

TRI COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2023

Scott Barger called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Attendance

Kelley Knight, Amanda Morley, Courtney Berg, Maggie Anderson, Sadie Shindurling, April Axtell, Carolyn Pasha, Leslie Given, Kayleen Kidwell, Ben Hauptman, Reed Roselip, Bo Walker, Vanesa Johnson, Randi Price, Stacey Meneses, Dave Miller, Dale Perkins, Katie Burden, Eaf Parke, Darah Nelson, Will Graveley, Jennifer Rhoden, Ruth Koehler, Scott Barger

Board Members present- Amanda Morley, Courtney Berg, Maggie Anderson, Carolyn Pasha, Stacey Meneses, Dave Miller, Katie Burden, Eaf Parke, Scott Barger, Commissioner Ruth Koehler.

Discussion was had on the MOU (Dated 2020) regarding state and county rules and how they fall into play between the Fairboard, Extension and market committee. It was discussed that if issues arise at fair, there should be a representative from each committee/board present (Fairboard, Extension, Market Committee, and Parents) After much discussion Dave Miller moved to make a motioned to circulate the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between all parties(Fairboard, Extension (all three counties) and Market Committee. Stacey Second – motion passed. These committees/boards will go through the MOU and make edits as to how they would like to see things, in hopes to all work together. After edits are compiled, all boards will meet and discuss changes.

While everyone was together discussion was had on the 2023 fair book, classes added, rules changed, etc. The helmet rule under the Department A – Horse Bulletin Point reading “ It is required that riders under the 4-H age of 18 wear an ASTM certified/SEI approved helmet whenever mounted – Courtney Berg made a motion to remove this rule from the fair book. Carolyn second- Motion passed to remove this rule.

It was also discussed that each specific county rule does not need to be printed in the fair book. There was also discussion how future edits should come about the fair book. A drop box was suggested be put in the BRP – more will be discussed at a later date.

We then entered into our regular board meeting. Kelley read minutes from the March meeting. Stacey motioned to approve minutes as read. Courtney second – minutes approved as read.

Correspondence

Mutual Aide Agreement for facility use in case of and emergency. Stating that in the event of an emergency – this agreement supersedes any previously scheduled activities on fair grounds or in the buildings. Letter supporting the City of Deer Lodge Transportation Alternatives Program – Regarding path along main street down past fairgrounds. There is a program that will help with funding for handwashing stations. Amanda motioned to check into this and see if funds were still available. Travis second – motion passed.

Claims

MT Printables - \$340.00 for formatting and editing fair book. Carolyn motioned to pay MT Printables, Travis second. Carolyn also asked the board if they would pay \$175.00 to the Junior Horse Show. Amanda motioned to pay \$175.00 Maggie second. Motion passed, all claims approved.

Financial Report

Account balance \$2296.21 there has also been \$11,700.00 deposited as of May 11,2023 for sponsorships.

Old Business

Fair fundraiser has been moved to next year. Stacey touched base about the meeting with Commissioners/Extension Agents in regards to relationship letter from Powell County. Nothing will be

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done at this time other than acknowledging that the letter was received, the board feels like the meeting tonight discussing the MOUS was a step in the right direction.

Fair book- Under Market Poultry- Division AB15 Katie would like to add Market Turkey and Market Goose. Dave Miller motioned to add Market Turkey and Market Goose as sub classes in the Market Poultry section. Motion passed. Eaf discussed the Breeding Goats and Sheep judging. Eaf motioned to swap the Breeding Goats and Sheep judging to Breeding Sheep and Goats judging. Courtney second. Motion passed. There were no more edits or corrections at this time. Dave motioned to approve the Tri-County Fair Book with the updated edits and additions along with the removal of the helmet rule in Department A of the Horse section. Maggie second- fair book approved for 2023. Courtney will touch base with Jan and Gerald in regards to Bingo. Amanda is working on the escape room details.

Maggie will be in charge of working on the 501-C3

Katie talked about the rabbit and chicken cage issue- still a work in progress, but working towards a better system for the chickens and rabbits.

New Business

Board appointments- Missy Merrill and Darah Nelson both submitted letters of interest. Katie motioned to accept Darah Nelson as our new member at large. Stacey second. Welcome Darah.

Stacey motioned to have Donnie Beck continue with his wonderful service of the water truck and charge him \$0.00 for his sponsorship signs in the BRP and rodeo grounds. Carolyn second- motion passed Old blue panels in the BRP belong to the Fairboard, the board will hold onto these for a few years before replacing.

Other

Scott discussed with the board about going to the market committee meetings and holding two votes as he represents both fair board and Nevada Creek 4-H. Will Graveley would like to see a designated fair board member so if there is an issue that arises with voting it can be handled correctly. This will continue to be worked on and lined out. Eaf motioned to have Scott represent the fair board at the market committee meetings. Katie second – motion passed.

Our Judge Travis Stanley will need to be followed up with and a hotel needs to be reserved for him.

Vet check had a little discussion as of right now there is nothing- things will stay as they have been in the past.

Monte will need a contract for boxing night.

Amanda planted the seed about the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs, November 8-10, 2023 in Coeur d'Alene Idaho – the board typically sends 2 people – this will be put on next month agenda.

Courtney motioned to adjourned the meeting- Travis second. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm

Next Meeting – June 15, 2023 @ 7pm