

Fair Board Meeting Minutes

Cam-Plex, Energy Hall, Conference Room

September 15th, 2020

6:00 pm

Marilyn Christensen	Acacia Elkins	Heather Wickert
Trena Bauder	JD Gray	Ellen Leshar
Shawn Acord	Liz Edwards	
Joey Leegaard	Niki Hensley	
Heidi Vossler	Shellie Hensley	
Maureen Percifield	Derek Hensley	

Chairman, Marilyn Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Marilyn welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited them to introduce themselves. Marilyn asked for any additions to the agenda and none were added.

Guest Comments ~

Ellen Leshar discussed the Youth Animal Care/Fitting Policy in the Fair book on page 84. She described scenarios and situations with the young youths unexperienced and unable to physically tolerate the requirements needed to fit/care for their animals. She presented other County Fairs' policies as examples that allow parents/adults to help and provide a teaching aspect for kids needing the guidance. Maureen Percifield suggested rewording the policy with different terminology and allowing parents to help beginning youth; it would take a lot of pressure off the Fair Board. Heather Wichert agreed and added the kids must be present for the teaching aspect. Heidi Vossler agreed with the discussion and voiced that fair is a Family event. Shawn commented this policy has been set-up and designed for many years to encourage the older, more experienced 4-H/FFA members to help teach the younger/new members with their projects. Heidi replied that her observation/concern is the experienced members have such a large project load during Fair that it is difficult to find the time to help the inexperienced properly, if at all. Heather replied with her concern in some cases an experienced member may help and be rushed and not intentionally harm/hurt the animal while fitting or inappropriately teach the child. A parent would be able to take responsibility for the animal value if harmed and/or hurt. Marilyn thanked the parents for their comments and suggestions; the Fair Board will re-evaluate this policy during their policy meeting.

Minutes ~

Acacia Elkins made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 20th meeting. Shawn Acord seconded. Motion passed.

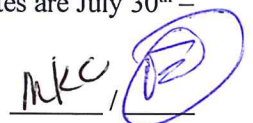
Reports ~

Extension Office / 4-H ~

Kim and Celeste were unable to attend and asked Liz to report on some 4-H topics. Shooting Sports Banquet will be held on Thursday, September 17th, 2020 at 5:00pm at Cam-plex WY Center. 4-H Achievement Night will be held on October 2nd, 2020 at 5:00pm at the Cam-Plex WY Center. Kim is scheduling a 4-H Livestock Committee planning meeting for educational classes; please contact her for any suggestions on topics. Liz asked the Fair Board regarding the Fed and Bred proposal Kim presented at the last meeting. Joey stated it would be hard to police and Shawn commented it would be hard to know who was being honest. Acacia suggested for 4-H to create a committee and bring a detailed proposal to evaluate the possibilities to move forward. Derek advised to get started, swine and sheep would be simpler to monitor for tracking. Ellen shared her 4-H club had discussed this with providing pictures for confirmation tracking. The Fair Board agreed to wait to get more information prior to deciding on the presented proposal.

Fair Coordinator ~

Liz reported the Wyoming Association of Fairs Fall meeting is September 29 – October 2 in Jackson Hole, WY and asked for any topics to visit about. Suggestions included the Fed and Bred program and a Carcass Class. The superintendent review meeting will be held on October 20th, and next year's Fair Dates are July 30th – August 8th, 2021.



Old Business ~

Liz asked who from the Fair Board plans on attending RMAF (Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs) and IAFE (International Association of Fairs) Conferences. Conference fees and travel arrangements will need to be finalized prior to next Fair Board Meeting.

New Business ~

Marilyn asked for additional New Business and none was discussed.

Treasurer's Report ~

Liz presented the budget and vouchers. Liz reported the Gillette News Record is being reviewed for final billing prior to paying. Liz presented the individual invoice from the WiFi company for review. Acacia suggested to contact other companies for a better rate and JD stated he knows a company that would possibly not charge for the WiFi service needed during Fair. Liz will follow up with more options.


Acacia Elkins made a motion to accept the voucher list, including Cam-Plex. Joey Leegard seconded. Vouchers were approved.

Meeting Adjourned ~

Acacia made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Shawn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Marilyn Christensen, Chairman


Liz Edwards, Fair Coordinator

Next Meeting – October 20, 2020