

Fair Board Minutes
March 19, 2018
Ag Building 7PM

Meeting called to order by President Tammi Schneider. Present: Will White, Roger Evans, Dan Carpenter, Greg Mitchell, Garrett Miller, Dave Rook, Jill Duvall, Trevor Smith, Vicky Whitman, Ric Miller, Chris Carnahan

Excused: Ben Duke, Mandy Taylor, Rod Sigmon, Kristi Strachan
Staff: Shawn Carpenter, Kali Benson
Guest: Jim Duvall

Approval of tonight's agenda and minutes from 2/19/2018.

Fairgrounds Report - Shawn Carpenter reported that there is a new fairgrounds tech, Adam Trammel; he'll be marking county panels by location and will also be onsite during fair. Ready to start site prep for HHS building. Campground upgrade may not be ready this year. Lighting upgrades partially completed. Key rings to be issued at fair time. Barn repairs/security issues ongoing. Exploring possibility of digital message board. Several other long-term projects under consideration; will seek input from fair board as projects move forward.

Extension/4H Report - Kali Benson thanked for help with beef weigh-in: 62 animals, 42 kids. 172 kids went through NQA program. Have held some 101 classes with good turnouts. Next weigh-in for lambs and goats: May 16. No weigh-in for hogs this year; Tammi suggested an email from Extension to hog exhibitors to explain. Open scale: June 13 and July 11. Good turnout at carcass class in Simla. New youth council advisor is Jim Carriker. Positive comments about Kali and Lore Denison for all their help. Kali is interim director for Elbert County Extension.

OLD BUSINESS

-2018 fair schedule: Road Grader Rodeo has sponsor, will be in warm-up arena following Round Robin on Saturday morning (11-1 with an hour to set up and an hour to clean up). Walking Fleece Alpaca Show is interested in participating in fair; warm-up arena on last Sunday (12-3).

Bike rodeo would be good addition; Vicky will contact sheriff's department.

-Open class superintendent - Debbie Maul will cover part of the duties; Tammi and Vicky will keep working on it. Assistant superintendents for beef and swine - Scott Marranville will help in beef barn; no assistant yet in swine barn.

-Fair board approval by BOCC has not occurred yet. Will, Tammi and Kali have met with county officials, basically educating them on the details of putting on the county fair. All fair board members made lists of individual jobs they perform related to fair. Tammi will consolidate/organize lists for presentation to commissioners. Discussion of how to work cooperatively with the county.

-Snack shack - Tammi will follow up with Bino's Pizza.

-Carnival search - nobody yet. Send ideas to Tammi. Petting zoo - nothing yet.

NEW BUSINESS

-Horse shoe tournament discussion tabled. Interest by youth in corn hole contest.

-Letter of interest from Nancy Ramsour to be considered for fair board membership. She's not yet a resident of the county so can't be on the board yet. Suggested that she be asked to assist with Open Class this year.

-Supreme contests - qualifications for and accuracy of ultrasound data. Kali spoke to the pros and cons of the issue. 2018 fair will stay the same as we have done in the past. We will research what some other

counties are doing as possible options for the future. We understand that the science behind it is inaccurate, but we have nothing to currently replace it.

-Bylaws updated: Changes to bylaws discussed and approved. A copy of the newly formulated bylaws, with changes included, is attached to these minutes.

-Kali also mentioned a possible concern with an FFA member from Elbert. The fair board needs to think about guidelines for how many market sales these exhibitors can participate in.

Next meeting April 16, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Duvall