

Fair Board Meeting Minutes

Cam-Plex, Energy Hall, Coal Conference Room
August 17th, 2021 - 6:00 pm

Trena Bauder
J.D. Gray
Acacia Acord - Absent
Niki Hensley
Jeff Esposito
Linda Whites

Marilyn Christensen
Trevor Lynde
Liz Edwards
Mikenzie Ochs
Heidi Vossler

Dana Trevino
Joey Leegaard
Dave Slattery
Will Hastreiter
Jason Gearhart

Vice Chairman, Joey Leegaard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Joey welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited them to introduce themselves.

Additions to Agenda / Guest Comments ~ Joey asked for additions to the agenda and guest comments. Linda Whites, Miss Campbell County Pageant coordinator, thanked the Fair Board for allowing the pageant contestants to have the pageant during Fair and using the Heritage Center. Linda commented the Pageant went smoothly, had a good venue, and good crowd. Linda, representing the WY Stage Productions, suggested a youth/adult talent competition at no additional cost to next year's fair. Linda added she enjoyed the Fair this year and suggested allowing local bands to perform on the free stage and/or plaza stage. Heidi Vossler mentioned she attended to observe and listen. Heidi commented she is unclear about the expectations of the job duties of the Fair Board members, Fair Coordinator, and Superintendents, an order of operations. Jason Gearhart commented the chain of command has always been to direct questions/issues to the 4H/FFA Teacher, then Superintendents, then Fair Coordinator, then Fair Board member. Marilyn and Dave confirmed Jason's comment with the chain of command.

Minutes ~

Marilyn Christensen made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 13th, 2021 meeting. Trena Bauder seconded. Motion passed.


Reports ~

Extension Office / 4-H ~ Liz Edwards reported the Extension/4-H representatives, Kim Fry and Celeste Hayden, are both at WY State Fair and will report at next month's meeting.

Fair Coordinator ~ Liz reported on the ticket sales and attendance at the evening ticketed events during Fair. Liz reported the Youth Livestock Sale totaled \$609,619.45 for the youth members without buyer additions. When Buyer additions were included it totaled \$632,337.65. The laptops worked well, and to check into purchasing a printer that is fast and efficient. Dave Slattery reported overall the sale loadout went well and the locker plants worked good with him. Liz shared sale animals were tagged incorrectly, and the challenges for records and tracking for shipping from the weigh-ins to the locker plants. Dave agreed it made it challenging for the loading and locker plants. Discussion was held on the hot temperature of Central Pavilion the day of the sale.

Old Business ~

2021 Fair Review ~ Liz reported the County Commissioners complimented us on a good Fair and only comment they received was not having a carnival. Liz discussed the communication suggestions to improve for next year with Cam-plex. Liz commented with Will Hastreiter, Jeff Esposito, Jason Gearhart and Mikenzie Ochs about the challenges of training new and inexperienced Cam-plex staff members. Jeff informed the Fair Board of the new venue fee per ticket charges and this venue fee collected during the fair events will be going back to the Fair Board. Discussion was held regarding the floor drains in Central Pavilion. The drains have been an issue flooding the Swine pens for many years and is there any

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plans/suggestions to resolve the flooding. Jeff asked for help from the Fair Board in talking to the Commissioners and Public Land Board for helping fund a project to fix the flooding problem. JD commented on the Cam-plex keys checked out for a building didn't work on all the doors, including padlocks. Mikenzie explained the keys for the Fair Board were newly made and padlocks have been changed.

JD asked if we would be able to get ahold of Bluffs Scale Company to come in and access the scale for any repairs needed and/or touch up the scale corners. Liz will follow-up on scale repairs. The overall consensus with the livestock weigh-in changes were that they went well.

Dana suggested not allowing bikes during the check-in and check-out of the livestock. There were multiple situations of kids riding their bikes within the heavy traffic and being a safety concern.

Liz asked for feedback on the Livestock Shows and all agreed the new set-up in East Pavilion is a good adjustment. Discussion was held regarding sawdust in the showing, Beef show day safety traffic flow, and limiting pens in the Sheep/Goat for the exhibitor's tack. Niki commented on the challenges of getting pictures for the Swine exhibitors.

Liz asked for feedback on entertainment and stated the mechanical bull, kids' pedal tractor pulls, Magic Bean show, and Wyoming Center entertainment were popular. Joey suggested changes to the pig wrestling set-up.

New Business ~

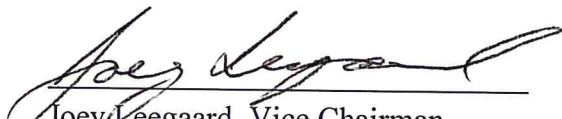
Superintendent Fall Fair Review Meeting ~ Liz stated this meeting is usually scheduled in October and Joey asked if it could be scheduled earlier. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22nd at 6pm. Liz informed the Fair Board of the upcoming Fair Conferences in November and will send out an email with dates and details.


Treasurer's Report ~

Liz presented the vouchers and budget report. Marilyn made a motion to accept the voucher list. Trevor seconded. Vouchers were approved.

Meeting Adjourned ~

Joey adjourned the meeting at 7:26pm.


Joey Leegaard, Vice Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Edwards, Fair Coordinator

Next Meeting – September 21st, 2021