

Elbert County Fair Board Minutes  
March 22, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Tammi Schneider.

Board members present: Chris Carnahan, Dave Rook, Dan Carpenter, Vicky Whitman, Sheri Trehal, Garrett Miller, Rod Sigmon, Will White, Aaron Thieman, Jill Duvall, Tammi Schneider.

Excused: Ben Duke, Nancy Ramsour, Scott Maranville, Troy Kelty, Trevor Smith

Extension staff: Kali Benson

Guests: Doug McFarland, Jim Duvall, Diana Edstrom

Approval of agenda with 2 additions: Doug McFarland from EDCLA, selection of parade marshal.

Approval of February 2021 meeting minutes.

Doug McFarland said that the EDCLA would like to do a BBQ at the fair. Fair Board would like them to host the Saturday BBQ at the Open Pavilion. Unsure yet of how to charge for BBQ; ticket protocol for 4Hers to be decided later.

No fairgrounds report. Troy is working with county staff for update on wash racks, etc.

Extension/4H report: Kali Benson thanked Fair Board for help on beef weigh-in. Numbers were up over last year. Looking at schedules for sheep and goat tagging. Voluntary hog weigh-in for May approved.

Rabbit fever still present in Colorado; currently drafting some directives for our fair based on other counties' experiences.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 2021 schedule: moved further decisions/discussion to April meeting. Gymkhana folks would prefer to move to 8AM on Wednesday 8/4; moved and passed. Dance will be on Friday night; location and start time TBD. Horse shoe tournament to be on Friday night @7PM in the regular arena. Will plan to have an information booth in Exhibit Hall, possibly a passport/scavenger hunt type of activity. Vicky will work with Susan Seward on fair pictures. Jill will organize dog demonstration.
- Open Breeding Show: Chris Carnahan has contacted a potential helper. Tammi will be contacting another possibility.
- Parade marshal: Steve Villyard was recommended. Jill Duvall will contact him.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

-fair theme: "Meatin' at the Fair" chosen.

-Jill and Tammi updated the Board about their meeting with Stacey Rinehart at the County Health Department. Discussed changes in county requirements and availability of vendor packet online. Retail vendors will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Food vendors can be at the fair beginning Saturday 7/31 but no later than Wednesday 8/4. Plan to have only retail vendors inside, with non-retail vendors in tent outside the Exhibit Hall.

-2021 Mountain States Highlanders Show: new event for our fair; to be held on Saturday July 31 @ 10AM, open to public at no charge. The president of the Board of Directors of MSHS would be present.

-Rabbit show: will plan to have a show, time TBD, provided that the current health situation with rabbits doesn't deteriorate. Market Sale committee will determine how market rabbits will be sold.

Next meeting April 19, 2021. Royalty will be in attendance.

Adjournment.

Jill Duvall  
Secretary  
Elbert County Fair Board