

## Uinta County Fair Board Minutes

September 6, 2017

Mountain View Town Hall

### I. Call To Order:

- 7:05 p.m.

### II. In Attendance:

- Joel Giorgis, Brandon Day, Andy Rollins, Dana Lester, Don Ezola, Becky Lupher, Josh Davis, Rachelle Saxton, Ami Barker, Eric South, Cari Covolo, Brynn Tinker, Brenden Ellis, Clay Baird, Tammy Murray, Emma Murray, Jane Siegismund

### III. Agenda:

- Approved as presented

### IV. Minutes:

- To be filed as presented

### V. Financials:

- To be filed as presented
- The premium checks were again stamped with “void after 90 days” since it was not printed on them.

### VI. Public Input:

- Brynn Tinker, Cari Covolo, and Brenden Ellis brought the FFA exhibit hall pages with suggested changes that more effectively align with what they are doing in classes currently. (see attached) “This is more of a housekeeping matter than anything”. They also suggested moving Round Robin Showmanship to Friday morning, as a blow-and-go type show in order to eliminate extra fitting and hopefully get more exhibitors interested in participating. They would like to see Round Robin more aligned with categories and rules at State Fair. They suggest handing out a buyer’s card for the bar or a vendor coupon for a soft drink to each buyer thus eliminating some individuals getting more intoxicated and not ever going to the

sale to support the kids. Brynn suggested condensing the horse shows by splitting the arenas in half and limiting 1 horse per exhibitor, not multiple. The kids should not be sharing horses at all but they are supposed to have their own designated for the show year. They suggest holding 1 day of fair for all showmanship in all species and having market shows on other days.

- James Goodrich with Wyoming State Fair will be having a community meeting in every county around the state to gather feedback for the coming budget year. Uinta County meeting will be held in Roderick Hall September 18 at 7 p.m. Motion by Don, second by Brandon to approve up to \$200 towards cookies for this event; motion passed unanimously

#### VII. Committee Reports:

- The annual reports from the Jr. Livestock Sale were distributed to the Board. Ami will send a copy to the FFA advisors as requested. Still waiting on quite a few buyers to pay in before checks can be sent out.
- Josh gave a brief update on the sewer-line project being done by City of Evanston. The hog watering system in the barn is in really poor condition and may be taken out all together to alleviate further issues of breaks and soaking hogs. He suggests looking at all logistics involved if changing Round Robin to Friday as they are setting up for the sale ring Friday morning. Show tent came down with only one torn section but he doesn't feel it is significant enough to send out for repairs at this point. He would suggest creating a walkway behind the show ring bleachers. The show ring awning was replaced by Maxfield Construction and looks great. There is a significant crack in one of the support poles and Stacey is looking into putting angle iron around the beam to sure it up more. Josh stated that this may need to happen to all the support poles due to the wear of kids tying off dogs and animals to them.
- Ami brought an email she received from Bridger requesting of Dawn and Ami to start the process of drafting an annual operating agreement between 4-H and the Fair office. Ami was concerned that she cannot act on behalf of the board in such a manor without direction from the board. There was a meeting to discuss an AOA in 2011 with Fair Board, Livestock Sale Committee, Dawn, and Johnathan Despain in attendance. It was agreed that if a 'hard and fast list' were compiled there would assuredly be items forgotten and not listed, and they would fall through the crack as no one specifically would be responsible for that task. Ami is fearful of this happening as right now simple things in the Fairbook are being torn apart because they are listed on one page and not another. Open discussion was held from all in attendance with the following comments being stated:
  - As there has not been an operating agreement in the past, the board suggests Ami not move forward with this until more discussion is held at the September 19 meeting, as requested by the Commissioners and a clearer uniform picture is understood.
  - There are obvious gaps in communication between the fair, 4-H, and parents.

- There needs to be a positive working relationship involving Fair Board, Fair staff, Livestock Sale Committee, FFA, 4-H, 4-H Council, and the Commissioners.
- Eric felt the fair went well overall from his viewpoint and thanked Fair Board for all they do. The commission would like to take a more active part and be more informed so that when questions come to them they can more efficiently answer them. They would like to see a more fluid relationship between 4-H and the Fair and this is why the meeting will take place during commission meeting September 19. He would like to see 4-H and FFA both represented at Fair Board meetings as they are directly involved in decisions being made.
- Cari agreed and said they have always felt welcome at these meetings but from the FFA standpoint they don't have a need to attend every single month. "This is exactly why we come together as FFA advisors and bring suggested changes to the board in one lump sum following fair and then let the board make the changes they see a need for as it relates to all those involved in fair." This is how it used to be and she really doesn't know why it has changed so drastically for 4-H.
- Andy said Dawn sent her a list of responsibilities for each office and it was pretty spelled out.
- Rachelle knew what handbook Andy was referring to but that it was more a list of who provides cups, papers, rubber bands, and other supplies rather than an outline of fair shows and responsibilities.
- Jane said some disagreements between 4-H and Fair are as simple as setting hard edges that certain wording is printed on one page of the book and not another- so it doesn't have to be followed because it is inconsistent.
- Ami stated that when you have a 90+ page document that require dozens of changes per page every year, there will undoubtedly be errors. "I'm not going to tell you that it will ever be 100% correct because almost every month there are more changes made."
- This topic will be added to the October Fair Board agenda for further discussion

#### VIII. Old Business:

- Horse safety certification was discussed at length after reviewing the email reply from Johnathan Despain. Fair Board as well as FFA felt that this should be required of all youth participating with a horse. The board would like to know if Wyoming State Fair is a sponsored 4-H show, and do they require certification. This topic will be added to October agenda for further discussion.

IX. New Business:

- Jane has collected 17 items already for the 2018 silent auction and is requesting permission to store these items in the Fair Board office. The 2017 silent auction brought in over \$1300.
- Emma attended her 3<sup>rd</sup> year at the Uinta County Fair and felt it went very well. She knows she missed the entry deadline but would like to request that flexibility be allowed with missed entries. She suggested charging \$50 for the first offense and dismissal in case of a second offense. "This would at least cost something but still allow the kids to show and enter. And you can bet that if we have to pay, we won't miss the deadline again." She understands there should be a fine for the hassle of late entry, but "please allow the kids to at least show." Joel assured Emma that the 5 minutes when the board met with her and her mom was the worst 5 minutes of his fair. They hate having kids miss out but a rule is a rule and must be followed by everyone. For this purpose, the board agreed to make a change of some kind that will affect kids that miss entry deadline. They want what is best for the kids while still following the rules.
- Tammy asked if the health inspection form can count as their entry as well since it has most all the required information on it, instead of having to enter online. "It really hurts the kids when there is no flexibility of missing one paper." Sometimes all the information and reminders aren't making it to all the 4-H leaders and to all the homes. Aside from that hiccup, she felt the 2017 fair was great and thanked the board for all they do for these kids.
- Joel stated that the Fair Board needs to re-visit the grievance policy as well.
- Cari said she is the queen of reminders and would suggest the Fair office and 4-H use Remind.com. "It is so simple and sends to everyone, every time". Ami stated that the Fair office will have to require emails and cell phone numbers in order to reach everyone by this method, but she uses it for her kids at school and loves it.
- Emma also asked if the Fair Board would consider restricting people from standing by the show ring fences. "They are coaching their kids from the sides while they are showing, and it is distracting to the kids, their animals, and to the judge. When they are in the ring, they are showing what they already know not what they are being taught right then." Ami said she and Josh have discussed it before and if the Fair Board decides, maybe they could place bleachers along both side fences so no one is standing there.
- Wyoming Association of Fairs conference will be held October 11-13 in Gillette. Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs will be held November 8-11 in Colorado Springs. International Association of Fairs and Expositions will be held November 26-29 in Las Vegas. Motion by Don, second by Andy to send Ami and either a board member or Rachele to all three conferences; passed unanimously. Don plans on attending RMAF with Ami, Rachele will attend WAF and IAFE with her.
- 2018 Uinta County Fair will be held July 26- August 4
- Reminder of the Commission Work Session September 18 at 5 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.
- Post Fair Public Forum will be held October 4, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

➤ Meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.