



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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023, AT 6:30 PM**

**JAMES R. SULLIVAN EVENTS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOMS**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Meeting**

**Attendance:** Hayden Schmidt, Scott Candelaria, Michelle Bartlett, Tom Harris, Arlie Gordon Jr., John Adams, Stefanee Whitney, Josiah Fredericks, Gabe Ryan, Scott McHenry, Deb Dilley, Jennifer Foss, Gary Turner.

**2023 Added Money:** John reported that the rodeo had received \$15,500 from the PRCA, \$8,000 of which automatically goes to added purse money, the other \$7,500 is to be used at the County's discretion. John worked with staff on things to cut from the budget to allow for the additional \$7,500 plus an extra \$500 for additional purse money. This brings the total added funds to \$16,000 and \$12,000 per event.

**Hometown Fees, Foundation Subsidy:** The Hometown Rodeo Stock Contractor's fee increased again for 2023. John asked the Fair Foundation to provide a subsidy of \$1,200 to help cover the extra stock fee. Fair Foundation agreed and has provided a \$1,200 check to the Fair Office.

**Exceptional Rodeo:** Commissioner Laydon recommended an Exceptional Rodeo at the Fair for 2023. Adam Daurio with CSU will bring everything needed for the event to the Fair on Sunday, July 30, at 3 pm in the Outdoor Arena. He will put on the rodeo; we need to be available to assist. Pikes Peak Rangerettes will help volunteer and perform ahead of time. Debbie is working with Fair Foundation to sponsor the event.

**Sponsorship Update:** Debbie could not attend but sent in a report to John. Most sponsors are confirmed to come back for 2023. We need a new Steer Wrestling and tractor sponsor, each at the \$2,500 level. The Hometown Rodeo sponsorship is available as well.

**Water:** In John's discussion with Staff about how to save money, one idea was to not give out water bottles for free at the hospitality tent and to use jugs of water with cups instead. The Committee could sell water bottles or have a donation jar available. A cooler is still needed near the crow's nest, judges, volunteers, etc. Rodeo Committee will be expected to refill the jugs.

**2024 Budget:**

**Cervi School:** The Committee will be providing lunch on Friday.

**Mutton Bustin' Buckles:** The price of Mutton Bustin' buckles has increased significantly in the past few years. John had the idea to give only the winner of each night a buckle, not all 10. The other kids will still get a ribbon, a bag of goodies from sponsors, and a Dilly bar. Hayden asked about banners for each kid like the Awards Committee provides for the 4-H awards.

Michelle will send the committee some buckles and ribbons options to discuss before the May meeting.

**NFR Tickets:** Michelle will send out the email for tickets for FB to get back to John by next week.

**Next Meeting: May 3, 2023**

**Comments:**