

Fair Board Special Meeting
Minutes
June 3rd, 2020

Marilyn Christensen	Acacia Elkins	Celeste Robinson	Ellen Leshner
Trena Bauder	JD Gray	Crystal Brogden	Don Harter
Sarah Edwards – by phone	Liz Edwards	Dr. Patel	Maureen Percifield
Shawn Acord	Niki Hensley	Jane Glasser	Moriah Mengdahl
Joey Leegaard	Kim Fry	Randy Bury	Mark Christensen

Chairman, Marilyn Christensen called the special meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Marilyn welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited everyone to introduce themselves. Marilyn asked for any additions to the agenda and none were added.

Public Comments ~

Guests at the meeting shared their reason for attending, experience, and knowledge with similar events in surrounding areas.

Old Business ~

COVID-19 information / update ~

Liz asked Jane Glasser, Randy Bury, and Dr. Patel from CC Public Health to visit with the Fair Board regarding the current health orders. They shared the 5th State Health orders which are in place until June 15th and that new orders will be released every two weeks. Discussion was held. Don Harter had concerns and asked about the attendance in Morningside Park Grandstands for the Demolition Derby. Currently the health department is allowing 500 for the attendance in the grandstands. Don stated to make it financially beneficial for awards and production of the Demolition Derby, an attendance of at least 1500 is needed. The Fair Board commented on other large events we have in the grandstands such as Ranch Rodeo, Pig Wrestling, and Octane Addictions. Jane confirmed yes, the allowance would also be 500 attendance in addition to the cleaning and six-foot distancing. The outside guidelines for an event are 250 in attendance following the six-foot distancing. J.D. Gray asked about the indoor quantity guidelines for our livestock shows, static exhibits, trade show, and entertainment. The Health Department discussion included the current orders of a maximum of 25 people within a room. They have been working with Cam-plex staff to determine the square footage of the rooms and how it applies to one person for every 125 square feet of facility space. The Fair Board asked Crystal questions regarding the Trade Show and she stated previous years of having 150-200 booths, using the upstairs mezzanine in the WY Center, lobby, outside for vendors. The Health Department said to keep in mind when putting together the various setups to direct traffic flow, limit crowd gathering, and maintain the six-foot distancing. The discussion continued to create and submit a variance to the State Health Department for each event including pictures/diagrams. The health safety plan will need to include the CC Fairs preventative plan on cleaning, protective gear, signage, group gathering, etc. Jane commented “Think outside the box on your events”, how can you spread them out and communicate your health guidelines to the exhibitors, families, and public.

New Business ~

National High School Rodeo ~

Liz opened a discussion regarding the recent news that the National HS Rodeo is searching for a location to host their event and Cam-Plex is on that list. The current rodeo dates would overlap into the Fair dates, if the dates stay at what is posted. Liz reported during the Commissioner’s board meeting on May 2nd, that when the public land board presented the idea of the proposed event coming to Gillette, Jeff Esposito stated there will be a high consideration and accommodating with scheduling for the CC Fair and the Rodeo. Liz shared the current variance submitted by the Rodeo to the WY State Health Department and a discussion was held. The Health Department shared the guidelines of limiting group gatherings, grandstand attendance, and limited public for the rodeo events. The Rodeo did not have any evening events scheduled and had health guidelines in place for their performances, campground, trade show, and other rodeo events. The Fair Board thanked Jane, Randy, Dr. Patel and the other attendees for attending their meeting.

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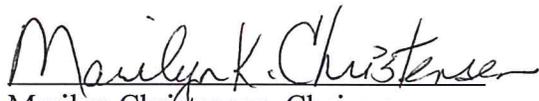
2020 Fair Plans ~

An additional discussion was held about the plans for our County Fair. The Fair Board agreed to submit a variance to the Health Department. A committee was developed to meet the following week to look at the options for each event and set-up possibilities. Acacia Elkins made a motion to use precautions needed to plan the 4-H/FFA Livestock Shows. J.D. Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed. J.D. Gray made a motion to use the precautions needed to plan the 4-H/FFA Static Exhibit to be judged and display to be determined later. Sarah Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed. Acacia Elkins made a motion to cancel Open Class static exhibits for 2020 fair, however projects, if applicable can be completed in the past 24 months to qualify for 2021 fair. Sarah Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed. Acacia made a motion to postpone the 100th celebration to 2021 Fair. Shawn Acord seconded. Motion passed. Acacia made a motion to cancel Open Class Livestock Shows including sheep lead, peewee, mini, rabbit, chicken, dog, etc. Joey Leegaard seconded the motion, Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned ~

Sarah Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting, J.D. Gray seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Marilyn Christensen, Chairman


Liz Edwards, Fair Coordinator

Next Meeting – June 16th, 2020