

Uinta County Fair Board

Minutes

June 5, 2024

Mountain View Town Hall, Mountain View, WY

Call to Order:

7:03 p.m. by Pete Lym, Vice President

In Attendance:

Andy Rollins, Becky Luper, Brett Anderson, Brandon Day, Elyse Lopez (via phone), Pete Lym, Steve Sims (via phone), Tamara Boglino, Natalie Cornia, Sam Krieger, Josh Davis, Steve Wilson, Commissioner Mark Anderson

Agenda: Approved as presented

Minutes: Brett motioned to accept the minutes. Becky seconded. Approved as presented

Financials:

- Bills were presented. Andy motioned to pay the bills as presented. Becky seconded. Bills were approved.
- Wyoming Roundup advertising. Tamara presented the advertising option sent to the Fair by the Wyoming Roundup magazine. The Board declined to do so.

Public Input: NONE

Committee Reports

Livestock Sale Committee: Tamara updated the Board that the next Livestock Sale Committee meeting is June 18th in Evanston the fair grounds. The scanning wands are in and gave a quick financial over of the final costs, which was \$2,788.00. She indicated that she would also get an update regarding the IPADS. She also reported that all committee members have been mailed and emailed letters of their acceptance to the committee. Natalie asked about t-shirts for the LSC for fair. It was agreed to address that at their meeting on the 18th.

4-H Comments: Sam discussed the Youth Quality Assurance (YQA) program not having been updated in the past 6 years. She asked for input on updating it by allowing kids to go to clinics, jackpots, do stock show U online and count these towards YQA. They could do a Google form with the necessary information, a photo and paragraph all supporting what they did and/or got from going to the events, ect.. Goat and sheep clinics are scheduled. Working on getting a pig clinic. Would like to do some mini-clinics during fair. Would happen at the barns.

FFA: Tamara said that Cari did get the server names to her for the liquor license application, as well as stated that Steve needed to sign the application. She reviewed the costs and names for ID checkers.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Mark indicated that county budget should be shared by the end of the month and that the county needs to cut \$1.3 million.

Maintenance: Cement will be done this week and is looking good. Barrel events went well. Barn walls are up, power will be in over next couple of weeks, then water. Scale is in and putting that together. Working on water issues/leaks. Dirt was put in goat barn before YAP moved in. Going to rock rake. Pig waterers, nipples are in and materials are coming in. Once electric and water are in, Josh will start putting the waterer process. Pens are 5'x6' and 28 are 5'x8', kickboards were talked about for kids to know sizes.

Fair Staff: May Status Report was quickly reviewed. Additions were update on ribbons being in, boxes being stocked, binders being updated. ShoWorks loaded. Office tasks for various events are done. Review of judges list/contracts. Beef judge search was discussed. Becky said she would give Tamara the Casper college coach's contact to help. Sponsor buckles were reviewed. Tamara reiterated that buckle assignments are flexible where sponsors have not specifically declared. Fair event flyer reviewed and approved. Tamara addressed judge/superintendent gifts and requested a budget. Specific ideas of gas cards/gift cards, personalized cutting boards, tumblers. Brandon motioned to spend up to \$750 for gift spending. Becky seconded. Motion carried.

Natalie -

Kids Day activities were presented. A budget request for \$550 was asked for. Brandon motioned to give accept this request, Brett seconded. Motion carried. Buckle bids were addressed next. Approximately eight suppliers were contacted for quotes. The issue of the increase in costs for metals was shared. Molly's was cheapest at \$85.00. The preferred company of Rowdy Rose was presented in that they have a larger selection of prizes; buckles, rings, knives, pendants and bracelets. The kids will get to choose which prize, but not personalize their selection. Steve Wilson offered to look into a couple of options he has ties to as well. Natalie reported that ShoWorks is loaded and ready for a live test. Entries would be from June 15th to July 15th. Sam asked if 4-H campers that create items right before fair can be accommodated, which was agreed. Tamara and Natalie explained how the process of loading Fairwire/ entries works from ShoWorks.

Staci Powell was contacted for the use of the chute for chute dogging, and we can use it free of charge, we'll just be responsible for transporting to & from the Valley.

Junior rodeo was discussed at length. Entry fees were addressed first. Standard rates for the region is the same amount per age division regardless of event.

PeeWee - \$5 / Youth - \$10 / Intermediate - \$15 / Seniors - \$20 / Broncs - \$35-40 / Junior Bulls - \$50
7 & under 8-11 yrs` 12-14 yrs 15-18 yrs

The Board agreed to take the recommendation of these entry fees for this year. Time and facility constraints were brought up in regard to opening up entries to outside youth, that are beyond Uinta & Rich counties. Brandon brought up the topic about it being a sanctioned qualifier. Natatie expressed concerns that opening it up would create a lot of problems with adequate facilities, lighting and equipment. Pete suggested renting gas powered lights for the small arena. Elyse asked what had been discussed/decided with Steve, which there was no clear answer. Elyse texted Steve, and said that he expressed his desire to keep entries open to all. Pete recommended Steve be called into the meeting, which he was. Brandon said that he remembered the topic of capping entries. Steve Wilson said that caps are typical. Josh expressed concerns with parking as well. Steve said events would be capped. Natalie said that goats & poles would be in the small area, but this would not help events run faster in the large arena. By adding events, there would be more to get done in the large arena. The list of added events are bull riding, calf riding, steer riding, bareback, saddle bronc, chute dogging. Plus ribbon & team roping. Tie down, mugging & double mugging. Plus adding the PeeWee division and those 7 events. The topic of who to open entries came back around, with historically it being Uinta & Rich. The option of also including Sweetwater and Lincoln was put forth. Steve expressed concern of not opening entries cutting off the rough stock entries, and that those participants would choose to go to other rodeos. That the point of doing all this was to make the Junior Rodeo better. Natalie said that they'd still have the same frame to enter. Pete suggested opening to everyone an putting a cap. Brandon expressed concern that by opening it up, locals may be shut out. He suggested having a specific time frame open for local kids, then after that opening to the general public. Steve said that if splitting the registration time, then it should only be open to Uinta County. Brandon reiterated that he feels the best answer is to split the entries. Steve again stressed if that is the decision that is should be Uinta county only. Steve again stressed his view of wanting to keep it open to everyone. Brandon asked if by opening up entries on July 1st to everyone would give enough time for outside participants to choose to ride in this rodeo. Steve said he wasn't sure as he hadn't looked at other rodeo's entry dates. Brandon again suggest June 15-July 1st for locals, then July 1st to July 15th open to everyone. Josh asked about how to figure out caps. Brandon said that he, Steve and Natalie could sit down and figure out how to address caps. Natalie asked about scrapping the PeeWee division. Becky asked if it was a qualifier event. Steve said that if not enough rough stock riders enter that it likely wouldn't be. Steve stated that for it to be a qualifier it would have to be open entry. Brandon asked what the advantages for it being a qualifier are. Steve said it would be a draw to pull kids in. Brandon asked that the qualifier aspect is only for rough stock and not the other events. Brandon asked what determines if becomes a qualifier or not. Steve said a woman named Lacy would be the person who determines this. Brandon asked again what requirements determine this. Josh suggest running all these topics by the stock provider; the caps, the entry dynamics, the qualifier aspect. Steve Wilson said that Cameron would likely accommodate the split time entry system. Steve Sims said he would call Cameron the next day and ask him his thoughts on these are. Josh suggested it be a conference call, with Steve and Natalie. Pete concurred. Natalie suggested having a conference call with Steve Sims, Brandon, and Natalie on the following Monday. Steve said he would try to get that coordinated the next day.

Shirts & hats, Natalie got Steve's order. She reviewed the various quotes. Josh indicated he and his crew would prefer the standard Gildran brand. Livestock Committee will be responsible for reimbursing the costs for their shirt order. The total fair board, maintenance, office staff and LSC would be \$2,014.00. No quote in yet for hats. Maintenance is per shirt is \$18/ 3x to 4x sizes are \$25/shirt; FB is \$15/per shirt.

Brandon mentioned getting organized for the Blue Ribbon Breakfast. It was indicated that approximately 150 or more were served.

Old Business:

- Powwow event was removed as an option due to the group never getting back with the Board.
- Outlaw Pinewood Derby - Saturday?
- Quotes for manure bins
- Quote for trash cans
- Quotes for Sawdust

New Business:

- **Ticket Sales Locations:**

Evanston : Murdoch's, Napa, Horse Palace Gaming & OTB

Bridger Valley: Benedict's, Covolo's, Wyoming Wild Meats

- Sponsorship - Andy Rollins requested that she do an in-kind sponsorship similar to Aspen cinema, but rather than her movie theater get the advertising credit, that it be their irrigation business, Starteck.
- Queen Contest Sponsorship (added by Pete). Pete brought up that Marlene Mackey had approached him for assistance with Fair Royalty sponsorship. He suggested either sponsoring a saddle for \$250 and/or the crown for \$80.

Brandon motion to adjourn. Becky seconded. Meeting adjourned at
Meeting Adjourn @ 9:42 pm

Our next meeting will be held at Uinta County Fairgrounds, July 3, 2024 at 7 pm.