

## Uinta County Fair Board Minutes

December 6, 2017

Fair Board Office

### I. Call To Order:

- 7:00 p.m. by Joel Giorgis, President

### II. In Attendance:

- Joel Giorgis, Becky Lupper, Dana Lester, Brandon Day, Don Ezola, Andy Rollins, Wendell Fraughton, Ami Barker, Rachelle Saxton, Jane Siegismund, Crystal Labrum, Nicole Simmons

### III. Agenda:

- Approved as presented with the addition of Jane under Public input, and Wendell and Ami under Public input

### IV. Minutes:

- Approved, with the addition of Andy in attendance

### V. Financials:

- To be filed as presented
- Motion by Don, second by Dana to transfer \$120,000 to WyoStar; approved unanimously

### VI. Public Input:

- Jane spoke with regards to a call she made to UW about State Fair entries. She is not pleased with the response she received several years ago from Uinta County's 4-H Educator when she asked for help knowing which classes her son's rabbits belonged in, and was told it was a conflict of interest to be answered by 4-H. She was then told to contact the Fair Board or Superintendent directly. Jane questions who better than an educator to help these youth learn and progress. She would like more clarification from 4-H why this question could not be answered.

- An email was received from Amanda Hutchinson, County Clerk regarding a meeting on December 5th at 5 p.m. with the Commissioners, Loretta Howeison (County Attorney), 4-H, FFA, and the Fair Board. Andy and Steve were in attendance from the Board.
- A letter was received from Jonathan Despain urging counties to work on Annual Operating Agreements. The board feels they are headed in a good direction with the help of the commissioners meetings.
- Wendell relayed his thoughts on the December 5th meeting. He said it was a productive meeting for discussion, but went off track at times. He stated they plan to carry out several more meetings like this one, to continue to work for a better outcome. Ami relayed the timeline she agreed to, during the meeting, for proofing the Fair book and having 1 person each from 4-H and FFA proofread and submit typographical errors back to her prior to going out to print. The book will be available for \$5.00/book. An order will be submitted to Ami, 1 from 4-H and 1 from FFA, with payment in full by March 1st so she can order the total number at first print. She as well felt that the meeting was productive and everyone came away with things to improve on for a better working relationship overall. Discussion was held regarding parliamentary procedure with Loretta stating that aside from the formal 'public input' portion of a board meeting, the only ones openly discussing during Fair Board meetings should be the 7 Board members themselves. Board members agreed that would more effectively streamline the productivity of their meetings.

#### VII. Committee Reports:

- Livestock Sale Committee: Nothing at this time
- Maintenance: Nothing at this time
- Fair Staff: Rachelle expressed her appreciation for the Board sending her to attend the conferences, and stated that she continues to glean more ideas to improve the Uinta County Fair at every one of them.
- Ami requested we go a different direction on assignment of horse stalls whether it is by lottery, limiting one indoor stall per family, or anything else that would allow for other families to utilize the indoor stalls. All other stalls/tie-outs are rotated each year, and she hears frustrations every year that the same people get the indoor horse stalls and that there is no limit on them. The board will consider options to discuss at an upcoming meeting.

#### VIII. Old Business:

- In response to a direct request by the Board for free stage entertainment, Ami presented information about Grizzly Encounters. Motion by Becky, second by Andy to approve a contract with Grizzly Encounters for \$10,000; motion passed unanimously. Motion by Don, second by Brandon to approve a contract for a Yo-Yo Artist for \$4,200; motion passed unanimously. Wendell commented that he received positive feedback on the magician that was at the fair in 2015 (Adam the Great), and thought he would be good to bring back.

- Andy suggested moving pen applications earlier and requiring all livestock entry deadlines to coincide with pen applications. This will be discussed further in detail

IX. New Business:

- Ami relayed information received at one of the fall conferences that reading the Fair Board Mission Statement at the beginning of each meeting would re-focus members at the start of every meeting. All members were in support of this happening, and Becky requested that it be printed directly on every meeting agenda.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.