



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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 AT 6:00 PM**

**EVENTS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOMS**

### **MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Brenda McKinney, Scott Candelaria, Sara Warren, Robin Vogel, Kim Surry, Sarah Fischer, Brenda Tanin, Julia Davis, Shawn McWhorter, Anneliese Phippen, Jennie Phippen, Keith Mauck, Ryan Potton, Brittany Duckworth, Megan Tripp, Kirsten Cowan, Noah VanBibber, Shari VanBibber, Rochelle Weigel, Brittany Sandell, Joanna Mauck, Leigh-Ann Coggins, Michelle Bartlett, Hayden Schmidt, Ben Alderton.

**Meeting:** Ben & Hayden: Thank you for a great Fair, we had a record-breaking year all around. Fair Board asked for positives and constructive criticisms at the last meeting. The biggest thing for Show Management this year was that everything was very smooth, especially communication. We really appreciate everything you did.

**Fair Wrap-Up:** A member of the public attending the meeting asked what the process was for finding judges. Ben & Hayden clarified that they started contacting judges back in November with an in-depth process of vetting and selecting judges from the list of recommendations that they receive from Superintendents. This was the first year Ben & Hayden vetted the judges. The public also asked that judges names be released sooner. Hayden clarified that will be an action item for the rules committee and will go through Fair Board. The question also arose if the schedule could be switched around to do the same species all in one day. Hayden let them know that they would look at the schedule and see what is possible. Hayden & Ben will share the vetting process with the committee for feedback.

Everyone also agreed that it was helpful to have County Staff to help with every event so they did not have to bother the Fairgrounds Staff as much.

#### **Staff Report**

**Fair Office:** No report.

**CSU:** Record books are being graded tomorrow.

**Superintendent Boxes & Books:** Michelle asked that all Superintendent books and boxes be returned to the Fairgrounds Office by September 30 with a list of needs for 2022.

**Superintendent Applications:** Due by October 6. There are vacancies for the Horse and Sheep departments. Had conversations among Fair Board about also vetting the Superintendents moving forward. Returning Superintendents will not need to interview, but new superintendents will need to go through an interview process.

**Rule Changes:** Due by October 6. The goal is to try and get the rules out by the first of the year. Michelle will send the rules out to everyone. The committee asked if the Rules Committee would reach out to each individual department for questions and if there would be a chance for the public to comment on rule changes. Ben & Hayden clarified that the Rules Committee would reach out to each individual department with questions and that if there is anything specific for the departments, individuals should bring those changes to the Superintendents. Concerns could also be heard at the next Show Management Committee meeting.

**Judge Recommendations:** Recommendations are due back by November 3. For Master Showmanship & Round Robin ask Collegiate Judging Teams if they would be interested.

**Next Meeting:**

November 3, 2021

**Comments:**

Dawn Arnt could use some assistance currently.

Paul Clayton is in the end stages of his life with cancer if anyone wants to help.