



**DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020 AT 6:30 PM**

**CSU EXTENSION CONFERENCE ROOM**

**AGENDA**

**Meeting**

**Attendance-** John Adams, Craig Sloan, Luanne Lee, Synneva Knopp, Pam Spradlin, Phillip Woodrick, Gabe Ryan, Scott Candelaria, Pat Candelaria, Deb Dilley, Debbie Mills, Ben Alderton, Derick Schaffer, Monty Anderson, Matt Coyle,

**Mutton Bustin'**

Craig confirmed with Synneva that the new limit for mutton bustin' riders was updated and on the website.

**Beyond the Dirt**

The committee expressed their concern with having to move locations every year and/or at the last minute. They said they feel it is unsuccessful when outside because it is too hot and they how low participation.

**Hospitality Tent/Hall of Fame**

Debbie informed the committee that this will be the last year of hosting the Hall of Fame Inductees as they are moving back to Pikes Peak or Bust in 2021.

**Veterinarian**

Synneva/John will contact Little Equine Medical Center.

**Hometown Rodeo**

**Judge-** Craig asked Monty if he was wanting Brett Star to be the judge again. Monty said that

**Announcer-** Payson Peterson, who was supposed to be the announcer in 2019, has been contracted for 2020.

**Stock Contractor-** Monty expressed that Arlin Lepp was interested in coming back for 2020, but said he'd be open to looking at other options if people had other suggestions or bids to consider. Craig asked if Monty feels ready to send Arlin a contract and Monty confirmed. Synneva said she would get that put together.

**Buckles-** John received a quote of \$45 per buckle to update the 2019 rodeo buckles to reflect the current year. Synneva confirmed she has already sent the buckles back to Montana Silversmiths to be worked on.

### **Justin Sports Medicine**

The Douglas County Fair & Rodeo was approved to once again partner with Justin Sports Medicine. Debbie thought it would be a nice idea to send them a thank you note after this Fair.

### **Xtreme Bulls Application**

Complete

### **PRCA Rodeo Application**

Complete. John mentioned that the judges are now paid through the PRCA and the Fair Board/County will not have to pay them onsite. The judge's fees are just paid when the purse money is submitted.

### **Rodeo Marketing**

Debbie Mills announced that in lieu of Steve Kenyon's 8 Seconds, the decision was made to sponsor a champion's rough stock camp instead. Debbie clarified that this came out of the marketing budget.

### **2020 Budget Review**

The committee reviewed the budget and requested that next meeting they could view the 2019 line by line budget to see greater detail.

Debbie asked what would be done with the extra \$5,000 that was saved on the video board vendor this year. Luanne asked how much it would take to go to the next level of the purse.

Debbie said that they would need an additional \$36,000 to be a part of the pro tour. Luanne addressed the group and said it is her opinion that it would be best not to add it to the purse as the committee has told her many times that once they raise the purse, they can never go back down. She said that future budget/expenses are uncertain, and they could need to go with an alternative, more expensive video board vendor the following year.

Luanne recommended the committee concentrate on putting on a really good rodeo with the purse they have and focus on filling the stands. John Adams said that made a lot of sense.

### **Tres Amigos Roping**

Synneva informed the committee that the Entertainment Committee does not have enough room in their budget for Tres Amigos Roping. Debbie said she thinks Tres Amigos brings a lot of value to the Fair because they bring an educational component when showcasing western heritage. Debbie and Craig agreed that between the Marketing Committee and Rodeo Committee, they could cover the cost of having Tres Amigos at Fair.

### **Other/Any Concerns Not Mentioned**

Deb Dilley confirmed that she would need to have a National Anthem singer for Hometown, 3 PRCA Rodeos and the Jr. Livestock Sale. Synneva said she would send any submissions she receives to Deb for review. Deb inquired about how the singers would get into the event, Luanne said it would be best if someone could go out and meet them and bring them to where they needed to be. Deb said she would have no problem doing that and asked if they could get tickets. Luanne said they could get 2 rodeo tickets if they wanted.

### **Next Meeting:**

May 11, 2020