

# Uinta County Fair Board

## Minutes

July 9, 2024

Uinta County Fairgrounds Board Room, Uinta County Fairground, Evanston, WY

### In Attendance:

Andy Rollins, Becky Lupper, Brett Anderson, Brandon Day, Elyse Lopez (left after executive session), Tamara Boglino, Natalie Cornia, Josh Davis (via phone), Commissioner Brent Hatch, Brenden Ellis, CariSue Covolo, Marlene Mackey

### Call to Order:

7:04 p.m. by Brent Hatch, County Commissioner

Commissioner Hatch addressed and acknowledged the accepted resignations of Steve Sims, president and Pete Lym, vice president. New officers were selected when Becky nominated Brandon for president. Elyse seconded. Nomination passed. For vice president Elyse nominated Brett Anderson. Andy seconded. Nomination passed.

**Agenda:** Approved as presented

**Minutes:** Approved as presented

### Financials:

Bills were presented. Beckey motioned to pay the bills as presented. Andy seconded. Bills were approved.

County Budget - Tamara presented the county spreadsheet showing the allotted amount of support from the county. She requested guidance on how to make the necessary budget cuts to balance the budget sheet for the county meeting on Monday July 15th.

At approximately twelve minutes into the meeting, Andy motioned to go into executive session. Elyse seconded. The Board went into executive session for approximately 20-30 minutes.

**Public Input:** Marlene Mackey touched base about what the Fair Royalty can do to assist with events at the Fair. She expressed appreciation for the support from the fair board. She said that all categories were filled. Marlene also clarified the issue of royalty sponsorship from the June minutes. Those minutes state that Marlene asked for sponsorship support from the Board, when it was a board member who initiated a conversation via text asking her if the board could help. They will assist with the ribbon table at the horse show, announce show sponsors, help with the pedal tractors and assist Denise with the livestock sale. She said that the Cowboys Days queen had reached out and was asking if she wanted to include them in help as well. Tamara requested an invoice for the queen crown that the Board agreed to sponsor. Becky mentioned the Blue Ribbon breakfast as an option to help serve. It was also suggested Kid's Day was in need of help.

### Committee Reports

**Livestock Sale Committee:** None. However it was brought up about how to go about paying for postage for the LSC buyers letters and other expenses that fair staff incur while tending to LSC business. Commissioner Hatch indicated that it is the LSC responsibility to cover those costs.

### 4-H Comments: None

**FFA:** CariSue shared that due to ranch rodeo in Lyman she would be scarce on Saturday, exhibit hall. Cari said that she has 4 people signed up for serving. Tamara confirmed that ID checkers are in place, and that cans will be what's served. Cari confirmed to be there an hour prior to the events. Ice was requested/confirmed.

**Commissioner Comments: None**

**Maintenance:** Pig barn, panels are around the outside. He needs someone to clarify how gates will be worked for shows. Power in in. Water is inside the barn and will be ran this week and pens in next week. Will get the tent out on the 22nd. Need to discuss things about the arena, such as truck & tractor pull of where kids are going to come in and the new arena set up. That a panel can't be pulled anymore. Josh relayed that there are some concerns about the set up for Team Branding & Team Sorting. Tamara said she'll follow up with Quinn about his ideas about dimensions. 120 yards of sawdust was delivered today and hopefully it'll stay put. Parking was addressed. Josh has an idea of putting Fair board parking behind the fence where the old goat used to go to try to use that space to keep others from using the area. In the past gates got shut down to just a man gate after feeding time (approx. 6pm-10pm). He feels some decisions need to be made to mitigate chaos and safety. Discussion about painting out parking lines better and in certain areas as an option. A new wireless microphone is needed; the old one is broken. Josh said he would order one, but the Fair would pay for it. Tamara reminded Josh about another microphone that needs to be looked at. Josh ordered some speakers for the pig barn but Maintenance will cover those costs. Scale is certified. Brandon asked about panels on the other side of the barn, Josh said maybe in the future. There won't be shade guard for the barn this year, will see how that goes. They don't have fans to put in. Will look at that in the future if needed. The old fans wouldn't work in the new barn.

#### **Fair Staff:**

June status report reviewed. Tamara shared that a new superintendent is needed for Cake and requested if anyone had any leads to please share. Trudy Hull was recommended. Tamara reported that contracts have been received except for special needs and Jason Anderson for Carcass. Regarding sponsors, all are paid but \$500 for pledged buckle prizes. Total sponsorship paid to date is \$26,900. Brandon asked if buckles are covered. Natalie explained that she's been checking entries and staff is being mindful of watching those in regard to cross referencing those with buckles. Fair entries are right around a thousand. Brandon reiterated that this year's sponsorship money is technically intended for next year's budget and that we need to be mindful of that. Tamara explained that approaching this dynamic on a budget standpoint can be difficult. That per Amanda's guidance the best approach is to keep in mind to have what was sponsored still in checking after the fair is complete. Brett asked about buckle vendor selection, and Natalie said she needed to follow up with the one he gave her and with Steve Wilson. A couple of spelling errors were pointed out on some social media posts. Outlaw derby needs were addressed.

#### **New Business:**

Prize for little kids tractor pull. It was agreed to award prizes. Age divisions were addressed as well. More research was agreed to be done. Josh suggested reaching out to Sally Waters for information. All participants get a gatorade/prize. Cash prize to overall winner.

Cattle help for Eric South. Tamara will reach out to be sure if help is needed and when. Hauling details were given; first set of cattle to come early Monday morning and will be hauled back to Adrian's. Second set of cattle will come Tuesday afternoon, and will overnight. Feed is needed for those cattle. Natalie said her dad will likely donate the hay as an in-kind donation.

Concert help will be supplemented by the Queens. Tamara asked if there were any other areas or ideas that are needed for help. No one mentioned anything.

Education and Literacy division from the Fairbook. Tamara said that the office has received a couple of phone calls from potential exhibitors about entering an illustrated book assignment from school. When researched where to enter these, it was discovered that that division wasn't in the book or on ShoWorks. The Board decided to unhide the division on ShoWorks and contact those individuals to let them know they can now enter. Fair staff will re-enter the division from past books that are the best fit for next year's Fair book.

Vendor Mother Mae's asked the board to consider the Vendor application requirements for the grandstand vendors. Marv is asking to choose 2 to 3 nights for a reduced rate in comparison to the weekly rate. The board decided to let him choose his nights at the flat rate of \$300.

Age limit for tickets for events. Fair staff requested a recommendation on what age cut off a ticket is required. Andy said that at her theater they sell seats, and that 2 and under typically sit on their parents lap. At age 3 they usually are sitting in their own seat. The Board decided that 2 and under is free.

State Fair is requiring vet health certificates this year. Sam sent an email asking who the on-call Fair veterinarian is. Fair staff contacted Dr. Osborne and asked him if he'd be willing to be there after the State Fair meeting to do vet checks. He said he would check with his family and see if that was doable. The other option is to make exhibitors aware of this requirement and put the onus back on them to get the vet check. The Board said that this is how it's been addressed in the past. Brandon mentioned that in the past Ben was on site as an on-call vet, but won't be on-site this year. Brandon suggested asking Ben if he'd be willing to be on call, in exchange for enough PoP tickets for his family. Brandon reminded stamping PoP tickets that are given out versus sold. Brett asked if staff are keeping track of ticket numbers, and staff said yes.

Ticket takers are filled for Concert and Tractor Pulls. Takers are still needed for Arena Cross. Natalie has a club in mind and is going to reach out to Sam. Tamara said that we need to replace the hand stamps. The Board said that was okay.

Junior Rodeo was discussed at length regarding final decisions for the Jr. Rodeo. Age divisions were confirmed to follow 4H ages. Boys breakaway is required due to the 4H aspect. Team roping can be limited to one entry, but Rule #10 states that team roping they can enter 3 times, have to swap ends and one run has to be with a girl. If one run is chosen the rules will need to be edited to eliminate conflicts. For ribbon roping, the contractor doesn't provide these calves due to the risks of the events and the high replacement costs. He also won't have chute dogging steers due to lack of space. The rules will need to be edited with whatever changes and there are no rough stock rules. Natalie asked if the Board wants to adopt rules from another association, such as NRHSA. The Board agreed to adopt NRHSA rules. For all around, will they award 1st through 5 or 1st through 10. A detailed conversation about who to open the rodeo to was had; which included entries, events, caps and fees. Josh shared again his concerns regarding parking and facilities. It was decided to open the rodeo to Uinta and Rich counties only this year due to time constraints. It was agreed to post the entry form link and QR code on social media and on the website. Team Roping one entry with no adults. For those who can't find a partner, one will be drawn by the office. Ribbon Roping one run and calves will need to be found. Becky suggested Carl, and that he'd likely transport them as needed. Natalie offered to reach out and the Board agreed. PeeWee division events confirmed. Youth events, team roping one entry with an adult. Have to keep boy's break away for 4H. Bareback steers were chosen. Barrels and poles girls only for Junior and Seniors. For youth barrel and poles can be boys and girls. Senior break away open to both boys & girls due to 4H. Entry form will be released tomorrow. Natalie advised the remainder of the events. Order of events was next. Brandon asked if Natalie is comfortable with setting up a schedule due to her expertise. She agreed. Brandon suggested getting a superintendent. The Board agreed. The topic of a contract with the agreed specifics was also addressed, as no contract is in hand yet. Staff will follow up to get a copy.

Areas of fair board responsibility were addressed. It was decided that in each area where Steve and Pete were, they would just drop them. Fashion Revue was the only area that had one member (Steve), so Brandon volunteered to fill that position.

Brandon motion to adjourn. Becky seconded. Meeting adjourned at  
**Meeting Adjourn @ 9:40 pm**