



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- SHOW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022 AT 5:30 PM

JAMES R. SULLIVAN EVENTS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOMS

MINUTES

Attendance: Brian Cagianut, Brittany Sandell, Rochelle Weigel, Robin Vogel, Noah VanBibber, Shari VanBibber, Sara Warren, Jenn Summervill, Tyler Summervill, Frank Silici, Kim Surry, Mercedes Glenn, Hayden Schmidt, Scott Candelaria, Michelle Bartlett, Leigh-Ann Coggins, Brenda Tanin, Karlina Tanin, Livi Tanin, Pat Salazar, Joanna Mauck.

Meeting – Hayden thanked the committee for accommodating the new meeting time and reminded everyone that it will be the start time moving forward.

Fair Wrap-Up – Individual Superintendent Meetings for September went well. There were a few common themes discussed including the first weekend schedule. Hayden and staff received a lot of good comments about how great the Fair was and how clean the barns were. CSU did a great job with General Projects in the Events Center and people liked Kirk Hall being a seating arrangement. The Committee would like to see increased signage for the first weekend and have food trucks and Kirk Hall open earlier.

Staff Update – Hayden introduced Mercedes Glenn, the new 4-H Animal & Equine Sciences Agent. Hayden encouraged everyone to reach out to the CSU Extension Office and Mercedes.

CSU – Mercedes introduced herself and told the Committee she is excited to get to know everyone, feel free to come in and chat anytime.

Jacie and Mercedes are meeting to put a lot of programming on the books so the calendar can go out by December. Re-enrollment is now open. Achievement Night is next Wednesday, 10/11 at 6:30pm in the Events Center. Staff will be out of the office at a conference in Fort Collins the week of October 24.

Fairgrounds – Michelle updated the Committee that almost all Superintendent books and boxes have been turned in. The Commissioners were incredibly happy with the Fair overall. Everyone received a lot of compliments on the barns.

Superintendent Applications – Due by the November meeting, email or hand delivered is preferred.

Judge Recommendations – Hayden asked the Committee to send in their judge recommendations as soon as possible but have all recommendations due by the November meeting. There is a new form to fill out this year asking for more contact information as well as a reference section. Make sure to put the species they can judge on the form as well. The Committee discussed the caliber of judges they feel have been hired the past few years and would like to see better judges for all species as they feel the judges have not been able to properly judge multiple species. Hayden clarified that the Committee has stated that they also want judges that are not local (for bias). To do this, we must go out of state which ends up costing more. To have a judge cross species, it allows us to get those higher caliber judges for certain shows. Each judge is vetted to see if they can judge additional shows to our standards, if they are able to do so, that's when we hire them. It is a top concern for Show Management to make sure that the judges are going to uphold our standards as far as treating the kids with respect and making sure they work well within the County.

Competition Rules – Michelle will send out a clean copy of last year's CR to Superintendents to make changes for 2023. Please do the same as in the past and track changes on the word doc. Send to Michelle, Hayden, or Fair email no later than Monday, October 24.

Schedule & Logistics Recommendations – Send in any recommendations for show schedule changes to Hayden or Michelle.

Other – Committee Chair recommendation – Hayden would like to continue as Chair of the Committee moving forward. Ben will be stepping back as the Co-Chair for 2023, but Hayden would like to recommend Rob Tkach as a Co-Chair to the Board. Rob has stepped up tremendously over the last year and would be a great asset for the Committee.

Next Meeting: November 2, 2022

Comments: