

## Weld County Fair Board Meeting

November 7, 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, Hannah Swanbom (via Zoom), Kim Eastwood (via Zoom)

SPECIAL GUESTS: Bridget Holcomb, Commissioner Buck (via Zoom), Andy Raff, Caitie Holcomb, Dr. Christie Campbell, Cody LeBlanc

Agenda: add Budget after New Pavilion under New Business

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

### SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) Commissioner Buck – she expresses her gratitude and service to our community
- 2) Royalty Court – Caitie Holcomb Royalty Attendant – new hats received, attended a few events in October, additional activities planned for November

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) None

### NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Farm Show – we will have a booth and would like volunteers to help with the booth if available, there will be Fair items available to give out, the Farm Show is scheduled for January
- 2) New Pavilion – ongoing discussion on building an outdoor pavilion with Justin and Stampede and Commissioners, received quote for 100'x60' structure; event center is also limited on space; very early stages in this discussion; discussion also includes the need for better facilities
- 3) Budget – review previous year's budget and categorized and assigned line items to 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 – a meeting will be planned soon
  - c. Junior Livestock/Animal Health – **Bailey Naibauer** – Andy Raff – MOTION by Tom Bledsoe, second by Courtney Smith to ratify membership renewal for Christie and Jody 3 year terms; motion passed; MOTION to accept new members Jason – 1 year; Fred – 2 year; Tom – 3 year as presented by the committee by Tom Bledsoe, second by Levi Loveland; motion passed; MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to ratify officers selected by committee, second by Courtney Smith; motion passed. MOTION by Tom Bledsoe

to ratify superintendents and assistants as presented by the committee, second by Landon Cogburn; motion passed. MOTION to have second judge for showmanship by Tom Bledsoe, second by Landon Cogburn; motion passed. MOTION to approve beef showmanship judges as presented by committee by Tom Bledsoe; second by Landon Cogburn; motion passed; MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to approve all remaining judges as proposed by the committee, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed. MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to accept Judge Hiring Process as presented by the committee, second by Bailey Naibauer; motion passed. Hiring process includes 10 days of trying to contact judges, if no contact received, then the committee will move on to the next judge candidate.

- d. Education – **Tom Bledsoe** – Chair Shannon Bailey – nothing to report at this time
- e. Premier Exhibitor – **Landon Cogburn** – Jennifer Seltzer/Bridget Holcomb/Cody LeBlanc – nothing to report at this time
- f. Jr Livestock Sale – **Landon Cogburn** – Board – there was a conflict with vendors this year regarding set up, discussions will continue regarding this issue and plans for next year, the discussion will include the SNOW committee who manages vendors; 38 youth ambassadors help and volunteer on sale day last year – the total amount was a lot and proved difficult to manage, discussion continues on total amount of youth and profile of program in the future
- g. Drug Testing – **Courtney Smith** – Vacant Chair – will be looking for members and determine how to operate the program. MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to have representation on the committee to include large animal, small animal, sale committee and three other members from the community, second by Courtney Smith; motion passed. MOTION to open membership applications until Dec 31 by Tom Bledsoe, second by Landon Cogburn; motion passed.
- h. Carcass Contest – **Isaia Aricayos** – Larry Hooker/Christie Campbell – Mark Walker committee membership application received; MOTION to accept application by Tom Bledsoe, second by Isaia Aricayos; motion passed. Participation is optional, but unclear in handbook; MOTION by Tom Bledsoe Carcass Contest participation is optional for pigs, sheep, goats, and beef, second by Courtney Smith; motion passed. There is a sponsor willing to help pay all fees associated with contest and continual sponsorship is available for future. Sponsorship also includes any additional animals by exhibitor that is entered in contest.
- i. All Around Showmanship – **Aaron Helus** – Debbie Carpio – nothing to report at this time
- j. Security, Parking, and Risk Management – **Bailey Naibauer** – Bridget Holcomb – MOTION by Tom Bledsoe to accept membership of Cody LeBlanc to committee, second by Levi Loveland; motion passed.
- k. Royalty – **Tom Bledsoe** – Bridget Holcomb – as reported by Caitie Holcomb; rescheduling last meeting, CAFS was a great conference for all those in attendance;

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 1) Next Meeting December 5, 6 pm, location pending due to building repairs, will likely be a Zoom meeting

2) Jenette will be out of the office at the IAFE conference Nov 26 to Dec 1

Meeting adjourned by Aaron Helus at 7:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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Isaia K Aricayos  
Weld County Fair Board Secretary