

Uinta County Fair Board Minutes

September 5, 2018

Fair Board Office

I. Call To Order:

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

II. In Attendance:

- Joel Giorgis, Steve Sims, Becky Lupher, Eric South, Dana Lester, Ami Barker, Rachelle Saxton, Josh Davis, Jane Siegismund, Chrystal Sims, John Bowns, Kendy and Kendra Huntington, Riggen Moon, Kendall Barker

III. Agenda:

- Approved as presented

IV. Minutes:

- To be filed as presented

V. Financials:

- To be filed as presented

VI. Public Input:

- Thank you letter was received from Virgil Peterson and those who participated in Team Sorting
- Thank you card was received from Delaney Lupher for the scholarship
- Western Ag Credit have purchased 10 pig boards and are donating them to the Fair
- Kendall Barker along with other Evanston Rodeo Series Committee members expressed interest in holding a final event for their season on the first Friday and Saturday of the Fair. They would need both arenas both evenings, as well as the large arena Saturday around 4 p.m. to run slack. They would be announcing their year-end winners on Saturday night. If

mini-bulls are wanted as part of the event, it might need to be held prior to the rodeo itself. All gate monies are requested to be retained by ERS as they would be entirely responsible for carrying out the event. John would prefer no alcohol sales during their events. Parking is a large concern to all parties involved. Discussion will continue at upcoming meetings.

VII. Committee Reports:

- Livestock Sale Committee report included the printed sale summary. There are 16 buyers unpaid at this time. There are 5 youth that have not submitted Buyer Thank You letters by September 1, including: Cashae Brooks, Eli Brooks, Quinae Brooks, Chase Richards, and Mark Walker. They have all been contacted and notified they must attend a Fair Board meeting and explain why they missed the deadline, and request their sale check.
- Josh expressed concern about the congestion at the livestock barns, ideas for parking, and vendor court. He suggested possibly hiring an architect to help decide how to better utilize the space. He requested having vendor/entertainer set-up times corrected to minimize risk and headache of heavy foot traffic at the same times. Vendors will be expected to set-up either Wednesday before Fair or Sunday of Fair. He has safety concerns of ATV use and dangers involved.
- Ami communicated on behalf of Fair Staff there were 10 late entries made and paid for. 5 were livestock entries, and 5 were static entries. Ending Fair there were over 100 exhibitors that had not collected their premiums. After texting or calling each one of them, there are 36 checks remaining to be printed and paid to exhibitors. This year these checks will be written and sent, however, in forthcoming years any premiums that are not picked up in person by the Friday following fair will be forfeited with unreceived amounts being transferred to the scholarship fund. This year the silent auction raised \$1277.01. The Scholarship Fund has \$1719.01 in it at present. Appreciation was expressed to Jane for donating all items and carrying out the silent auction on behalf of the Scholarship Fund. A motion was made by Dana, second by Eric to purchase \$100 gift card for each of the 3 vet clinics in Uinta County as appreciation of all their efforts on behalf of Fair; passed unanimously.

VIII. Old Business:

- Motion by Steve, second by Becky to approve purchase of horse panels in the amount of \$780 and to approve a lease for 50 yearling heifers from Bill Jackson at \$500; passed unanimously
- Motion by Becky, second by Eric to approve all registration and travel expenses for Ami and Rachelle to attend RMAF in Billings; passed unanimously
- After discussion of IAFE conference in San Antonio, it was not felt as this would be cost efficient for Ami to attend every year, but perhaps every other year.

IX. New Business:

- 2018 financial comparison was reviewed
- Wyoming Association of Fairs is being hosted by Uinta County this October 3-5 at the Evanston Days Inn. Board members that are available will attend the dinner Thursday October 4. Ami will take drinks and some snacks for the conference. Motion by Dana, second by Steve to cover expenses of the conference room at \$375, as well as meal/snack expenses for board members and their families; passed unanimously.
- October 10 will be the Fair Board Public Forum in Mountain View Town Hall as October 3 is during the WAF conference.
- July 25-August 3 the 2019 Uinta County Fair will be held
- A flyer created by Whitney Snyder and Melissa Maxfield was distributed for the 2019 Fair Royalty contest information.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.