

Elbert County Fair Board

Minutes

5/19/2014

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Ben Duke at 7:06pm at the Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. Those in attendance included: Charlie Carnahan, JW Zion, Sarah Patterson, Dan Carpenter, Jill Duvall, Vicky Whitman, Kristi Strachan, Ric Miller, Pat Kelley, and Sheila Kelley.

Approval of Agenda:

JW Zion has Kyrie Zion's fairgrounds report. Agenda was approved by Kristi Strachan with a second by Pat Kelley.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the 4/21/2014 meeting were approved with no corrections by Pat Kelley and seconded by Vicky Whitman.

Guests:

Guests included Tammi Schneider and Rod Sigmon.

Old Business:

Publicity Coordination update; Poster and fair book art have been sent to Kirby Carpenter. Sarah Patterson will check on dates needed for bottom of posters and will send Vicky Whitman the write up on parade marshal Shirley Abbey. Jill Duvall is waiting on the queen and princess biographies to be put up on website by Leslie Smith. There has been a lot of activity on the Facebook pages with approximately 250 likes already.

The fair office will order the parade marshal plaque for both 2013 (Kiowa Lions Club) and 2014 (Shirley Abbey).

BBQ; at the time of the meeting there had not been an EDCLA meeting. However Phil Mueller and Ben Duke had gotten five bids for catering. Vicky Whitman would like prices for fair book.

New Fair board members update; the appointment of new fair board members will be made by the county commissioners in the near future.

Fair book update; Vicky Whitman gave each member a preliminary copy of the fair book. The yellow highlights are areas where there are still a few questions. Many of the things in question were able to be answered and the fair book will be ready to go to print.

Recognition opportunities at fairgrounds: The Fair board will work with the county commissioners on recognizing someone's family/member that has made a great impact within the county.

Extension/4-H Report

Sheila Kelley reported that only 4-5 kids have not completed the MQA testing. They will need to go to another county or do a one on one with Sheila. The last carcass will be on May 31st; CSU Meat Lab is doing the class. Trena is working with Dan Carpenter on open scale. The dates will be June 9th, June 25th,

and July 10th. Swine will not be allowed at the open scales this year. All swine IDs have been turned in and only a few had issues with the pictures and the IDs. Only one or two 4-Hers did not get their IDs in and they dropped the project. The carcass fee could not be collected at enrollment because of the new sign up system, Fees will need to be paid to the fair office by July 15th; the cost will be \$10.00 for Goat, Sheep and Swine and \$15.00 for beef. Superintendents will not collect fees it must be paid to the fair office. Sheep/Goat weigh-in and the Turkey banding will be on May 21st. Deb will be there to do the retinal scanning at a cost of \$4.00/head. Susan Sewald and Vicky will be running the scale and JW Zion and Sarah Patterson will be helping with the tagging and such. It has been suggested that the beef showmanship at the fair to be a Blow and Go with a secret judge in the stands. In hopes that more kids will participate in beef showmanship. This motion was approved by Pat Kelley and a second by Ric Miller. Sheila will correct the wording in the fair book and send out an email blast to beef members. Vicky will work with Sheila on the wording.

Fairgrounds Report- Kyrie Zion (Report given by JW Zion)

Friday and Saturday entertainment will include the Human Hamster Ball Blow-ups, an Obstacle Course and the Just Dance Wii game. Vendor packets have been sent out and several have already come back. Tents for the fair will be ordered. Recycled asphalt has been put down around the exhibit hall and more dirt has been brought in for the arena. Sheila and Kyrie have discussed the clean-up schedule. There will be two clubs assigned to trash duty for Friday and Saturday of fair. Ride nights will continue until there is a confirmed case of the EHV-1 in Elbert County. There will be no ramping in the beef barn do to year round use but dirt will be brought in to level out the low spots. Leads on mulch for tie-out area is in the works.

New Business

Open Class: Linda Almquist is not able to help this year. Debbie Maul needs four men to help set up on Friday July 25th to move display shelves into the Fellowship Hall. Comanche Creek 4-H will help with this on fair clean-up day. Debbie also needs 4 men to help set up displays on Monday July 28th and to help dismantle displays on Sunday August 3rd. We need to find someone to be a co-superintendent and start looking for new superintendents to take over the open class in the future.

Security: Sheila will send out an email to find security for the open class exhibits in the Fellowship Hall.

Lama Show: Will make sure the time is correct for check-in to fir for the show. Sheila, Vicky and Trevor will make sure all vets are contacted and will be at the fairgrounds for fair check-i. Trevor will also be in contact with the Sherriff's office about fair security.

Adjournment

8:31 pm Motion approved by JW Zion and seconded by Vicky Whitman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Patterson

Elbert County Fair Board Secretary