

Elbert County Fair Board

Agenda

August 21st, 2023

Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm

Members that were present:

Tammi Schneider
Ralph Hinton
Troy Kelty
Amanda Love
Dan Carpenter
Aaron Thieman
Will White
Matt Summers
Trevor Smith
Ben Duke
Vicki Whitman
Dave Rook
Scott Maranville
Sheri Trehal
Garrett Miller
Chris Carnahan

1. Call to Order @7:02 by Tammi Schneider
2. Pledge
3. Approval of Agenda 8/21/2023-motion to approve agenda Sheri Trehal , 2nd from Dan Carpenter- motion passed
4. Approval of Minutes – 7/17/2023 motion to approve minutes Ralph Hinton, 2nd from Aaron Thieman- motion passed
 - A. Guests: Sean McWhorter-present, no request to be on agenda, Elbert County Posse Greg, Sheila and Ethan Stone
 - B. County Report – Troy Lave-not present
 - a. Tammi discussed a post fair meeting that she had with Troy
 - i. Discussed what was accomplished before fair
 - ii. Jeremiah is no longer with their department
 - iii. Troy did not submit a report however, he will be at September’s meeting to discuss budget and improvements for 2024 Fair
 - C. Extension/4-H Report – Kali Benson/Misty Jenkins: Noted overall was a great fair. Loved the new schedule set up from a support role and families experiences.
 - a. Vicky Whitman asks regarding general exhibits-198 general project exhibits
 - b. 22 in fashion review, 17 rocket fly day, breeding shows- 17 beef, 50 goat, 7 lambs, 11 breeding swine
 - c. Kali will email for annual report

- d. Check in for birds- flow, cooler for birds- Talk with John Baker regarding this
- e. General Projects seem to be dwindling however higher than last year's numbers

5. Old Business – None noted in agenda

6. New Business

- A. Ethan Stone and family may address the board. Discussion on Mr. Ethan Stones eligibility for 2024 and a vote.
 - a. No discussion on 2023 fair incidents, just overall eligibility
- B. Tammi asks for recommendation from 4-H Extension
 - a. Per Kali Benson, Ethan is a member in good standing and is in good standing with his club leader
 - b. No infractions on 2022-2023 Family Guidebook code of conduct
 - c. One note- the animal housed at a different address however this has been approved
 - d. Discussion to approve eligibility for 2024 fair and market
 - i. Garrett would like to have Ethan be responsible for his own steer and own project i.e. responsible for his steer
 - ii. Ben Duke- Ethan filed MQA after the show and encourages 4-H member to follow all rules
 - iii. Dan Carpenter thinks that Fair Board can only have a recommendation not with the determination of the market sale member that he feels is also a decision with the market sale committee
 - iv. Sheri Trehal believes that if the rules are broken that there needs to be a consequence – not just the sale or nothing

Will White makes a motion to move that Ethan Stone is eligible to show in the 2024 Elbert County Fair due that he is a member in good standing, his address where his animal is housed is acceptable 2nd by Trevor Smith- motion passed

 - v. Question from Mr. Stone regarding Livestock Exhibitors General Rules Page 3 #6 for Livestock Exhibitors
 - o Market Beef rules #7-
 - vi. Per Tammi S. this specific rule to be discussed at the September meeting
- C. 2023 Fair Recap (board members please have a list made of what worked and what didn't work and discussion of 2024 events and suggestions)
 - a. Tammi- Parking
 - i. Discusses the needs for parking attendants
 - ii. Handicap spots- senior citizens assistance to and from the parking lot
 - o Leslie Smith & Olivia volunteered on the busy weekend to cart people in and out of the parking lot on the weekend, however it was not enough.
 - iii. Looking to reach out to other organizations to run the carts back and forth especially on the busy weekend
 - b. Matt Summers-

- i. Requests to post judges before show day, request from many in the barns
 - ii. Request to move pig showmanship to the same day
 - iii. Pictures- Susan does a great job- market sale photos
 - Tammi suggests to discuss with Market Sale Committee as they run this
 - Will does note that there needs time to get the animal set for the pictures and this does not happen which results in not as professional pictures
 - iv. Checkout Sunday
 - rule needs to be looked at and evaluated- requests to get some items out of the way before checkout
 - Tammi suggests maybe staggered check out times
- c. Ralph Hinton-
 - i. Reciprocated good judges
 - ii. Schedule to move sheep and goats up
 - iii. Goat superintendent is going to request to take goats off the night of the sheep night
- d. Scott Maranville
 - i. Bull horns for beef barn and for all shows to help with communication especially on show and market day
 - Will says there is a show app/show-to-text so we could look into that
- e. Troy Kelty-
 - i. Bird check in
 - Spread out bird check in, time frame- turkeys were hot, line was long
 - ii. Look to get more volunteers and kids involved to help with set up
- f. Will White
 - i. Bird check in changes
 - ii. Professional photographer for market sale to help with set up of animals so that they look more professional
 - iii. Volunteer groups earlier
- g. Kali Benson
 - i. Notes that extension attempted to rally volunteers
 - ii. PAs are not working so unable to announce
 - Ronnie Brammer to help with sound/ Peter- Wills friend- will look into having him sign up for assisting the fair next year
- h. Vicki Whitman
 - i. making a list of livestock items and market sale items
- i. Sheri Trehal
 - i. Parking
 - Parking attendants for at least Saturday when we had the most attendance

- ii. First Aid tent for the Fair
- j. Trevor Smith
 - i. Tents were amazing, good seating
 - ii. Poultry load in/load in
 - iii. Something from the south to north for entering and exiting the fairgrounds for load in/load out
- k. Ben Duke
 - i. PA system
 - ii. Chairs for the fair office
 - iii. Market sale- unable to get the sheets until late in the day with add-ons
 - o Possibly an add-on time cut-off
 - iv. Premium pay-out chaos-process-looking into a better flow for this
- l. Aaron Thieman
 - i. Wanted to know if there was a survey sent out?
 - o Tammi said that Sherri suggested a community survey to see what the community thought
 - ii. Lamb show being late- looking into the change of this
 - iii. Bird check-in & rabbit check in- streamlining this process
 - iv. Scale movement
- m. Christopher Carnahan
 - i. Good feedback regarding handicap parking
 - ii. Commended Troy Lave- Facilities regarding hardwork, communication better throughout the week
 - iii. Would like to see an increase in awards- buckles, banners etc. offers to start a committee- so that more kids can get recognition for their hard work
 - o Per Kali currently we have 94 buckles, 100 awards
 - iv. Awards night Saturday- 4-H awards night- want to acknowledge exhibitors more
 - o More attendance if it a week later
 - v. Tammi suggests banners that go home with 4H-er instead of the metal signs and need to track down as part of an award
- n. Garrett Miller
 - i. Tent was helpful/bleachers for shows
 - ii. Set up of the clerk, royalty etc.
 - iii. Think about the show barn flix as there were low viewers
 - o Sheri to get analytics from show to decide about keeping show barn flix next year
 - iv. Budget of the tents each year- \$16,000/year- looking into investing
- o. Dan Carpenter
 - i. Hog show judges- dress code for judges as well to increase professionalism

- ii. Sound issues in shows- address how to make that run more smoothly
 - p. Dave Rook
 - i. If there is a concert on the first Saturday- need something to keep people on the grounds that day
 - ii. More animals on the grounds- horses, breeding animals
 - iii. Programs for livestock shows- requests from multiple people
 - iv. Concerns about health of the animals as there were complaints on a few
 - v. Tammi notes there was an emergency for the vet upon check in and animal was not seen off of the trailer- will discuss further in upcoming meetings
 - vi. Master Gardner's- showing movie with the lights off in the exhibit hall
 - vii. Presentation and movement of the silent auction
 - viii. Herdsmanship brought back into the barns
 - o Tammi- what does it look like for a larger opening weekend
 - q. Amanda Love
 - i. Will discuss next meeting
- D. Treasures Report and discussion- Sheri Trehal
 - i. We are still outstanding money for us to balance-
 - o other sponsor checks still coming in
 - o Still have banner sponsors to collect
 - ii. Tammi discusses that she has requested the county pay for at least half of the porta potties as this was a large cost and the reason we have to buy them is due to the grounds not having adequate bathrooms
- E. Approve bylaws for current date-
 - a. no changes suggested
 - i. Motion to approve by Trevor Smith, seconded by Chris Carnahan
 - I. Approve donation amount to Elbert County Sheriff's Posse
 - a. Tammi discusses how amazing the Posse has been for the Fair- appreciates their time and hard work
 - b. Mr. Bettis from the Posse speaks on behalf and suggests a group approach to commissioners regarding safety, security regarding the Elbert County Fairgrounds
 - i. Access into the facility
 - ii. Parking
 - iii. Animal barns
 - J. Thank you notes to go to- Cowboy Up, Posse, Extension, 40 mile, RVAmerica
 - K. Ben Duke wants to discuss further whose job is it between Extension vs. Fair Board.

- a. Wanting to know who can move forward with consequences, this will be discusses in the coming months

7. Adjournment- move to approve to adjourn the meeting Aaron Thieman at 9:12pm

NEXT MEETING OF THE ELBERT COUNTY FAIR BOARD WILL BE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH @ 7:00 pm