



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- SHOW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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

JAMES R. SULLIVAN EVENTS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOMS

MINUTES

Meeting

Attendance: Hayden Schmidt, Scott Candelaria, Andrea Slattery, Lindsey Griffith, Mercedes Glenn, Jenn Summervill, Tyler Summervill, Sara Warren, Angie White, Danny Talbert, Noah VanBibber, Robin Vogel, Brittany Sandell, Seth McQuate, Brian Cagianut, Ryan Potton, Lisa Turner, Michelle Bartlett.

Staff Update

Fairgrounds: Michelle Reported that Monty Anderson's Celebration of Life would be on April 12, 2023, at 3:00 pm in the Indoor Arena.

CSU: Mercedes reported that swine tags are now available in the office.

There will be a Beef, Sheep, and Goat clinic on April 16; please RSVP if you plan to attend. Mercedes has brought in several presenters from other counties to talk about animal nutrition.

Mercedes recently attended an HPAI meeting where the State said they are "hesitantly optimistic" about poultry shows for 2023 and are not recommending pre-testing before shows. Yuma and Arapahoe Counties have had cases this year where they had to terminate flocks. Heather Reider will contact Michelle in the next few weeks to schedule students to do vet checks and swabs before our shows.

Mercedes reported that 545 kids are registered for 4-H this year, with 75 of them being Cloverbuds. 54 Market Beef were tagged in, 29 in breeding beef, and interest for dairy cattle for 2024. The Poultry Department is up ten kids (89 kids total).

There is a need for more leaders for clubs, specifically with shooting sports and swine.

Superintendents

Dog Superintendent: Hayden welcomed Angie White as the new Dog Show Superintendent and Jeff Surry as the new Assistant Swine Superintendent. Thank you to everyone for being a good group of people who are always willing to help.

Policy Agreement: If you still need to sign the Superintendent Policy agreement, please sign and return it to Michelle as soon as possible.

Judge Update: Hayden reported that everything is going well with the judge contracting process. He will contact each Superintendent individually if any other names or recommendations are needed.

Master Showmanship & Round Robin

Qualifier Class: Hayden reminded everyone that for Master Showmanship, kids must enter the qualifier class at the time of entry in Fair Entry. Please remind kids that they must enter now and closer to Fair Entry.

Superintendent Assistance: Hayden reminded everyone that all Superintendents must help with their respective species at the competition. Kids are only used to showing in some species, so any information and hands-on help you can offer beforehand and at the time of the show is appreciated. As a reminder, the qualifying kid needs to provide the animal for the show. Please help Robin and Show Management to secure these animals for the class as early as possible. Robin asked that the Superintendents remind the kids to attend the meetings and meet with other kids in those species to practice. Brittany Sandell offered to be an Assistant Superintendent for Round Robin and Master Showmanship.

Michelle reminded everyone that buckle awards are now being given to the Champion of Master Showmanship and Round Robin.

Poultry – Hayden reported that the outlook for poultry looks a little better than last year, but Show Management is being similarly cautious in their planning. Last year, we were one of the few counties that had a show, and we plan to have a similar schedule and shows as last year. Superintendents are looking at ways to increase capacity, but more to come. We want to have a decision and information out to the kids by next month.

Mercedes offered to work with the State Vets to create a pre-screening questionnaire for the families to fill out ahead of time and will follow up to see what the state specialist says about birds at State Fair.

Tyler reminded everyone that market chickens have already been ordered, and turkeys are being ordered now.

Fair Entry – Fair Entry this year will take place June 1-16, 2023. The process will be the same as in the past, with no late entries allowed after June 16, with no exceptions. Michelle and Sylvia will send reports to leaders and Superintendents like in past years.

Barn Layouts – Michelle passed out blank barn layouts to all Superintendents and asked everyone to please draw how they usually lay out their barn or how they would like your barn to look for 2023. Show Management has been looking at panel and pen numbers, and this exercise will help see what is needed for each barn.

Other: Seth McQuate asked who gets to know judges' names and when. Hayden clarified via the Competition Rules that the judge's names are released one week before Fair set-up day. That will be July 21 this year.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2023

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