

Elbert County Fair Board Minutes March 25th, 2024

Called to order at 7:04pm by Tammi Schneider- President

Present: Tammi Schneider

Sheri Trehal

Amanda Love

Kristi Stachan

Will White

Garrett Miller

Vicki Whitman

Trevor Smith

Troy Kelty

Chris Carnahan

Matt Summers

Ralph Hinton

Scott Maranville

Dave Rook

Excused:

Ben Duke

Aaron Thieman

Approval of Agenda-03/25/2024 Vicki Whitman moved to approve agenda; Will White seconded – with addition of Sean McWhorter added as new business and a discussion of mini bulls- motion passes.

Approval of Minutes- 2/19/2024 Sheri Trehal moved to approve minutes; Garrett Miller Seconded - motion passes.

Guests: Open comment- 5 minutes to address the board

Lane and Kristen Monks of Ramah, Co- Kristen to speak during open comments

Lasie Zion- Elbert- no comment

Aimee Cabrera of Elizabeth- no comment

Kristen addresses the board regarding drenching ban for lambs and drenching ban across the board for livestock. Kristen's states that her kids have been in Elbert County 4-H over the last 7 years. She wanted

to discuss the drenching rules being changed. Discusses that NWSS and Co state fair does allow drenching. She believes that hydration is important for animals and a vet should be involved. She notes that her own kids that are involved in 4-H have experience in drenching and are knowledgeable regarding this. She also wants to know how this will be monitored throughout the fair.

A. Sean McWhorter

a. Here with some questions for the board

i. Questions regarding rules regarding drenching in the beef barn and rules regarding butt fans

1. How will consequences be laid out for violations and will they be equal across the board.
2. If your kids have multiple animals in different barns if you violate on rule in one barn do the consequences go across the board regarding the showing of your animals
3. Sean gives an example of others such as a board member drenching in the barn last year. Will everyone be held to the same standard?
4. Sean would like to discuss a level playing field
 - a. Discusses that fitters are not leveling the playing field
5. Vet situation- Can a parent treat an animal if the vet has prescribed it? I.E. mineral oil to better an animal condition via drench- for example if you had a bloated steer
6. Are things like attitude adjustment, calf calm etc. Are these, ok?
7. Difference in rules between sheep barn and beef barn regarding drenching rules

b. Tammi Schneider, President addresses Sean's concerns

- i. Discusses difference of fill vs. Hydration
- ii. Add questions to April agenda to get answers to his questions

B. Fair Royalty

a. Elbert County Royalty here to talk with Fair board-Vicki Hudson, Mary Louise, Melinda Hagan, Mandy Brammer all here with royalty- Queen Ava Hagan, Princess Tabitha Cabrerra, & Jr. Princess Lauralai Brammer

- i. Discussed sweetheart gymkhana that went well
 - ii. Royalty Clinic and Royalty Competition coming up in June- Vicki let the board know that they are removing the requirement for having a horse. This may make it, so more people compete.
 - iii. The girls talk about how they are working in the community and advertising for Fair
 1. Easter Egg hunt in the community
 2. Zana has been in charge of running the social media
- iv. Tammi thanks royalty for all of their hard work in promoting the Fair. Wants to let royalty know that she is working on postcards that they can hand out while out in the community. - Royalty excused

- C. Goat Superintendent- Nikki Lown (to speak during New Business)
- D. Extension/4-H Report- Kali Benson
 - a. Good beef weigh in – 55 head were ran through and Kali notes having a good amount of help
 - i. Promised tags instead of tattoos next year
 - ii. Vicki Whitman wanted to know if any of the 4-Hers at beef weigh in were not enrolled- Kali confirmed that all who showed, were enrolled
 - b. Also, she notes a good blow N Go show
 - c. Shooting Sports orientations and practices have started
 - d. Reminder that all add/drop dates for projects are April 1st
 - i. IF a 4-H member does not drop a project and does not complete it then they will still need to fill out the 1st sheet of their record books and state why they were unable to complete it so that they are able to keep in good standing
 - e. March 5th-17th is the District Retreat- District 4 President Mattea Zion attended. She will now be a part of the state senate
 - f. Elbert County Leader's Council 4-H Gala is coming up on April 27th
 - g. Swine Superintendent has stepped down due to a new job, will still be involved but will now have Traci Monroe overseeing
 - h. Youth Fest- Over April 27 for 11-13 year old 4-Hers
- E. County Facilities Report- Gary Woirhaye- not available for meeting- No representative present- Tammi set to meet with facilities April 3rd

Old Business

- A. Introduction of treasurer, Kristi Stachan- Tammi introduces Kristi- she has been on the board in previous years
- B. Sponsors for 2024
 - a. Will talked to Farmers and are awaiting sponsorship levels
 - b. GMT- awaiting a sponsorship level
 - c. Elbert County 4-H Leaders Council- awaiting if they are able to contribute and sponsor level
 - d. So far
 - i. CORE, BURNCO, Cypress Creek Renewables, American Family Insurance- All money needs to be received by July 1st.

New Business

- A. 4H/FFA Animals Division Rules Discussion- 4H/FFA Goats and Sheep (pg. 27)
 - a. 4-H/FFA Goat
 - i. Nikki Lown- reads letter to board regarding concern to allow drenching of goats. She voices that they are vitamin and mineral supplements. We should be mimicking national and state level guidelines.

1. Discusses that from transfer from home to fair that this stresses the goats- the allowance of drenching with these supplements are to maintain the goat's health.
 2. Would also like to look at changes under Livestock Exhibitor Rules
 - ii. Discusses that in goats the use of ice-cold towels and wet towels are for cooling. Asking for an additional rule added to goat rules for use of ice packs, cool/wet towels, refrigerants are allowed for cooling purposes
 1. Discussion regarding refrigerant being used, discussion from Kali Benson of altering possible wording for using for "finish" or for cooling Rule
 2. #14 rule to be added that towels wet or ice towels can be used for cooling purposes only- Motion by Trevor Smith, 2nd by Garrett Miller- motion passes
 - iii. Would also like to look at the rule regarding coloring- it is allowed at National Western to use powder full that matches color. Wants to change to have rule say that paint is allow if it is the same color as the animal
 1. Rule #15 to be added that paint is allowed if it is the same color as the animal- Motion by Trevor Smith, 2nd by Ralph Hinton- motion passes unanimously
 - b. Concerns of listed time for Market and Market Showmanship Classes- is already changed officially to Wednesday July 31st at 5:00 pm
 - c. Rule #13- Ralph Hinton discussing if a change is needed here vs what state rules are, discussed with Nikki- no change.
 - d. Rule #11- will clean this rule up as well per Tammi- taking out "Bedding straw is not allowed"
- B. 4-H/FFA Market Goat
- a. Rule #7- per Tammi S. since this is a general rule this will be updated and taken out
 - b. Per Chris Carnahan he would like to change wording of "goat members" to "goat exhibitors"
- C. 4-H/FFA Sheep
- a. J.W. superintendent sent notes to be shared with the board by Kali Benson
 - i. Per Kali- with regards for addition to sheep rules
 1. #5 No fitting stands in barn; no fitting in the barn unless superintendents or fair official deem that weather is severe then you may fit in the barn
 - a. Motion by Garrett Miller to approve this change, 2nd by Matt Summers- motion passes
 2. Rule to be added that towels wet or ice towels can be used for cooling purposes only – motion by Trevor Smith, 2nd by Will White- motion passes
- D. 4-H/FFA Market Lamb

- a. Garrett Miller does think that wording on rule #1 should be changed from “should” to “must”
 - b. Per Tammi- Rule #5 to be taken out
- E. Authorize expenditures for tents, golf carts, advertising, Mini Bulls
- a. Garrett Miller (Trinette Miller) working on getting approval for Blue Sky Party Rentals for a 20 x20 tent, (2)40 x 60 tents, 40 x 40 tent for the kiddie corral, 50 x 75 tent for show barn- Motion to approve by Will White and Troy Kelty 2nd for approval of expenditures for tents
 - b. Zebra Lighting- lighting for tents- \$500 Motion to approve by Amanda Love, 2nd Trevor Smith
 - c. Mini Bulls- Talked with Cori & Tuff to make one event of Mini Bulls- we would need to put \$1000 into the pot. Motion to approve by Sheri Trehal, Vicki Whitman 2nd
 - d. Golf Carts- Will White- Golf Carts through Master Quality Carts
 - i. 2 utility, (3) 4 passenger \$2500- Motion to approve by Vicki Whitman, 2nd by Amanda Love
 - e. Port-o-Potty- Will White with Robs Septic- Port- O-Potties and handwashing stations quote of \$8900.00 Motion to approve by Kristi Stachan, 2nd by Trevor Smith
 - f. Tammi presents a joint advertising trade with Cowboy Up-Teri Millis
 - i. Trade advertising in books for advertising our Fair on their bucking chutes and their banners on our grounds week of fair. Motion to approve by Will White, 2nd Amanda Love
- F. Sean McWhorter/Garrett Miller- Beef Superintendent- discussion on 4-Her with a steer that died after weigh in- discussion of entering fair with one of sibling's steers
- a. Mr. McWhorter and Garrett Miller present that 4-Her Addison McWhorter had a steer she designated and taken to weigh in- unfortunately this steer died since weigh in. Mr. McWhorter coming to see if the board would allow one of Addison’s other siblings to give one of their steers to Addison to show. Per Garrett Miller, Superintendent and Kali Benson- Extension-this is okay per them and just need to clear it through the board.
 - b. Garrett Miller discusses that the steer can be transferred to Addison then the steer could not be eligible for grand, or reserve and a new steer could not either.
 - c. Tammi notes that the 4-Her could switch and take ownership of the steer be would no longer be eligible for the grand drive.
 - d. Trevor Smith discusses the ownership deadline for the fair and that movement of ownership from one sibling to another due to the steer dying after tag/weigh in. Ralph Hinton believes this is outside the scope of the rule and what it was intended for. Ralph makes a motion to rule that we make an exception to the exhibitor rules in this instance and allow Addison McWhorter to take ownership of her brothers' other steer and be eligible for all showing including the champion drive. Trevor Smith
- Seconds. Motion does not pass

- e. Mr. McWhorter would want to know if she could show her siblings steer in showmanship then? Additionally, he wonders what happens if child gets new steer and wins 1st would she then be eligible for the grand drive- Per Tammi Schneider- No 4Her would not be eligible
- f. Tammi Schneider notes that if a familial designation is made for all species that this could cause much confusion and many problems for showing of animals in all species for 4-Hers

Adjournment – 9:27 pm by Trevor Smith, 2nd by Amanda Love

Next meeting of the Elbert County Fair Board will be Monday April 15th at 7 pm