



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022, AT 6:30 PM

KIRK HALL

MINUTES

Meeting

Attendance: Dean Elliott, Luanne Lee, Wes Jacobs, John Adams, Debbie Mills, Pam Spradlin, Lora Talbert, Sonia Ormsbee, Michelle Bartlett, Stefanie Hawkins, Craig Sloan, Phil Riesselman.

Discuss format for 2022 Fair and Rodeo review meeting: Dean explained that his intention for the next Fair Board was for everyone to bring their three pros and three cons from the 2022 Fair for the meeting, but only three people have sent those in. He would like to talk about areas that can use improvement and big initiatives to strive for in 2023. The committee agreed that this was a good plan, except for quite a few people will not be available for the meeting due to conflicts. It was agreed to move this discussion to the October meeting.

Discuss committee assignments and meeting times: Staff gave an update on the Event Coordinators and what committees they will be working with for 2023.

Michelle – Show Management & Rodeo

Stefanie – Entertainment & Guest Services & Admin

Tori – Livestock Sale & Marketing

Staff presented a new meeting schedule to the committee and updates to requirements for meetings based on the new Event Coordinator schedules.

- First Wednesday of the month – Show Management @ 5:30pm and Rodeo @ 6:30 pm
- Second Thursday of the month – Administrative @ 5:30pm and Executive @ 6:30 pm
- Second Monday of the month – Entertainment @ 5:30pm and Guest Services @ 6:30pm
- Second Wednesday of the month – Marketing @ 5:00pm and Livestock Sale @ 6:30pm

- Third Thursday of the month – Fair Board @ 6:30pm

All committees agreed that the schedule would work. Dean would like to propose this at the Fair Board meeting next week for discussion.

Discuss Awards Committee activities: Dean shared that the Awards Committee has worked hard on consistency amongst the awards in 4-H with work to still be done in Open Class and Hometown Rodeo. The committee will work with Superintendents to iron out wrinkles within each department from 2022. Additional banners were provided at Fair by an outside entity without the knowledge of the committee. The Awards Committee would like to work closely with those individuals who provided the additional banners to include these in the awards for 2023. Please direct people to the Awards Committee for any questions or suggestions and remind them that anyone is welcome to participate in the committee.

Discuss Foundation Budget needs: The Fair Foundation bylaws state that Fair Board will bring their budget need to the Foundation at the October meeting. Dean asked the committee to be thinking at each committee level what needs there may be. Then he would like to discuss at the Fair Board meeting to request items altogether.

Committee chair elections in October: The Fair Board bylaws state that the committee chairs are elected bi-annually, and questioned what year this needed to happen in. The committee agreed that this year would be the year that the chairs are up for re-election. Pam also reminded the committee that Associate Members are to be reviewed annually in October as well. Committee Chairs will review their Associate Members at a committee level by the October meeting for attendance and policies and then recommend Associate Members at the October Fair Board meeting.

Other: Phil and Scott would like to see a program from Show Management to select a Superintendent of the year for recognition at the Livestock Sale. They will discuss this with the Show Management Committee at the next meeting.

Staff reminded the committee that budget for Farm to Table will go under Entertainment for 2023.

Staff gave an update that a bid has been put out for a concert production and a talent buying company. Kinnon Entertainment was chosen as they were the only one to submit a bid. That budget for the concert will fall under the Entertainment Committee as well.

Staff gave an update that they are still talking with the Carnival vendor from 2022 and are trying to secure them again for 2023.

Debbie passed out marketing for the Ghost Town Hoedown.

Next Meeting:

October 13, 2022

Comments: