

Elbert County Fair Board

Minutes

February 19th, 2024

Fellowship Hall, 7:00 pm

- Call to Order at 7:02 pm by President Tammi Schneider
- Pledge
- Approval of Agenda 2/19/2024 approved Will White 1st, Vicky Whitman 2nd
- Approval of Minutes – 12/18/2023 approved

Present:

Tammi Schneider

Will White

Sheri Trehal

Vicki Whitman

Garrett Miller

Trevor Smith

Chris Carnahan

Dave Rook

Scott Maranville

Ralph Hinton

Amanda Love

Aaron Thieman

Troy Kelty

Excused:

Matt Summers

Ben Duke

- Guests:
 - Laci Zion from Elizabeth representing Youth Council
 - Sean McWhorter from Kiowa- no comments
 - Nan Auhll from Castle Rock
- Nan Auhll to discuss the request for Fair Board to allow for chef Jason Morris to come to the Fair the second Friday and Saturday of Fair. Jason is an Ace Hardware sponsored, well known chef, that would bring a trailer and do a booth-style demo during those days on sides, smoking meats etc. Nan states that the cost to bring Jason would be covered by The Cattle Women, Cattle Men and other sponsors. Requesting the space for him to come from the board. As well as requesting a space close to where the BBQ and market sale will be.
 - Tammi Schneider thanks Nan for coming tonight and lets her know we would need to know the power requirements that he would need for his trailer as well as his footprint in order to determine if he can come to the fair. With that she

can speak with the vendor coordinator to see if we can accommodate this request. Nan states she will get this information to Tammi.

- Additionally, Nan wanted to know about taking over the pet contest at fair, Tammi directed her to reach out to Taylor Cornell as she oversees that contest.

Will White will contact Taylor on behalf of the board and Nan to discuss pet animal contest; report will be made at the next meeting.

A. County Report – none

B. Extension/4-H Report – Kali Benson

- Misty Jenkins has resigned on 1/31. Not currently looking to fill the position. Registration closed on new families- 414 Cloverbuds and 4-Hers for Elbert County have registered.
- Still planning for weigh-in on February 25th.
- Spoke with youth council regarding County Fair awards
- LDC went well, many from the county attended
- Youth retreat coming up- Mattea Zion going to help with putting that together- in Divide, Co over St. Patrick's Day
- Spoke with swine superintendent- Jeff- unable to remain swine superintendent due to new work position but will be helping as much as possible during fair. Potential replacement contacted and will be confirmed by Extension.

• Old Business

- 2024 Fair Theme- anyone? Any submissions from Youth Council?

- Youth Council submissions from Lacy Zion

- "How the west was Grown"-
- "It's about to get Western"
- From the Extension Office
 - Welcome to Fairadise
 - The Fair Necessities
 - Dare to Fair
 - Crazy from the Fair
 - Feeling that Fair Feeling
 - The Elbert County Fair- The Dying Breed
 - Dream the Dream at the Elbert County Fair
 - Season of the Fair
 - Echos of the Past at the Elbert County Fair
 - Paradise on the Plains at the Elbert County Fair

- Ben Duke/Tammi Schneider

- Elbert County Fair 90th Annual "Celebrating the Spirit of the Wild West"

➤ Board vote for "How the West was Grown" majority of 9/13 voted in favor of this fair theme.

- Sponsors for 2024

- Sheri Trehal- CORE is going to be a platinum sponsor
 - Per Tammi
 - BURNCO- Silver sponsor
 - Lifetime- Silver sponsor
 - Cypress Creek Renewals- Silver sponsor
 - Cinch/Miller International-wont sponsor but will send gift cards to disperse
 - Tammi encourages all fair board to find at least one \$2500 sponsor
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- New Business
 - **Show Barn Flix for 2024-** we need to decide on contracting with Show Barn Flix
 - Sheri has brought some analytics from Show Barn Flix showing how many and where people are watching from
 - Looking at the expense and if the board would like to continue with having Show Barn Flix
 - Sheri has not priced again with Landree however last year it was \$1,000/show
 - Ralph Hinton moved to continue to use Show Barn Flix 2nd by Troy Kelty- motion passed
Sheri will contact Landree to discuss further
 - **Buckles vs Awards for Showmanship winners**
 - Chris Carnahan approached Kali to look at buckles vs awards for Champion showman in all species
 - They would have to jump up \$40 to offer a buckle for Grand Champion for each showman in a species in showmanship vs. an award
 - Chris has looked for sponsors for these and has acquired many thus far
 - Trevor Smith motioned to change to have a buckle for every Grand Champion Showman for each species- Vicki Whitman 2nd- motion passed
 - **Snack Shack vendor for 2024-** Per agenda item snack shack vendor for 2024 discussed by all
 - Comments made that Elbert Booster Club did a great job last year
 - Many liked the fountain drinks, food options
 - Tammi discussed the need to decide how we would like to offer snack shack this year
 - Ralph Hinton moved to ask The Elbert Booster Club to return to Snack Shack for the 2024 Elbert County Fair with the same terms for the 2024 year- Will White 2nd- Motion passed
Elbert Booster Club will be contacted via email to offer Snack Shack for the 2024 Elbert County Fair

- **Approved beer stand schedule for 2024**
 - Looking to continue to have Cowboy Up come to continue liquor sale
 - Cowboy Up proposed a Liquor Sales Schedule
 - Sat 27th- 11- Midnight
 - Sun 28th 11-7 pm
 - Mon 29th- CLOSED
 - Tues 30th- CLOSED
 - Wed 31st – CLOSED
 - Thurs Aug 1st 2-9 pm
 - Fri Aug 2nd 11 am- Midnight
 - Sat Aug 3rd 11 am- Midnight
 - Sunday Aug 4th CLOSED? OPEN?
 - Will White would like to request that they are open July 31st- Trevor Smith requests possibly using the wool barn- using coolers? 5pm- 8 pm- option to sell pop and water
 - Sunday 28th- leave by 5 pm
 - Saturday 27th- adjust close time
 - Sunday August 4th- 11 a.m. to 4 pm
Tammi will talk with Terri and relay this information
- **Approve treasurer applicant-**
 - Tammi reads a letter from Kristi Strachan regarding filling treasurer position
 - Vicky Whitman motion to approve Kristi Strachan to be accepted as the treasurer, Chris Carnahan 2nd- motion passed

- **4H/FFA Animals Division Rules Discussion- 4H/FFA Beef**

Tammi Schneider opens the floor and asks beef superintendent Garrett Miller to initiate discussion for the review of the 4H/FFA Beef rules and what he would like to suggest, to add or to change Beef rules.

Using reference of current beef rules, as found in 4-H/FFA Animal Division Rules under Division 20 4-H/FFA Beef...

Garret discusses things need addressed like: Only official Elbert County Fair tags will be allowed in the ear of any market beef, Exhibitors need to be limited to two fans per animal in the barn, no more . Reference back to the livestock exhibitor rules and clarify paint is allowed if it is the same color as the animal. All bedding must be supplied by the exhibitor. Wood chips/shavings is the preferred bedding. NO STRAW ALLOWED due to fire danger; however, an exception will be made for straw to be used only outdoors in beef tie-out area and in designated areas for lactating dairy cattle.

- Tammi reviews each rule 1-8 with board members and each rule is considered with newly recommended rules from Garrett Miller added to the discussion. Discussion takes place on each rule.

Rule #1- no change

Adjust rule #2 -to add on the track area only during scheduled weigh in

Rule #3- change butt fans to “ground butt fans”

Rule #4- no change

Adjust rule #5 -to say Beef exhibitors who use the tie-outs are responsible for cleaning the area. This includes final clean-up. Beef are not to be tied to the warm-up arena. Beef are to be brought back (scratch out to the back into) the Beef barn by 9:00 a.m. and not to be tied out before 5:00 pm

Adjust rule #6-Unruly or dangerous animals will be sent home by the superintendents or **at** fair board discretion

Adjust rule #7- No forced intake that includes **drenching**, pump, or tube allowed at any time unless directed by a vet

- Will White would like to discuss the wording of “drenching” as he doesn’t feel that it is used negatively.
 - Trevor Smith voices concern regarding removing the option of drenching. He voices he would like this to be universal throughout all species if this is passed within beef rules.
 - Continued discussion amongst the board on drenching, hydration, previous problems with this. Garret voices his concerns with a rule and enforcement if you don’t have it very clearly written, Scott Maranville agrees with the struggle of this issue and how barn superintendents need help with strong rules.
- Motion made by Sheri Trehal to adjust rule #7 wording to: no forced intake that includes drenching, pump, or tube allowed at any time unless administered by a vet. Seconded by Troy Kelty- Continued discussion... Board members debate vet, which one? Can it be any vet? Trevor Smith discusses concerns over just using the word “vet”; what exactly what that looks like.
- Sheri Trehal amends her motion and adjusts the wording of her motion- Rule #7 will read- No forced intake that includes drenching, pump, or tube allowed at any time unless administered by fair board approved licensed veterinarian. Seconded by Troy Kelty. No continued discussion so Tammi Schneider calls for a vote. Motion passes, 9 board members vote yes out of 13 members present.

Rule #8- no change

Rule #9- Only official Elbert County Fair tags will be allowed in the ear of any market beef.

Rule #10- Exhibitors are limited to 2 fans per animal in the barn

Rule #11- (in reference to Livestock Exhibitor Rule in clarification) Paint is allowed if it is the same color as the animal.

Rule #12- All bedding must be supplied by the exhibitor. Wood chips/shavings is the preferred bedding. NO STRAW ALLOWED due to fire danger; however, an exception will be made for straw to be used only outdoors in beef tie-out area and in designated areas for lactating dairy cattle.

Consequences to be discussed regarding violating 4H/FFA Animals Division Rules

- Discussion starts with beef superintendents Garrett Miller and Assistant superintendent Scott Maranville
- Garrett Miller, thinks that if any rules are broken by parent or exhibitor they are disqualified from showing
- Chris Carnahan suggests that each rule is color categorized per infraction
- Ralph Hinton suggests that we state that the consequences of breaking a rule are at discretion of the superintendent(s) and/or the fair board. Penalties may range from a warning to disqualification. See effect of entry in the livestock exhibitor rules for full list of penalties.
- Motion made by Ralph Hinton. “The consequences of breaking a rule are at discretion of the superintendent(s) and/or the fair board. Penalties may range from a warning to disqualification. See effect of entry in the livestock exhibitor rules for full list of penalties.” Second by Trevor Smith. No further discussion occurred. Motion passed unanimously.

Tammi and Kali will invite superintendents to the next meeting. Agenda for March will be to evaluate sheep and goat rules at next meeting.

• **Movement of March meeting**

- Tammi discusses the need to move the March meeting from March 18th to March 25th due to so many board members out of town and not having a quorum.
- Will White motions to move meeting to March 25th from March 18th, Vicky Whitman seconded – motion passed

• **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn meeting 8:59 pm Aaron Thieman, seconded Sheri Trehal