



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- RODEO COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023, AT 6:30 PM

JAMES R. SULLIVAN EVENTS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOMS

AGENDA

Meeting

Attendance: Ryan Kennedey, Scott Candelaria, Deb Dilley, Debbie Mills, John Adams, Zach Burns, Teresa Kutt, Michelle Mannes, Dawn Marie Critton, Jennifer Foss, Sofia Foss

Review past Rodeo

Hometown Rodeo:

Debbie thought it was a great addition to have the drill team & sponsor flags this year.

Deb Dilley asked for better communication and would like a formal production meeting.

John relayed that the Hometown Rodeo Secretary, Brittany Jolly, commented on the barrels, poles, and hide race rules. She suggested adding: "must keep forward progress/forward motion"

Debbie will send Michelle updated rules for the Bob Thomas Memorial Scholarship to put in the rules.

Dawn shared that from the contestant's side, paper entries are hard. She asked if there was any way to expedite the process by taking entries online. Zach told the committee that the County will look into this again to see what we can do. Dawn will share contacts for other Counties and their online entry software.

Dawn also asked if the committee could lower entry fees and if there was a way to get sponsorships for the awards. She feels that the prize money barely covers the entry fees for the winners. John and Scott explained that as costs for cattle and everything go up, we must raise the entry fees. The committee aims to grow while

being self-sufficient, and with that comes costs. Jennifer also explained that we have many more events than most other Hometown Rodeos.

Mutton Bustin:

Debbie thought having fewer kids sign up helped the sheep. The event adds entertainment value, and she thinks it is good to go slow so people can enjoy it. The committee agreed that we need better signage and organization for registration.

Zach received a voicemail from someone who said we lied about their kids' weight in our favor. Debbie clarified that we use a digital scale with a large display so that the families can see the weight as the child is weighed.

Scott heard concerns that the buckles that were donated from Dairy Queen had a different year on them and that did not look good for the Fair.

Exceptional Rodeo:

Overall, everyone thought the event went well and was a great addition to the Fair that we should do again in 2024. There were 40 registered contestants, and everyone liked the drill team at the beginning of the event.

Debbie pointed out that we need to do something different for wheelchairs in the arena and possibly roll-pack a portion. Zach agreed and said Commissioner Laydon thought it was a little confusing about where the kids were to go when they were called down to the arena floor. He also thought it would be a good idea to recognize the contestants more. have an announcer to recognize the contestants more. Dawn suggested adding a section on the registration form for a bio so the crowd can get to know contestants.

PRCA Youth Camp:

Debbie thought that the new location in the warm-up arena worked better than previous locations. The Committee agreed and discussed advertising the Camp throughout Fair, during Hometown Rodeo and through the 4-H Blast. Jennifer attended the Youth Camp at the Weld County Fair and thought that ours was much more interactive for the kids.

Hospitality:

Debbie thought everything went well this year, except there was too much food on Saturday night due to more sponsors being invited to the VIP event. It helped to split up slack and was much easier to get food on two different days. To-go boxes were a great thing for our caliber of contestants as they come & go. The ticket office was a great space for Debbie to store all of her Hospitality supplies. Debbie will have dedicated individuals to take on Hospitality for 2024 to ensure everything runs smoothly.

PRCA Rodeos:

Everything went well. It was a great thing to have Slack broken up this year. John would propose breaking Slack up into three days for 2024. He also asked if it might be possible to use the Indoor Arena to tie up horses during the rodeos. Everyone loved the specialty act this year. Jennifer saw the act in Craig, CO, after our fair, and the crowd was not nearly as receptive to him there as at our rodeo.

Discuss renewal of the following for recommendation to the Fair Board: TABLED TO OCTOBER MEETING

Vet contract for recommendation to Fair Board

Rodeo subcontractors (Stock Contractor, Video Board)

Hometown Rodeo subcontractors (Stock contractor, Announcer)

Discuss hometown rules, forms, and fees – Finalize recommendation in October:

John asked everyone to bring recommendations to the October meeting.

Stock Show contestant dinner

Rodeo All-Star

Mountain States Circuit Finals

The Mountain States Circuit Finals are coming up October 20-21 in Loveland. DCFR sponsors one of the Roughstock jackets, so it would be great to support it.

Next Meeting: Tentatively October 4, 2023

Comments: