

Uinta County Fair Board Minutes

October 4, 2017

Uinta County Commission Chambers

I. Call To Order:

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

II. In Attendance:

- Joel Giorgis, Dana Lester, Steve Sims, Becky Lupher, Andy Rollins, Brandon Day, Wendell Fraughton, Amanda Hutchinson, Loretta Gerrard, Clay Baird, Ami Barker, Rachelle Saxton, Josh Davis, Kerby Barker, Carlene Clark, Polo Vazquez, Jane Siegismund, Nicole Simmons, Debbie Fitch, Patricia Bindl, Peggy DuCharme, Richard DuCharme, Becki Frame, Suzette Morrill, Bradie Jill Jones

III. Agenda:

- Approved as presented

IV. Minutes:

- To be filed as presented

V. Financials:

- To be filed as presented

VI. Public Input:

- Post Fair Public forum included the following:
 - Peggy communicated this was the worst scheduled mini-horse show she's had. It was a good start for special needs at 8 a.m. and they were finished inside an hour. Due to an interview judging and fashion review, she chose to delay the start of general mini-horse classes until 10 a.m. and then they took an hour and a half lunch break to give the kids more time to complete interview judging. Their show was finished by 4 p.m. and she wonders if starting later on Saturday might offset the schedule conflict in the morning. She would like the board to consider moving interview judging to Monday afternoon. Peggy requested that

class changes be allowed day of event. She said there is confusion in some rules and measurements so she asked to follow AMHR rules.

- Jane suggested having Open class exhibits received Saturday morning from 7-9 a.m. in the front of the Exhibit Hall, and running interview judging through the back doors from 9-12 Saturday morning thus eliminating the expense of a second set of judges, and possibly offsetting the timing of 4-H exhibits from the mini-horse show.
- Rachelle Saxton suggested setting age limits for safety purposes with Open class walk trot classes to 5 years old and over and lead line classes as 3-7 years old. This year there were parents putting 1 and 2 year olds on horses and setting them free. She sees this as a huge risk for these kids as well as for the county. From the office end of fair she would request that those entering roping classes be required to list their partner online for efficiency in lining up classes and livestock for them. She would like recipes to be required with Open class culinary entries. In order to expedite setting sale order, Rachelle would ask that sale declaration forms be due in the Fair Office Thursday night at 9 p.m., with the exception of meat pen rabbits, which are first in their show Friday morning. She would like to have signatures of both youth and parent acknowledging that all animals listed on the form will be brought to the fair and that they assume all responsibility and liability for their livestock while at fair. She stated that there are still a handful of individuals that are entering all zeros for required fields online for scrapie tags and Wyoming State Fair tags thus eliminating any cross reference between health inspections and entries. Rachelle suggested that the rule needs to be reiterated that one health inspection form should be filled out for each exhibitor, as again, there are a handful of individuals that would not follow that rule this year and it requires hours of additional time for the staff to sort and piece together.
- Ami read suggestions and feedback brought to the Fair Board.
- Jane said on a positive note that she appreciated the Fair Board allowing her to oversee the silent auction again this year. She is honored to be doing it in behalf of a Fair Board scholarship.
- Ami shared a card received from Alexis Lake in appreciation of sponsoring a plaque at State Fair.

VII. Committee Reports:

- Ami reported there are still 3 buyers with outstanding balances. She contacted them again and she believes they will all be received within the coming week.
- Josh reported that construction is ongoing for the sewer line through the Fairgrounds.
- Ami reported there are still 9 sponsors with outstanding balances. They have been re-billed. Ami forwarded information to the Fair Board regarding a Mediation Workshop being offered by Wyoming Department of Ag. It will take place October 23-26 at the cost of \$250. She expressed interest in attending this workshop, as she felt the information will directly improve her ability to better resolve conflict that seems to arise during fair, as exhibitors and parents alike are passionate about their projects, it tends to raise emotions and voices in

particular. Motion by Steve, second by Becky to approve registration for Ami to attend the Mediation Workshop; passed unanimously

VIII. Old Business:

- Discussion was opened with regards to a 4-H/Fair Board annual operating agreement. Andy recommended forming a sub-committee to work on a preliminary draft and then bring it back to the board for further discussion. Steve felt there should be an agreement with 4-H, FFA, and the Fair Board all three, as they are all integral parts of the fair. Joel asked if there are any other counties that have AOA's in place at present. Ami stated that as of the Wyoming Association of Fairs meeting last October there were no counties that had one in place. Patty offered to find one and bring it to the Board.
- Horse safety certification was briefly discussed. It is agreed by the board and those in attendance that this should remain a requirement for the safety of the youth participating. It has been confirmed by Johnathan DeSpain that certification is required of 4-H youth in their shows. The Board is still uncertain why the county fair 4-H/FFA Horse Show is not a 4-H sponsored event.
- Joel requested of board members to come to the November meeting with thoughts and answers regarding how they will handle late entries and incorrect entries. The board doesn't ever want to send kids home but there has to be a balance of accountability with rules as well. For instance, if one person has not completed any paperwork or entry online it will be looked at differently than one who completed 4 of the 5 required tasks. There should be a checklist created this coming year for each species that will be posted on the website for all to draw on. Becki stated this isn't just a problem for Fair Board alone to face. She said the 4-H Council discussed at their meeting the possibility of holding a night at the 4-H Office for new exhibitors to help them with fair entries online. She stated "We all part a part in fixing this including- club leaders, 4-H, FFA, and Fair Board."

IX. New Business:

- None at this time
- Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.