

## TRI- COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBUARY 9, 2023 7PM

FIAR BOARD OFFICE

Attendance: Carolyn Pasha, Scott Barger, Sam Hobley, Stacey Meneses, Maggie Anderson, Katie Burden, Courtney Berg, Amanda Morley, Mike Applegate, Kacie Perkins, Kelley Knight

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Applegate at 7:10 pm

Address Guests: David Wells, Ami Everson, April Axtell, Vanessa Johnson, Missy Merrill Davies, Luke Davies, Maggie Beck, Kayla Lowery, Lance Fisk

Mike opened the meeting by addressing guest and hearing from them for public comment- Missy Merrill Davies was the first to speak on the issue of 4-H Extension Mandating helmets with-in the 4-H Horse Programs- They were here to bring their concerns to the board. There was discussion had by all guests and board members, the board will further check into the matter seeking as to whether the Fair Board has any say in this rule being set since there is controversy if they do or do not. This issue will be table in future meetings.

Amanda Morley read January Minutes. Courtney Berg motioned to approve minutes as read, Scott Barger seconded. Motion passed.

There was no correspondence

Claims: Amanda Morley needs reimbursed for purchasing supplies to get sponsorship letters out- \$50.31 Stacey Meneses motioned to pay Amanda, Maggie Anderson seconded. Motion passed

Kelley Knight gave the financials – None currently

### OLD BUSINESS:

Amanda Morley reported on the meeting that was held on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm - 7 individuals got together and went through the fair portion of the Fair Book – making correction with-in the Open Book Classes. Adding a few new classes, and taking a few old classes out. It was also discussed that there would be (5) pages eliminated from the book – These pages are to include: General 4-H/FFA Guidelines, General Animal Rules, Market Animal & Replacement Heifer Rules as well as Animal Exhibit Code of Ethics. There was discussion had in regards to this- Market Committee said they would be able to pay the cost for printing if needed, as of right now Amanda Morley spoke with all Extension Agents in regards to this as these rules do not pertain to the Fair – They pertain to the 4-H members – so with this the extension offices are working on how to better serve these members as well as parents when it comes to these rules. As of right now they will be in a separate document along with a signature page from both members and parents acknowledging that they have read the rules. Further discussion will be had. Kelley Knight will be in contact with Linda Spaulding in regards to price for these pages.

Meet and greet for the boards will be tabled.

Courtney Berg and Amanda Morley are arranging a Fair Fundraiser- the date is set for June 3,2023 (Pitch Fork Fondue) Further details will come later

Bingo, Escape Room, status of 501-C3 are all still being addressed and will be tabled for next meeting

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Kacie Perkins was able to chat with Gwynne in regards to the Quilt Barn and she is willing to help with this project- she just needs more information with details and the space provided.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Officers were elected. Sam Hobley motioned to keep Mike Applegate as Chairman; Courtney Berg seconded. Motion passed. Amanda Morley motioned to keep Scott Barger as Vice Chairman; Carolyn Pasha seconded. Motion passed

The board discussed age Rules for the Beef/Dairy members – it is to read: Exhibitors must be 4-H age 10 or 2<sup>nd</sup> year member to enter into these Divisions.

Katie Burden asked about delegating responsibilities in the Blue-Ribbon Pavilion during fair. Eaf Parke will continue to get the barn superintendents, Katie said that Darah Nelson has offered to help with stall arrangements. Vanessa Johnson from extension mentioned that she would be able to help with stall arrangements as well as Check-In Wednesday of Fair. Scott Barger is going to communicate with the Extension Offices as to how this should be handled and who is willing to help in these departments.

Katie Burden also had some concerns with the condition of the Chicken/Rabbit Cages- they are in poor shape, an individual mentioned to her that perhaps the cages get sent to the prison for repair. Katie will write a letter to MSP in regards to this.

The Drill Team has been booked

Amanda made a motioned to approve our Fair Theme for 2024 “Blue Jeans & Country Dreams” Courtney Berg seconded it. Motion passed. It was also discussed that next year we put something on social media to get some more Themes added to our list for future years.

Camp Trailers- Amanda was wondering if we ever had issues of non-payment, there has never been issues so there is no need to address this matter.

Commissioner Ruth Koehler was in attendance and didn't have anything to report for the Fair Board.

Courtney motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 Amanda seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Kelley Knight

Next Meeting March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Location: Fair Board Office