

Weld County Fair Board Meeting

April 4, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Elijah Hatch at 6:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Bledsoe, Isaia Aricayos, Aaron Helus, Christie Gabel (via Zoom), Ken Vaughn, Elijah Hatch and Lauren Devers

EX-OFFICIO/STAFF PRESENT: Jenette Masarie, Hannah Swanbom, Shannon Baylie (via Zoom), and Kim Eastwood

SPECIAL GUESTS: Bridget Holcomb

Agenda: No changes

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda by Lauren Devers, second by Tom Bledsoe; motion passed.

SPECIAL GUESTS/REQUESTS:

- 1) Commissioner Buck – concerned with Avian flu – Jenette will have an update later in the meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Drug Testing – Christie Gabel – reached out to CSU and other organizations (State Fair and Nat'l Western) – recommend using Industrial Labs/Petra – 1 week turnaround time on results – cost varies and they are willing to work with us on cost – Christie Campbell – weighed in on the discussion – MOTION: drug test 8 animals this year, Champions and Reserve Champions by Christie Gabel, second by Lauren Devers; motion passed. MOTION to call the previous motion back to the table by Tom Bledsoe, second by Christie Gabel; motion passed. Previous motion and second to the motion have been rescinded. MOTION by Christie Gabel to implement a drug testing program this year, second by Lauren Devers; Motion and second to the motion rescinded. **MOTION** by Tom Bledsoe to create a subcommittee to develop a drug testing policy and procedure for Fair, second by Aaron Helus; motion passed. Volunteers for the committee are requested. Subcommittee will be chaired by Christie Gabel.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) 2022 Tentative Fair Schedule – few edits found and suggested
- 2) Avian Influenza Update – Poultry Shows are cancelled for the next 90 days by CDA – no decision will be made for Fair this year, we will wait to see how things develop and if any additional guidelines will be given by the CDA for Fair – CDA has a conference call on Wednesday, 4/6/22, Jenette will attend.
- 3) Committee Reports (Board representation assignments drawn from hat annually)
 - a. Appreciation Lunches/Fair BBQ – **Aaron Helus** – Bridget and Cody – Valley packing checking to see if they can donate meat; also have open sponsor days for appreciation lunches; Georgia Boys have expressed interest in helping
 - b. Premier Exhibitor – **Isaia Aricayos** – Gus Sidwell/Bridget Holcomb – nothing to report

- c. Carcass Contest – **Isaia Aricayos** – Larry Hooker/Christie Campbell – beef – hanging carcass is how animals have been judged in the past, however, accuracy is questionable; national events use ultra sound for all carcass contests – Craig and Becky (family in Weld County) has the ultrasound equipment – cost may be \$8/head non-beef, \$15/head beef; CSU has agreed to help take the data and judge the contest; additional information on cost projections pending.
- d. All Around Showmanship – **Christie Gabel** – Debbie Carpio – nothing to report at this time, a meeting is scheduled this week
- e. SNOW – **Christie Gabel** – Bridget and Cody – sponsorships continue to come in; tent quotes are pending; may not use Tribune for printing; will examine issues surrounding printing and possible solutions
- f. Education – **Eli Hatch** – Jennifer Seltzer – Conservation District brought a trailer last year; Dairy Specialist – was at another show with displays and interactions; will check if they are interested
- g. Jr Livestock Sale – **Eli Hatch** – Board – nothing new to report
- h. Security – **Ken Vaughn** – Brea, Alex, Jeremy, Bridget – still need to do sign inventory; Orozco cost will increase about \$1/hour; still working on radios; camper reservations form has worked great, 101 reserved; 95 paid; 8 more spots available
- i. Royalty – **Tom Bledsoe** – Bridget Holcomb – things are going well; helped with speech contest; attended St. Patrick's parade; participated at Meat-In events
- j. Junior Livestock Animal Health – **Lauren Devers** – Bridget Holcomb – judge contracts are still being finalized; beef, dairy, sheep, goat contracts have been returned; horse, pig, poultry, rabbit pending

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 1) New data clerk Kaitlyn Mendoza has been hired in the office, she will start in May
- 2) Next Fair Board meeting will be Monday, May 2 @ 6 PM

Meeting adjourned by Elijah Hatch at 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Isaia K Aricayos
Weld County Fair Board Secretary