



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

EVENTS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOMS

MINUTES

Attendance: Dean Elliott, Sarah Fischer, Pam Spradlin, Lora Talbert, Gabe Ryan, Scott Candelaria, Craig Sloan, Phil Riesselman, Debbie Mills, John Adams (online), Tim Hallmark, Luanne Lee, Sonia Ormsbree, Allison Paul, Michelle Bartlett, and Coral Miller

Meeting began at 6:30pm

Discuss 2023 budget – Dean reminded the Committee about 2023 budget requests. Sonia stated the requests would need to be received by June Fair Board. Dean proposed the next Fair Board meeting on Thursday May 12th would be a good opportunity to have the discussion.

Request regarding Hometown – John made a recommendation to Executive to raise Hometown Rodeo Fees to cover the additional costs of stock and freight. The recommendation included an increase to Mutton Bustin' from \$20 to \$25 per entry. Also, to raise "stock/office charge" of cattle from \$29 to \$40 and goat from \$8 to \$30. Gabe told the Committee he has spoken to Cindy Duckworth with the Foundation to see if they would cover the additional costs and she requested more information. Dean mentioned this would be a good activity to earmark for a Foundation donation. Both John and Gabe felt an increase would still be necessary to avoid ticket shock later. The Committee concluded that the Rodeo Committee is to bring a new recommendation to the next Executive meeting after the Foundation has decided. John also mentioned new Hometown Rodeo Stock Contractors have not signed their contracts as of this meeting. He is confident they will soon. John also mentioned that the new contracts have set limits on the number of runs. He believes it won't be an issue as the number of runs is usually under the numbers allowed on the contract.

Officer nominations – This is an election year for board positions. Pam Spradlin stated she will not return as Secretary but will remain on Fair Board. Dean asked to be informed of anyone seeking reelection or would like to be considered for any position.

Poultry Update – Michelle updated the Committee about Poultry. Currently waiting on Colorado State Agriculture who will reevaluate on June 30th. In the meanwhile, currently coming up with alternative plans should poultry not be allowed at the 2022 Fair. Those plans include...educational clinics, poster boards, video judging, and the possibility of having a small lot of chickens from the same group for kids to show. For right now, it is wait and see.

Other –

Sarah - Entertainment is doing good.

Lora - Admin will be accepting requests at the next meeting for name tags, jacket orders, and tickets.

Pam – Currently working on souvenir program. Due to paper shortages, the time frame for printing has moved up to June 22

Tim – The July 29th concert will be Josh Turner. Concert will start at 7pm tickets will be \$20 for GA and \$30 for reserved seating.

Gabe – County volunteer shifts have been sent out and approximately 25% of shifts have been filled. Guest Services is also seeking volunteers to work at Farmer's Markets that have been set up to help find additional volunteers. Lastly, Gabe made an official nomination for Gary & Lisa Turner to become Associates.

Allison/Sonia – Rodeo tickets go on sale Sunday at 10am. Website has been updated with links and there will opportunities for up sales like barn dance and carnival wristbands.

John/Craig – Waiting on Hometown Rodeo vendors to sign contracts. Currently, working out the details for the PRCA youth camp. Currently, will run 12pm-3pm in the Outdoor Arena on August 6th.

Phil – Livestock sale is good to go and have held a few mock sales to practice the new system. Luanne requested if a contract can be made with packing plant to assure they can accept our animals from the sale. Phil believes one is not needed.

Michelle – Buckles will be ordered on Tuesday May 17th now that artwork has been approved.

Coral – Our BBQ was named one of 10 BBQs for the Rib Battle by Prairie Fresh. This will give our competitors more prize money and more points with the KCBS. Scott requested we order an award for the car show and BBQ as a thank you for their assistance.

Debbie – Working on print ads and group ticket sales.

Meeting adjourned 7:40pm

Next Meeting: June 9, 2022