



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- SHOW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 AT 6:00 PM

EVENTS CENTER

AGENDA

Meeting

Attendance: Ben Alderton, Julia Davis, Brian Cagianut, Ryan Potton, Keith Mauck, Luanne Lee, Michelle Bartlett, Pam Spradlin, Rob Tkach, Tyler Summervill, Sarah Fischer, Dawn Arnt, Scott Candelaria, Robin Vogel, Gabe Ryan, Laura Jordan, Danny Talbert, Noah VanBibber, Shari VanBibber, Rochelle Weigel, Sara Warren, Sue Weinroth, Kirsten Cowan, Christy VanBibber.

Fair Re-cap: Ben thanked the committee for all their hard work and asked for input on how the committee felt Fair went. He felt Fair went well.

The committee felt that overall, everything went well, and that people liked the jackpot style show but would like the schedule to go back to normal next year. There were changes that were made this year to accommodate COVID that can be implemented moving forward to make things go smoother.

The committee thought that the online portion of the Livestock Sale was a great addition and hopes that it is an option again moving forward. It was also nice to have Buyer Hold animals leave first. It really helped with the chaos of the barns on Sunday.

The suggestion was made that the Superintendents be given a list of the judges with contact information and arrival/departure schedule.

Kirsten had no CSU update, just thank you to everyone for their hard work!

Superintendent Applications

Ben explained the application process. The deadline for applications to be turned in to the Fair Office is October 15, 2020. If anyone is interested, please have them contact Michelle for an application.

2021 Action Items

Event Planning Worksheets: Michelle will be emailing each department their event planning worksheets from this year those out within the next week or two. Please look them over and change anything needed for 2021. The deadline for returning these is at the November 4, 2020 meeting.

2021 Competition Rules – The deadline for any changes to the 2021 CRR is October 15, 2020. Michelle will email out the 2020 CRR both pre and post COVID. All Superintendents are responsible for looking over their section of the rule book. Any Superintendent can suggest changes to the general rules section. Unless there is a change to State Fair rules, no rule changes will be accepted after October 15, 2020.

2021 Judge Recommendations – Judge recommendations will be due to the Fair Office by the November 4, 2020 meeting. Please put in-state judges on the list as well.

The committee asked what the 2021 Fair dates would be: July 31- Aug 8, 2021.

The committee asked if it would be possible for each Superintendent could get their own golf carts again next year. Michelle let them know that this year was a special circumstance with nothing else going on at the same time. We will take the recommendation and let them know if it is possible.

Noah asked if the beef barn could use the porta cools as well as the 6 fans that are normally in the barn. That worked well to keep all the animals cool. Michelle will investigate this.

The committee asked if the shows and sale will remain in the Indoor Arena or if they will return to the Pavilion. Ben informed the committee that more than likely, everything would return to the Pavilion.

The committee was asked how they felt about the jackpot shows. Noah expressed the jackpot style shows were nice but thinks all beef that made sale need to stay on grounds Thursday night. The committee agreed that it was nice for the exhibitors to be done with each show in one day and be able to go home, but on a normal year it would not allow kids to have the traditional Fair experience. They wouldn't be able to help each other and socialize like normal. It is also a lot of work for the Superintendents and exhibitors to do all in one day rather than spread it out over several days. A few families had a hard time finding a trailer to bring their animals on multiple days. Scott reminded the committee that this would affect the overall Fair schedule and that Fair Board would need to look at it as well. Julia suggested that the Fair Board look at how State Fair did it this year, maybe we could use a few of their ideas. The question was also asked of how this would affect the public's ability to see the animals.

Robin expressed that the jackpot style shows would make it very hard to have Master Showmanship and Round Robin. The committee discussed if Master Showmanship and Round Robin are needed at Fair. These classes give kids the opportunity to show other

animals than what their 4-H project is, and the 4-H Foundation just gave scholarship money so the committee agreed they would like to keep that momentum going.

The committee asked if it would be possible to send out a survey to the 4-H families for their input on how Fair went this year.

The committee was asked if they preferred the Indoor Arena or the Pavilion for the shows and the Sale. The consensus was that the Pavilion was better for the shows because it is closer to the barns and feels much more put together with everything in one area. It would be very hard for the public to walk through the barns and the Indoor Arena. They liked having the sale in the Indoor Arena but felt that the energy was not there like in the Pavilion. Some felt that the online portion of the sale lagged a little bit and that a few bids got lost.

Robin asked the committee if all departments felt they had enough space this year and moving forward. The only department that had issues this year was poultry due to social distancing.

Luanne asked if the committee had any ideas on capital improvements to the Fairgrounds and the barns. Scott commented that he thinks that the Fairgrounds needs a new Pavilion, a lot of the committee agreed. Dawn commented that she would like to see some improvements in Kirk Hall for displays. Pam confirmed that Fair Board and the County are looking at how Kirk Hall and General Projects displays can be improved.

The committee asked if moving forward they should assume everything would be back to normal for 2021, including locations, schedule, etc. Ben confirmed that at this time, the committee should be planning as if 2021 will be back to normal.

Ben asked the committee to send any other recommendations or comments to Michelle via email.

Ben and Pam both thanked the committee for all their hard work and making things work with such a short turnaround time. Hopefully next year will be back to normal.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Comments: