

Uinta County Fair Board Minutes  
April 13, 2017  
Mountain View Town Hall

- I. Call To Order:
  - 7:15 p.m. by Joel Giorgis, President
  
- II. In Attendance:
  - Joel Giorgis, Brandon Day, Andy Rollins, Steve Sims, Becky Lupher, Don Ezola, Ami Barker, Josh Davis, Nicole Simmons, Becki Frame, Crystal Labrum
  
- III. Agenda:
  - Approved with the additions of Sonja Eves, 4-H Council, Ticket prices, Senior graduation nights, Fair royalty, Mountain View Town Hall, Late entries, Fairground closure/livestock
  
- IV. Minutes:
  - To be filed as presented
  
- V. Financials:
  - To be filed as presented
  
- VI. Public Input:
  - Email received from Lana Wilcox regarding the audit. They will be in town July 24-28 and August 21-25
  - Email received from Kimberly Chapman regarding a mediation workshop May 1-4
  - Motion by Becky, second by Andy to sponsor Wyoming State Fair plaques at \$120; passed unanimously
  - Jane Siegismund suggested making a table or two available on the blacktop for groups such as Spanish club, French club, and other non-profit groups to bring more community involvement to the fair, where they could share information about their organizations. She also suggested having food vendors donate a certificate to be drawn for those who bid on silent auction items. These businesses would be announced throughout the days of fair as they donate. Jane brought a painting that she is donating to the silent auction to show what caliber items will be included this year.
  - Sonja Eves contacted Ami and suggested the little kids goat and little kids sheep shows and goat decorating and sheep decorating all be moved to the start of the breeding goat show at 10 a.m. Saturday ending fair. Last year it was drawn out until after the breeding goat show finished and all but three kids that came to participate left as late as it was. She recommended scheduling the shows together (little kids goat/sheep, and goat/sheep decorating) and splitting goat and sheep in each heat. The board approved this request and thought it was a great idea to continue these classes for the kids.
  - Nicole Simmons represented 4-H Council and requested the board further discuss the suggestions brought by 4-H at the March meeting. Joel asked for a motion to bring this back from being tabled for further discussion, but as there was no motion made, no further discussion was held.
  
- VII. Committee Reports:
  - A request from Denise Lester (Livestock Sale Committee President) for the board to require declaration online as to which animals that would be brought to fair, not just waiting until

they come to cross the scale, thus helping eliminate more confusion and headache at the scale. Discussion was held, and no action was taken to change the requirement

- Josh gave an update on the status of the Exhibit Hall awning. Maintenance has begun removing the damaged structure as it was a hazard. He asked the board to consider what they would like to see happen for replacement. The VIP tent sections could be utilized (with expense of adding footings to secure the structure, and having one section re-sewn from the 20' length to a 17' length). Replacing it with another solid build structure with trusses could be an option at approximately \$25,000. The board didn't have any direction for Josh other than they would like to discuss it further with the Commissioners. Josh also relayed from Clay that the sewer line project that City of Evanston will be completing will not begin until following Cowboy Days, so it will not conflict with fair.

VIII. Old Business:

- Ami presented the board with a sample health inspection form and was directed to use it in distribution to chapter and club leaders with their packets to be further distributed to the exhibitors. The wording in the fair book will duplicate the 2016 wording with regards to health inspections (updated with 2017 dates of requirement).
- Discussion of theme ideas concluded with a motion by Brandon, and second by Steve for the 2017 Uinta County Fair theme to be 'It's Show Time'. Ami will discuss options with Brenden Ellis as to whether Evanston FFA would be interested and willing to carry out all aspects of a big screen show July 29.

IX. New Business:

- Motion by Don, second by Brandon to approve 'Supreme Breeding Goat' Grand and Reserve Champion buckles as requested by Angie Jones; passed unanimously. The fair has supreme breeding buckles for beef, swine, and sheep previously.
- Request was brought forward on behalf of Marlene Mackey to split the 4-H/FFA horse show Sr. highpoint award into: 4-H, Evanston FFA, Jim Bridger FFA, and Lyman FFA awards, with an offer from Marlene to sponsor all three FFA buckles. Concerns were discussed of splitting this competition too far, requiring more tedious tracking of horses used, what would happen to youth that are FFA members of other chapters outside Uinta County. The board decided to leave the highpoint as one culminated Sr. award after extended discussion.
- Motion by Don, second by Andy to approve the following contracts: Double D Livestock for \$6150, United Truck and Tractor Pullers for \$17,000, Uinta County Motorsports Association for \$11,000, Atkinson Sound for \$1600, Sound Slinger Productions for \$1000, Diamond Rental for \$6547, Uinta County Search and Rescue for \$1500, Evanston Express Soccer for \$1500, Jim Bridger FFA Alumni for \$1000; passed unanimously
- 2017 Fair Board areas of responsibility are as follows:

BEEF.....BRANDON/DON  
HORSES.....DANA  
SHEEP/GOAT.....BRANDON/DON  
SWINE.....JOEL/ANDY  
RABBIT/POULTRY.....DON  
DOGS.....ANDY  
CATS.....BECKY  
BOOTH/CONCESSION.....STEVE  
EXHIBIT HALL.....DON  
LIVESTOCK SALE.....STEVE/DANA  
JR. RODEO.....BECKY/DON  
PET SHOW.....STEVE  
STYLE REVIEW.....ANDY  
PIG WRESTLING.....JOEL/DANA

DANCE.....BECKY/JOEL  
TEAM BRANDING/SORTING.....JOEL/BECKY  
TRUCK/TRACTOR PULLS.....JOEL/ANDY  
ARENA CROSS.....DANA/STEVE

- Ideas will be collected by Ami and board members alike for consideration of prizes
- Ticket prices will be as follows: Pig wrestling \$10, Truck and tractor pulls \$15, Arena cross \$15, Pay One Price (POP) \$35
- 2 POP tickets will be donated to each high school (after written request).
- Fair royalty competition will be held June 13 at the Fairgrounds. The winners will be allowed into night events at fair (in full queen attire and a lanyard picked up from the fair office).
- Penny in Mountain View Town Hall said that they would be happy to be the Fair Board location in the Bridger Valley for items to be dropped off and picked up. Ami suggested this move to aide in alleviating any continued stress or friction that 4-H have communicated is caused by sharing a location. Becky suggested reaching out to Lyman Town Hall to see if they would have a small location we could still use. Ami will follow up with Lyman Town Clerk.
- Entries will be accepted online until July 21 at midnight. Late entries will be accepted at a fee of \$25/entry on Monday July 24 from 8-5 in the Fair Office ONLY.
- The fairgrounds will be closed from 8 a.m. Sunday July 23 through noon Wednesday July 26 for set-up, as requested by maintenance.
- Livestock will be allowed on grounds beginning Wednesday July 26 at noon, at the owner's risk, understanding there will not be any form of security patrolling the grounds until Monday July 31.
- All horses must be out of the horse barn and stalls cleaned out by 2 p.m. Tuesday August 1. Stalls on the outside of the barn and behind the small arena may be used during fair on a first come first serve basis after all cow/calf pair have been assigned stalls
- Cow/calf pairs will be allowed on grounds any time after 4 p.m. Tuesday August 1. They will be penned in the horse barn again this year
- Cow/calf pairs must remain on grounds until release time of all exhibits Saturday August 5
- Due to the increasing number of goats and need for location, they will again be penned in the cow/calf barn
- Don has concerns with so many vehicles parking around and behind the barns. It is an ongoing problem that everyone would like to get resolved.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.