issues discussed, such as the condition of the arena.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Review 2018 Fair - Reviewed events by day: Ralph Messer donated use of indoor arena for horse show due to the unacceptable condition of the fairgrounds arena. Sound system problems throughout the week. Perhaps shorten check-in time. Discussed specific issues with various animal barns/superintendents/judges. Utilize sound system during shows (and throughout the day) to mention upcoming activities and thank sponsors. No shows: Cowboy Church pancake feed and rockets; need to make sure we verify ahead of time. Movie went over well. Will be looking for different petting zoo vendors. Train, bouncy house, pedal car obstacle course successful (and company staffed it); may expand their presence next year. Vendor hall - move to Thursday thru Sunday (with set-up on Wednesday). Tables in vendor area where food is served need to be improved. Fair dance outside worked well. Perhaps move tractor pull to an evening to draw better crowd. Need more bleachers for several events. Futurity moved too slowly; EMTs upset about lack of access to arena. Round Robin concerns: parents judging, clarify rule about which animals to use, safety issues, kids perhaps need more help learning how to show animals. Policies to be reviewed in September; also have a meeting with superintendents ahead of time to brainstorm Round Robin issues. Parade went well.

New Board member interest - to be discussed in September.

2019 Fair Board dates - Tuesday, July 30 thru Sunday, August 4, 2019

Next meeting: September 17, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Duvall

Fair Board Secretary