

Elbert County Fair Board Minutes

January 17th, 2022

Present:

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

Meeting was called to order by President Tammi Schneider @ 7:06 pm

Agenda – moved by Will White and seconded by Vicky Whitman to approve agenda. Motion passed

Minutes - moved by Will White and seconded by Vicky Whitman to approve agenda. Motion passed

Guests: ZW Zion, sheep superintendent

Fairgrounds Report from Michael Sarabia: updates to warm up arena with new sound system and new lights. New sound system being installed in horse pavilion. Working on campground, maybe by fair.

Extension Report from Kali Benson: 400 4H families, lots of activities in full swing

Beef weigh in Feb 20th; 12 to 2. Board members who will help- Vicky Chris Garrett Scott Matt Dave

Following Sunday is back up date

Adult programming busy for extension; want to incorporate into the fair

Old Business:

1. JW Zion, our sheep superintendent, and the board had lengthy discussion centering around when sheep should have check in day and time based on the schedule that the sheep show is on Tuesday. With the understanding that a vet coming in on Monday evening is not a big deal and maybe actually

preferred by Kathy Whitman, plus the benefit of reducing Tuesday AM traffic and reducing stress on sheep exhibitors who have multiple species a motion was made by Ralph Hinton to move Sheep (ONLY Sheep) to Monday vet check and check-in to 4 to 6 PM. Chris Carnahan seconded that motion. Additional language to the motion was added to also allow Sheep Exhibitors to set-up on Sunday from (AM to 5 PM (Sheep Only). Motion passed unanimously by the board.

Continued discussion on sheep show and JW mentioned whether or not rosettes or awards should be given to the Champion Prospect. Ralph Hinton made a motion to change all prospect champions from and award to just a rosette for all species. Chris Carnahan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Discussion evolved to discuss the number of sheep in the grand drive. Matt Summers made a motion that instead of all class winners, the sheep show would now have division champions compete in a Grand Drive composed of the Champion Light Weigh, Champion Medium Weight and Champion Heavy Weight. Will White seconded the motion. Discussion continued including input and blessing from JW Zion. Motion passed unanimously.

Further discussion on small livestock scale, where to put it etc. Tammi will discuss with Bobby. This is tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

1. Kali discussed rabbit show for 2022 and how to proceed due to continued concerns over hemorrhage fever. Housing for rabbits is an issue. 18 total kids currently signed up in the rabbit project, including breeding and market. Last year we did an in and out show. Board discussed the Grand Champion could stay on grounds and be apart of the "Champions Barn". More discussion on this next month. Vicky confirmed that the Raptors Program will again get the rabbits from the market sale. Board decided not to change the schedule, leaving the Rabbit show as an in and out show. No vote needed since there will be no change.

Utility and Breeding Goats- Kali submitted changes from goat superintendent and those changes were approved via motion made by Vicky, seconded by Ralph.

Due to Presidents Day holiday and the county being closed on regular scheduled meeting date, Board approved moving meeting to February 15th.

Adjournment – 8:15 pm