

Elbert County Fair Board Minutes
April 26, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Tammi Schneider. Members present: Rod Sigmon, Trevor Smith, Will White, Dave Rook, Dan Carpenter, Vicky Whitman, Troy Kelty, Garrett Miller, Scott Maranville, Tammi Schneider, Jill Duvall, Sheri Trehal

Excused: Ben Duke, AaronThieman, Chris Carnahan, Nancy Ramsour

Guest: Jim Duvall

Extension Staff: Kali Benson

Approval of agenda (with 2 changes - royalty presentation removed and advertising item added); 3/22/2021 minutes approved.

Fairgrounds Report: none

Extension/4H Report: Kali Benson reported that we have 100 new kids/families this year. Would welcome any assistance Fair Board members can offer to help out new kids/visit clubs/weigh-ins, etc. Weigh-in for May is Wednesday, May 12@4-7PM. June 9, June 23 and July 7 will also be weigh-in dates (6-8PM each night). Kali reported that buckles, sponsor letters and awards are on schedule to be ready for fair. Kids are working on brochure about how proposition 16 (PAUSE act) would affect agriculture.

OLD BUSINESS

-Rabbit Show update from Kali Benson - Vicky checked in with rabbit superintendents. We proposed an in-and-out one day show inside the Exhibit Hall on Tuesday, August 3, at fair with vital health security measures in place. Market sale for rabbits - rabbits will be sent to raptor center (not for human consumption). No rabbits will be shown in Round Robin for this year due to hemorrhagic fever risk. County will prepare liability statement for protection to be signed by those showing rabbits when they register to enter their rabbits.

-2021 Schedule: *Saturday evening event - "Bulls, Broncs and Buckaroos" event at 6PM by Tuff Enuf rodeo. Fair Board will commit to providing \$2500 toward rodeo. Chris Carnahan will oversee the Mutton Bustin' with \$5 ice cream cards and medals as prizes.

*Sunday event - discussed several ideas; tabled for now. Will definitely have Mutton Bustin'. Bring ideas to May meeting.

-Troy spoke with Bobby about capital improvements; no response yet. Tammi will follow up.

-Will will speak with JR Propkop at Bino's about serving food out of the Snack Shack. We will charge him the same as we did in 2019 for use of the kitchen.

-Parade Marshall update from Jill Duvall - Steve Villyard will serve as parade marshal for 2021. Jill will put together bio/pix.

-Open Breeding Show for opening Sunday - no coordinator found yet.

NEW BUSINESS

-Kiddie Corral: To be Covid safe, we need to change events. Entertainment company suggested mobile ropes course, ballistic carnival swing and trackless train. Will run Saturday from noon-6PM and Sunday noon-3PM. Cost approximately \$14,000; will sell wristbands for \$5/all day.

-Open Class: Debbie Maul will be Superintendent for Open Class in interim for Nancy Ramsour. General project/interview judging on Monday. Open Class will occur on Wednesday.

-Advertising budget: \$650 to be paid to Fence Post. Debbie Ullom will assist with getting banners updated and distributed. Discussion on tent needs; Garrett to follow up on quotes for tent rentals (to be voted on at May meeting).

Next meeting: Monday, May 17th.

Adjournment.

Jill Duvall
Secretary
Elbert County Fair Board