



## **DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- SHOW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023 AT 5:30 PM**

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

### **MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Robin Vogel, Dawn Arnt, Sara Warren, Rochelle Weigel, Brittany Sandell, Jennifer Summervill, Tyler Summervill, Keith Mauck, Jeff Surry, Noah VanBibber, Mercedes Glenn, Scott Candelaria, Pat Salazar, Hayden Schmidt, Michelle Bartlett, Rob Tkach, Andrea Slattery, Lindsay Griffith, Ryan Potton.

#### **Meeting**

##### **Staff Update**

**Fairgrounds:** Michelle asked that all Superintendents and Assistants sign the Policy Agreement.

**CSU:** Mercedes reported that the deadline for 4-H enrollment is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Current registrations are at 450. MQA training is set for April 26 & 27 in Kirk Hall. Mercedes had a call with the CSU State Vet Lab regarding the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. They are recommending no co-mingling of birds at any 4-H event. The Colorado State Fair has already cancelled all poultry events at this time. The Extension Office will be ordering ear tags soon and Mercedes asked the Committee for feedback on previously ordered tags. The supplemental tags from last year have been thrown away as they were notorious for falling out. The Committee discussed the possibility of RFID tags for the future, knowing they would need to discuss this option with the Livestock Sale Committee as well.

**Open Superintendent Roles:** Hayden informed the Committee that the Dog Superintendent role is still vacant if the Committee has anyone in mind, please have them reach out to apply.

**Judge Update:** Hayden reminded the Committee that per the Competition Rules, judge named will not be released until Work Day. Securing judges is going well thus far and it does not look like he will have to come back to the Committee for further recommendations. The Committee asked Hayden to clarify the judge vetting process. When calling each judge, there are a list of questions asked to the judge to ensure there is not a conflict of interest

within the County, asking for references, as well as questions to ensure the shows will be judged fairly and well. One of the first questions asked is if they have sold animals to any families within Douglas County or if they are a breeder with ties to Douglas County.

**Competition Rules Update:** Hayden updated the Committee that the recommended Competition Rule changes have been approved by Fair Board including the restructuring of the Horse Department as well as a change to the Market Duck section. The other large rule change was animal release time is being changed to 3:30pm instead of 4pm. Hayden and Rob are appreciative of the Committee for their hard work on the Competition Rules. Their fine tuning each year allows for fewer and fewer large changes over the years. The Committee asked if a summary of changes is published with the 2023 Competition Rule book. Hayden clarified that the changes are not highlighted or put in a summary, as not many would read the entire book and only those sections that had been changed. The suggestion was made to publish a list of departments that had changes instead of a summary.

**Other:** On behalf of the 4-H Shooting Sports Advisor Committee, Tyler recommended that the Western Heritage portion of County Shoot be moved up a week to July 8 instead of July 15. The Committee believes that this will help drive participation as well as make it easier on the participants. Most kids who do Western Heritage also do other disciplines, this change would allow them to put more time and effort into all their disciplines instead of having to do them all in one day. The Committee saw no issues with this recommendation.

Noah reminded the Committee that Beef Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, March 4.

**Next Meeting:** Individual Superintendent Meetings in the month of March

**Comments:**