

**Fremont County Fair Board  
Minutes  
October 12, 2023**

The Fremont County Fair Board met October 12, 2023 at the Fremont Center Classroom, in Riverton, Wyoming. Board members present were Scott Walters, Maralyne Middour, Brandon Haun, Nikki Horton and Mistalyn Steffen and Kassie Holdren on the phone. Rob Dolcater was absent. Fair Staff present were, Pat Hart Fair Manager and Laura Harrington, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Scott Walters  
Scott Walters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. PATRONS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Nikki Horton moved to approve the agenda; Brandon Haun seconded; motion passed.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Kassie Holdren moved to approve the August and September minutes as presented, Maralyne Middour seconded; motion passed.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from Haven Laird in packet

**IV. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- V.** Nikki Horton moved to approve the Financial Report for August, seconded by Maralyne Middour; motion passed unanimously. Brandon Haun moved to approve the Financial Report for September, Kassie Holdren seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

- **Commissioner Liaison** – Commissioner Allen was not present.
- **County Extension** –No representative was present
- **Royalty Committee** – Pam Rivers reported that the Royalty Contest will be October 15, with all activities taking place at the Fair Grounds. Mistalyn Steffen stated that she will not be able to attend. Judges are from Jackson and Miss Wyoming will be the third judge. Bailey's will donate gas cards for the judges. Pam presented Piper Loomis to serve on the Royalty Committee. She said she could get a résumé for her to present to the board. Nikki Horton moved to accept Piper Loomis as a member of the Royalty Committee, seconded by Mistalyn Steffen; motion passed unanimously.
- **Youth Ambassadors**- No report

- **Junior Livestock Sale Board** -Next meeting 10/23 at 6PM. They will be looking at rules and revisions. It has been brought to their attention that a market beef that was not the right animal was dropped off for processing. They will be having a discussion in regards to this matter at their next meeting. The family involved has been invited to the meeting. They Sale Board is looking for new members.
- **Junior Show Advisory Committee** Fitting policy was discussed. Pat presented copies of the rules with rule changes, allowing exhibitors to enter four sheep, fitting to be assisted by one mentor, no unauthorized individuals in ring or approaching judges. Wendell Vonkrosigk said that professional dress for showmanship was discussed. Carmen brought up that it was also discussed that families could tag an extra animal for the family and immediately after weigh ins it would be determined if that animal would be shown.
- **Friends of the Fremont County Fair** – Shay Cruickshank reported that fair jackpot went well. They are looking at ways to make the jackpot more self-sustaining. The Ranger may take over the parade. Waiting on bids for sheep barn roof. She asked what the update was on the bathhouse stalls. Friends of Fair thought that the electrical in the Campground worked well this year. They will not do the Friday Night Cruise next year. She invited the fair board and staff to the next Friends of Fair meeting on October 16. Maralyne apologized for the board for FOF not being invited to the Vision Session adding that it was because board members had just meet with the FOF Board Members. Topics that Maralyn mentioned; Barn Bash will be March 9<sup>th</sup>. Asked if the fire damage in bathhouse was covered by insurance? Pat stated that there is a \$5000.00 deductible. Concerns about Beef Barn. There were concerns about the sound in the barns. Concerns about Family Day, possibly a Fair Appreciation Day on Wednesday with a free meal. Can night events start at 7PM? Possibly move Ranch Rodeo to Sunday night. Revamp Calcutta for Hog N Mud. Concerns about the linen rentals. Would like fair to set aside \$3000 for Kidzone. Would like things moved around in the fair schedule to avoid conflicts. FOF received a check for \$500 from Black Hills Energy on behalf of Scott Walters.
- **Fair Mangers Report**
- Pat attended the Wyoming Association of Fairs Convention. She said State Fair wants Counties to share in Ag education
- There is a new FFA Chapter at Wyoming Indian that will be led by Lincoln David.
- Laser Tag and Putt Putt have been booked to return for the 2024 Fair. Kyle Groves the magician will also return.
- Pat will be attending the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs convention 11/7-11 and IAFE 11/26-30
- An RFP for engineers for the barn repairs will be put out. Nikki stated we need to have a plan of what we want to do so they know what we are interested in.

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Capital Revolving- ARPA-LATC – Pat has seen the plans for the Fremont Center. Should be able to avoid adding suppression because it is an existing structure with less than 50% being upgraded.
- **Counting down....289 days until 2024 Fremont County Fair “Whatever Floats your Goat!”**

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Alcohol permit requests- Brandon Haun moved to approve alcohol permits for; Becky Walters and Weldon Blackburn seconded by Maralyne Middour; motion passed unanimously.

- Show Committee Rule Changes- Fitting, one adult mentor. Add they may be assisted by other youth and their advisor. Table rule changes until November. Damien Christensen said to be careful about adding 4-H leader and suggested further discussion on that matter.
- Maralyne Middour concerns- she would like to look into a way around a depreciation fund. Scott said that as self-generated there is a way to set that ups. Scott and Pat will look into it further. Maralyne brought up trouble with the phone system, Laura's phone cuts out a lot. Laura also said that the second line does not work most of the time. Pat said Wedge Fike is looking into a new system. Maralyne would like the phones to be made a priority. Maralyne's vision for the Beer Garden was put into the Board Books for review. Maralyne said the area needs to be more inviting for people to spend money. Moving night show times earlier can conflict with Livestock shows that run late. It was asked how the public would feel about expanding beer sales to the sale. Damien said there could be some concern from the city. There is concern about kids having access to alcohol. Having a buyer Beer Garden would be necessary if that was to happen.
- Nikki Horton would like to see the Board have quarterly work sessions to discuss issues prior to regular meetings so things can be talked through prior to regular meetings and the issues can be ready for vote. Public input is important.

## **VII. Executive Session**

Maralyne Middour requested Executive Session for potential litigation, seconded by Nikki Horton; motion passed. Executive session began at 7:23PM

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:03PM

Mistalyn Steffen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06PM, seconded by Brandon Haun; Motion passed.

## **Next Meeting**

The **November Fair Board Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m.**, in Riverton, in the Classroom, Fremont Center, at the fairgrounds.

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Scott Walters, Fair Board President

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Kassie Holdren, Fair Board Secretary