

## **Elbert County Fair board Minutes**

### **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Present: Tammi Schneider, Will White, Sheri Trehal, Dan Carpenter, Christopher Carnahan, Ben Duke, Troy Kelty, Scott Maranville, Garrett Miller, Nancy Ramsour, Dave Rook, Trevor Smith, Aaron Thieman, Vicky Whitman

Excused: Jill Duvall, Rod Sigmon

Extension Staff: Kali Benson

Guests: Sam Albrecht, Bobby Chevarria, Dwayne Smith, Michelle Schrote, Michael Sarabia, Mary Louise Jacobson, Tiara Noe

Meeting called to order by President Tammi Schneider.

#### **Royalty report:**

Mary Louise reported that the royalty contest clinic is to be held on 6/14/20. The contest will be 7/7/20. She plans to have Shawna Royston act as co-chair in the future. Although the board previously voted to allow the present royalty to try out again for their current positions, Cassidy Linhart, the 2020 Fair Queen, will not be trying out. Lita Noe, the 2020 Fair Princess, does plan to try for Princess. Mary Louise talked about the various activities and appearances the royalty were able to attend this past year.

#### **Agenda:**

Will White moved and Nancy Ramsour seconded that the agenda be approved. Motion passed.

#### **Minutes:**

Will White moved and Garrett Miller seconded that the minutes from the May meeting be approved.

#### **Covid 19 Update:**

Dwayne Smith from the County Health Department spoke about the current situation with COVID 19, both statewide and in Elbert County. Colorado and Elbert County are currently in a state of emergency. The Board of County Commissioners is the County Health Board. The Elbert County Leadership team for the Health Department consists of Dwayne, Alex Jakubowski, Chris Richardson, and Tim Norton. There have been 59 cases at this point in Elbert County with five to six currently active.

Currently the statewide policy is to practice social distancing, face coverings are encouraged, using soap and hand sanitizer, and any person exhibiting symptoms should not be present in public places. There is a draft in place called "Protect Your Neighbor" but the details are not finalized.

These are the recommended venue attendance numbers for venue spaces:

5,650 square feet and under – 50 people or 50% of capacity, whichever is less

5,651 – 11,299 square feet – 125 people or 50% of capacity, whichever is less

11,300 square feet – 175 people or 50% of capacity, whichever is less

These numbers are venue specific. The fairgrounds is divided into venues. There is a possibility of spectator events depending on the venue.

Dwayne and Mary Louise will discuss the possibility of a royalty brunch.

We do have an agriculture variance but our facilities make the logistics for large gatherings difficult. Even with an agriculture variance, it is still recommended that the safety procedures be in place.

**Royalty Issue:**

Mary Louise and Tiara Noe asked that the fair board appoint Lite Noe, the 2020 Princess, the title of Queen Attendant for the 2021 fair. They asked that she be automatically awarded this position based on her participation during the past year at various events. She is currently 14 but would still be allowed to try out for the Princess position based on a prior fair board vote. There are currently two candidates for Queen and three for Princess. Sheri moved and Scott seconded that the fair board stay with its prior vote that royalty not be automatically awarded the position for the 2021 fair and that they must rerun for those positions. This motion passed.

**2020 Fair Schedule:**

The Trade Show has been cancelled. There will be no premium payout for 4-H and no entry fees. Ben moved and Nancy seconded that the Open Class judging be closed to the public. Motion passed. Will moved and Trevor seconded that there be no premiums and no entry fees for Open Class. Motion passed.

There was discussion about whether to have 4H livestock schedule with one species per day (with the exception of Sunday) or to have a regular schedule. County officials said there would be limited camper space (possibly only 20 spaces) and that they felt the restroom facilities, etc., would not be able to handle large crowds even with safety procedures. Based on that discussion, Will moved and Trevor seconded that we only have one species per day.

A proposed schedule by the Executive Board was presented and discussed. Final fair schedule will be determined by the Fair Board at the July meeting, depending on what will be allowed given the state mandates during the Covid situation.

**Premiere Exhibitor:**

Vicky needs to tweak the point system based on the placing system for fair. Consensus to allow that.

**Budget:**

The budget was handed out and discussed. Our budget remains the same and it is hoped that we may be able to take advantage of COVID funds the county has received to offset some additional costs.

County officials expressed their appreciation of the fair board and their efforts in this difficult year.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:52PM.

-Vicky Whitman