

## Weld County Fair Board Meeting

December 5, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Aaron Helus at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aaron Helus, Isaia Aricayos, Levi Loveland, Landon Cogburn, Bailey Naibauer, Courtney Smith and Tom Bledsoe

EX-OFFICIO/STAFF PRESENT: Larry Hooker, Kim Eastwood (via Zoom) and Hannah Swanbom (via Zoom)

SPECIAL GUESTS: Bridget Holcomb and Jenny Bennet

Agenda: add Budget after Ranch Rodeo under New Business

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda by Tom Bledsoe, second by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) Royalty Court – Laura Stevens, Attendant – attended CAFS last month, Nov 21 decorated tree at UCCC, participated in Light the Night parade downtown Greeley; this month there will be Ft Lupton, Eaton, and LaSalle parades.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Photographer – need decision to be made if Megan will be contracted again; MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to contract with Megan again, second by Levi Loveland; motion passed.
- 2) Ranch Rodeo – should we be WRCA Sanctioned – \$750 annual sanctioning fee; sanctioning may include more participants, cost of contract for rodeo should be around the same cost as the past year, would include marketing and broadcasting by WRCA; MOTION to sanction ranch rodeo by Tom Bledsoe, second by Isaia Aricayos; second removed by Isaia Aricayos and MOTION removed by Tom Bledsoe; tabled at this time due to additional questions regarding limitations of participants and potential contract costs changes. Additional questions were answered. Youth membership is \$20, adult \$50 annually; membership could happen up to 10 days prior to rodeo, 10-14 teams, winner will go to WRCA finals; confirmed cost of contracting will remain around the same. MOTION to take previous MOTION back for vote by Courtney Smith, second by Landon Cogburn; motion passed; MOTION by Landon Cogburn, second by Tom Bledsoe to sanction Ranch Rodeo; motion passed.
- 3) Budget – last year's documentation still needed from committees
- 4) Committee Reports (Board representation assignments drawn from hat annually)
  - a. Appreciation Lunches/Fair BBQ – **Levi Loveland** – Bridget and Cody – nothing to report at this time
  - b. SNOW – **Levi Loveland** – Bridget and Cody – Tractor Pull interest; contact info will be given to Bridget; draft of sponsorship packet being reviewed at this time; will obtain tent estimates ASAP

- c. Junior Livestock/Animal Health – **Bailey Naibauer** – Andy Raff – waiting to hear back from first judges
- d. Security, Parking, and Risk Management – **Bailey Naibauer** – Bridget Holcomb – nothing to report at this time, looking to schedule a meeting after the first of the year
- e. Royalty – **Tom Bledsoe** – Bridget Holcomb – IG and FB pages up and running, stitching completed for jackets
- f. Education – **Tom Bledsoe** – Chair Shannon Bailey – Jenny Bennet from CSU, Cam's Ag Academy, agriculture literacy academy, non-formal ag education opportunities, Junior Ag Ambassador badges available after completing scavenger hunt and learning about Ag; operating cost around \$500/day, there may be grants and other offsetting monies available; MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to table decision on education program at this time, second by Landon Cogburn; motion passed.
- g. Premier Exhibitor – **Landon Cogburn** – Jennifer Seltzer/Bridget Holcomb/Cody LeBlanc – nothing to report at this time
- h. Jr Livestock Sale – **Landon Cogburn** – Board – drug testing committee help requested, no meeting until February but Landon has asked for membership applications; vendors and sale committee will work through logistics; Ashley Arpin membership application received; MOTION by Tom Bledso to accept Ashley's membership to committee, second by Levi Loveland; motion passed.
- i. Drug Testing – **Courtney Smith** – Vacant Chair – reached out to Fred and Andy requesting representation and membership to committee
- j. Carcass Contest – **Isaia Aricayos** – Larry Hooker/Christie Campbell – nothing to report at this time
- k. All Around Showmanship – **Aaron Helus** – Debbie Carpio – nothing to report at this time

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 1) Next Meeting January 9, 2023
- 2) Roof closing Extension Office starting Dec 12
- 3) Begin thinking about Fair Dedication and Friend of the Fair ideas

Meeting adjourned by Aaron Helus at 7:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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Isaia K Aricayos  
Weld County Fair Board Secretary