

Elbert County Fair Board

Minutes

12-16-13

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Exhibit Hall by President Ben Duke. Those in attendance were Duke, Jill Duvall, Russ Steen, Pat Kelley, Brad Henderson, Dave Rook, Charlie Carnahan, Sarah Patterson, Dan Carpenter, Vicky Whitman, JW Zion, Trevor Smith and Extension Agent Sheila Kelley.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were approved as read. Carnahan/Whitman.

Guests:

There were no guests present.

Old Business:

Smith confirmed that Shirley Abbey has agreed to be the 2014 Fair Marshall. Patterson and Duvall will write the article for the printed fairbook.

Treasurer Kristi Strachan was not present to discuss the 2014 budget but S. Kelley told the group that the full budget had been adopted so the fairboard budget was adopted as well.

Duvall and Patterson are working on fair publicity. They will meet with Nancy Ramsour after the first of the year to continue work. Duvall asked for photos and stories to put on Facebook page. Duvall asked whether or not Secretary Amy Fordyce was posting meeting minutes on the County website. Duke will follow-up and ask.

Extension Report:

Kelley said she is in progress on setting up the four carcass classes. She is waiting for return information on the retinal scan seminar (Lincoln County) and having Dr. Brett Kirch from CSU come speak.

Fair Grounds Report:

Kyrie Zion, fairgrounds manager, is out on maternity leave. One question was asked that will be relayed to Zion for discussion at the Feb., 2014 meeting. That had to do with the possibility of having WiFi during the fair at the fairgrounds.

New Business:

Duke, J. Zion and Strachan presented the annual report to the Board of County Commissioners on Dec. 10. Duke felt the meeting went well and the fairboard was well received. The BOCC asked that the terms for each member be identified and then asked that those needing to be re-appointed be turned in to them by Jan. 22. Duke circulated and discussed the terms for each member. He will send to the Commissioners.

There were four people who showed interest in filling the two open spots on the board. They were Keith Rollyson, Heidi Sellers, Rod Sigmon and Tammi Schneider. Duke will email out their letters of interest to the board in early February so they can be discussed and voted on during the Feb. 2014 meeting.

Duke stated that Rook had been contacted regarding replacing the "Loren Green" memorial sign on the new grandstands. Duke will send an email to K. Zion to address when she is back from her leave. It was tabled until the Feb. meeting.

The annual fair EDCLA barbeque was discussed at their latest meeting. Duke and Carnahan stated that EDCLA has formed a task force, headed by Scott Wills, to assess and recommend changes to the BBQ again. Wills will report at the EDCLA meeting in Feb. so Duke and Carnahan can follow up with a report to the fairboard in Feb. also.

Eric Moffitt, representative from the Tractor Pull, phoned Duke to see if they could meet so he could ask to be in the schedule for the upcoming fair. After much discussion, it was decided that Duke should decline their offer, stating that they did not fulfill the responsibilities they committed to last year, so they would not be able to participate this year. Duke will call Moffitt to let him know of the fairboard's decision.

S. Kelley inquired if the minutes were being posted to the Elbert County website. Duke will follow up with Secretary Amy Fordyce.

There will not be a January meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Exhibit Hall on Feb. 17.

Adjournment: P. Kelley/Carpenter

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila G. Kelley
Extension Director