

Uinta County Fair Board Minutes

February 7, 2018

Fair Board Office

I. Call To Order:

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

II. In Attendance:

- Joel Giorgis, Becky Luper, Dana Lester, Eric South, Steve Sims, Brandon Day, Robin Whitmore, Ami Barker, Rachelle Saxton, Crystal Labrum, Clay Baird, Jeff Breining, Joe White, Debbie Fitch, Nicole Simmons, Chrystal Sims, Jane Siegismund, Jessica Lester, Alicia Burton, Mindi Tollefson, Lexi Tollefson, Denise Lester, Kerby Barker, Brad Tollefson, Travis Hogman and his two children

III. Agenda:

- Approved with the following additions: December minute corrections, Wyoming Association of Fairs, DD Livestock, Atkinson Sound, Sound Slinger, Carnival Midway, Jr. NFR, Goat Classes, Areas of Responsibility, Livestock

IV. Minutes:

- Corrections to the December minutes
- To be filed as presented

V. Financials:

- A letter was received from Salt Lake County District Attorney in regards to proceedings for the woman that hacked the Premium account in 2016
- To be filed as presented

VI. Public Input:

- Mindi expressed her concerns of potentially removing the watering system from the hog barn. It adds convenience for those that use it during fair and YAP prior to the fair. She and

her husband have made repairs in the system this past year and would be willing to continue to make repairs or even help install new materials should the county decide to replace it. They would also be willing to help drain the system in the fall if help is needed. She also expressed interest that YAP would like to continue using the grounds for their purpose in allowing town kids to have a place to raise livestock and participate in fair. She has access to a dump truck and would be willing to haul sawdust in for YAP participants. She helped clean the barn following fair last year and YAP is willing to continue to help however is needed to allow them continued usage of the barn. Eric stated that YAP is overseen by the Commissioners not the Fair Board and that they have had no conversations or thoughts of discontinuing the program. YAP will need to go to a commission meeting to propose the yearly usage agreement and fees that are assessed for this use, as has been the case when Dawn brought it to the Commissioners each spring. Eric stated that the agreement for YAP to get sawdust is an agreement between YAP and South & Jones. Clay stated that the County Road & Bridge department has historically hauled off the waste and used sawdust and he is certain they are still willing to continue this year. Robyn relayed that in visiting with Alex Morrill, he as well offered to train others on how to repair breaks in the watering system.

- A request was received from Amie Petrie with Western Ag Credit to donate items to youth participating at fair. The board would like more information, so Ami will request her to attend the March meeting for follow up.
- An advertising proposal was received from Mike Hodge with Spring Hill Press. The board is not interested in this option at this time.
- The annual scholarship application was received from Wyoming Association of Fairs and has been distributed to Dawn, Cari, Brenden, Brynn, and Fair Board members.

VII. Committee Reports:

- Denise gave a report from the LSC meeting held the evening before. They are in support of the USDA FSA youth Ag loans but understand the adults are ultimately liable for the funds lent not the youth, as they are minors. The LSC Scholarship is due April 10 by 3:30 p.m. and will be collected in each of the three high schools. They will then be scored and awarded by the committee. Steve Miller is the contact from LHS, Storm Lupher is the contact from MVHS, and Genny Barker is the contact from EHS.
- Jeff submitted a cost proposal for electrical upgrades in the pig barn at either \$8000 or \$8500. The whole building still only has 20 amps so he would suggest installing either more GFI outlets on every other pole or more GFI breakers of 27 circuits, which would determine the lesser or greater cost. Where he is changing out lights with LED (as they go out) he would also suggest installing security lighting in the middle of the barn and at the outside end of the barn. Joel asked if maintenance is looking to cost share on this project or not. Clay shared the spreadsheet of funds available in the Fairgrounds Recapture Account, which currently has \$9369.10 and stated it is available for just such projects. Ami clarified explained the purpose in creating that account was to combine all fairground usage fees into one revolving account that would then be used on the fairgrounds to benefit all parties renting facilities including but not limited to: Cowboy Days, Evanston Rodeo Series, Bear

River Riders, YAP, and the Fair, but it is not earmarked for the sole dispersal of Fair Board. Clay continued by suggesting that we watch during this fair and re-evaluate at that point. He thought this could potentially fall into capital construction expenses. He will propose this to the Commissioners at the upcoming budget session for further discussion, knowing these electrical upgrades being discussed will not take effect for the 2018 Fair. Clay then continued discussion on the hog watering system by stating that there are 103 water stations currently. He would highly recommend replacing the line with a rigid trunk line and more flexible drop lines. The expected cost will be around \$20 per station. Clay has been meeting with Debbie and she feels that YAP may be able to find donations for covering this expense so he will follow up with her and report at the March meeting.

- Ami distributed a current Fair Board contact information sheet, as well as the 2017 Fair financial comparison. She gave an update from WAF on the Joint Ag Committee requests for Wyoming State Fair funding this budget. Ami relayed from Jennifer Dutton with FSA, they would prefer Wyoming youth to go through a WY office, but it does happen that some cross over state lines. A copy of the official contract will be sent to the Fair Office with signatures of the FSA Agent, the parent, and the youth all three, stating FSA will be listed secondary on the livestock sale check, and it will be mailed directly to the youth. ShoWorks Conference will be held April 4-6 in Cody with a registration fee of \$250/registration. Ami feels since the software we have been using is now obsolete, it would be very advantageous to attend and be trained on the new system. Motion by Dana, second by Becky to send Ami and Rachelle to this conference and pay the \$250 each for registration as well as covering 4 night hotel and travel expenses; passed unanimously. Ami relayed the issue of renting campsites for only a few days during fair but filling a campsite throughout fair while other families do not have option to stay. Motion by Robin, second by Steve to charge a flat rate of \$100 for non-power campsites and \$200 for powered campsites; passed unanimously. Becky, Joel, Dana, and Ami will have campsites reserved before the March 1st date of availability. Discussion was held with regards to horse stalls and if there should be a lottery or limit or rotation to use inside stalls. The decision was to seek feedback from horse exhibitors at fair this year.
- In response to Robin asking if she should be giving a committee report for 4-H the answer was that 4-H Council would give a report on their meetings. Ami will add 4-H Council to 'Committee Report' portion of agendas.

VIII. Old Business:

- The draft forms of the livestock check lists were briefly discussed. Ami will continue making suggested changes and will include them in the Board packets for March.
- With reference to the feedback and suggestion list, there will now be a section for 'honey' in open class. Open class 'walk trot' will be limited to 5 years old and over and lead line classes as 3-7 years old for safety purposes. Recipes will now be required on all culinary entries both 4-H as well as open class.
- With regard to a Fair Board Scholarship, Robin volunteered to adjust the Fremont County Fair application to work for Uinta County and create a scoring rubric to present at the March meeting.

- All entries are due online by 11:59 p.m. July 20. Any live animal needing to be entered after this deadline, will be charged \$50 per entry up to the close of set weigh-in times for that market animal species, or the start time of the breeding livestock or horse show being entered in. Any static exhibit entered late will be charged \$10 per entry up to the time the exhibit is due for judging. No classes will be held for late entries. After notifying show superintendent, classes entered incorrectly may be switched within the same division prior to start of livestock show, horse show, or static exhibit judging.

IX. New Business:

- Motion by Robin, second by Eric to approve the following contracts: Uinta Co. Motorsports Assoc. for \$11,000; United Truck & Tractor Pullers Inc. for \$17,000; DD Livestock for \$6150; Atkinson Sound for \$1600; Sound Slinger Productions for \$1000 for a total of \$36,750; passed unanimously.
- Board approval for contract with Carnival Midway to run the week prior to fair as scheduling will allow, at no cost to the Fair, but receiving 10% of gross ticket sales.
- Review of information received from Jr. NFR Bull Riding Qualifiers to hold their event July 28 at 7 p.m. at no cost to the Fair. This will not be a ticketed event and local youth between 10 and 18 years of age may participate with the required fee and signed waiver.

- Goat class changes will be added to the March agenda

- Fair Board 2018 Areas of Responsibility will be:

BEEF.....BRANDON/ROBIN

HORSES.....BRANDON/DANA

SHEEP/GOAT.....DANA/ERIC

SWINE.....JOEL/BECKY

RABBIT/POULTRY.....BRANDON

DOGS..... DANA

CATS.....BECKY

BOOTHS/CONCESSION.....STEVE

EXHIBIT HALL.....ROBIN/DANA

LIVESTOCK SALE.....STEVE/DANA

JR. RODEO.....BECKY

PET SHOW.....STEVE

STYLE REVIEW.....STEVE

PIG WRESTLING.....JOEL/DANA

DANCE.....BECKY/JOEL

TEAM BRANDING/SORTING.....JOEL/BECKY

TRUCK/TRACTOR PULLS.....JOEL/BRANDON

ARENA CROSS..... DANA/ERIC

JR. NFR.....ERIC/STEVE

- Discussion regarding livestock needed for 4-H horse show, open horse show, and team sorting was held. Dana and Eric stated that the option for those who provided livestock in the past will no longer be available. 50 head of yearlings, freight for delivery to and from Fairgrounds, and feed for these animals from Thursday through the following Wednesday will need to be nailed down. Dana remembered hearing from a 4-H member who could provide for these needs. Ami will communicate this need to the 4-H office, FFA advisors, as well as post it on Facebook.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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