

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

Meeting called to order by President Tammi Schneider. Present: Kristi Strachan, Trevor Smith, Chris Carnahan, Ric Miller, Dave Rook, Rod Sigmon, Garrett Miller, Vicky Whitman, Greg Mitchell, Dan Carpenter, Sheri Trehal, Ben Duke, Jill Duvall

Extension Staff: Kali Benson, Willie Wilkins

Excused: Nancy Ramsour, Will White

Approval of agenda (with addition of New Board Member - New Business and Bleachers - Old Business) and minutes from November 19, 2018.

No Fairgrounds report.

Extension report: Willie had a well attended weed/pest management seminar. In the middle of 4H enrollment (311 so far). Kids getting ready to go to Stock Show.

OLD BUSINESS

-Supreme Contest: Vicky Whitman presented a synopsis of new proposal for Premier Market Exhibitor. 3 divisions: junior, intermediate and senior involving showmanship, live placing and test. Susan Sewald will help with assembling tests. Herdsmanship component tabled until February. Available to beef, sheep, swine and goat (possibly to poultry and rabbit). Perhaps give awards at Saturday Awards Night; make it a more prestigious award. Kids could be in for multiple species. Motion to eliminate Supreme Contest as it has existed and replace with Premier Market Exhibitor (showmanship, live placing and test); passed. More details to be worked out later. Kali will prepare explanation/verbiage for new award to be approved by Fair Board and disseminated to 4Hers.

-2019 schedule: ideas for Friday night entertainment. Nancy Ramsour will reach out to roping/team penning folks. Garden tractor pull - flexible about day for their performance. Trevor and Will looked into demolition derby - we don't have the ability to put this together. Sheri reported on a possible concert performer. Kristi talked to producer of Colorado County Showdown; open to having event at our fair. Kristi will follow up on this. Discussion followed on options for stage location.

-Bleachers: Quote available after the first of the year for new bleachers. Renting large sets of bleachers from Arapahoe County a possibility.

NEW BUSINESS

-New board member: Mandy Taylor has resigned. Tammi has spoken with Aaron Thieman about his willingness to join the Fair Board; motion passed to present his name to commissioners in January.

-Tammi asked board members to submit names for Fair Marshall.

Next meeting is February 18, 2019 at 7PM. No meeting in January.

Jill Duvall
Secretary
Elbert County Fair Board