

Elbert County Fair Board Minutes
September 17, 2018
Ag Building 7PM

Meeting called to order by President Tammi Schneider. Present: Tammi Schneider, Kristi Strachan, Greg Mitchell, Dave Rook, Rod Sigmon, Trevor Smith, Ric Miller, Will White, Jill Duvall, Garrett Miller, Ben Duke

Approval of agenda and minutes from 8/20/2018.

Excused: Chris Carnahan, Vicky Whitman

Staff: Kali Benson

Guests: Jeff Thomas, Janelle Doud (parents of royalty)

Mary Louise Jacobson, royalty chaperone

Royalty: 2018 - Savannah McFadden and Taylor Hutson

2019 - Queen Kyra Doud and Princess Josie Thomas

2018 Elbert County fair royalty shared some of their experiences from the year and thanked the Fair Board for all their help and support. 2019 royalty explained some of the events they've already attended and some of their background; both girls have been 4Hers in Elbert County.

Extension/4H report - Kali Benson reported that enrollment starts October 15; Awards Night will be September 30; please RSVP. Quiz Bowl will be attending nationals. From Leaders' Council regarding county fair: need more trash cans, bathrooms need more frequent cleaning, steer barn concerns, more thorough vet checks, and more emphasis on clean, trimmed animals at arrival. State fair showings have gone very well with lots of participants from EC. Rod Sigmon reported on state shoot successes with several state champions.

OLD BUSINESS

Round Robin - tabled until future meeting

New Board Member interest - 3 citizens have expressed interest; Roger Evans is retiring from the board. Nancy Ramsour will be filling Brad Henderson's position soon. Mandy Taylor's absences exceed Fair Board policy.

For new board members, it was decided to advertise openings on Facebook page, in the Ranchland News, and on the website. A letter of intent (submitted by October 5) will be required as well as an interview with the Fair Board at the October 15th meeting. Tammi and Jill will put together the verbiage for the board member solicitation. All board members were asked to submit potential interview questions to Tammi prior to the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 fair revenue and costs - Kristi Strachan reported that we were under budget by almost \$7,000. We brought in over \$20,000 in sponsorships. Should be able to roll the profit into next year's fair.

BOCC report given on 9/12/18 - Tammi Schneider shared what she and Kristi reported to the commissioners - very positive presentation and response. Commissioner Thayer asked why we didn't have a carnival. Tracking attendance is impossible; however, many events showed increased participation. The lead article in the CSU newsletter this month was about Betty Hood and the CSU president's presentation. Thank you note from Betty Hood for being selected as parade marshall was read by Tammi.

Next meeting - October 15, 2018

Jill Duvall, Secretary
Elbert County Fair Board