

Fair Board Meeting April 15, 2013

Members Present: Trevor Smith, Vicki Whitman, Pat Kelly, Dan Carpenter, J.W. Zion, Sarah Patterson, Ben Duke, Kristi Strachan, Dave Rook

Elbert County: Ed Ehmann, Road & Bridge, Kyrei Zion, Fair Grounds, Sheila Kelly, Extension

Call to Order 710pm, Pledge recited

Agenda approved – 1st Trevor Smith, 2nd Pat Kelly

Minutes approved – 1st Dan Carpenter, 2nd JW Zion

Old Business

- 1) Bucking Horse Futurity – Trevor is working w/ Ed to assure fencing is set up and acceptable for admission. Thursday start time remains at 5:30 pm, Friday start time 7pm. County will be getting four new chutes.
- 2) Beer Garden application has been sent to the town and county for approval
- 3) Fiddle Contest – Marcia DeWard from Old Time Fiddle Contest will be overseeing contest this year, Rita Cayou may be helping some
- 4) Fair Marshals will be the Elbert County Lions Club, we will try to find out the number of participants for the float. Vicky will work with Del Schwab for write-up.

Extension Report

Sheila reports the last MQA class will be offered 4-23-2013 at Simla, 3 carcass classes will still be available. There is also a possibility that another will be added in June to discuss disease. She also reported that she booked Temple Grandin to speak in Elbert County 3-1-2014; she will work on a venue to accommodate the number of people who will attend. Discussion about Dairy project and classification. Decision was made to keep it as its own section. Discussion about swine showmanship time being made earlier, it was decided to remain at 6:30pm. The Rabbit Superintendents have resigned, Sheila will ask for a recommendation for replacements. She reports there is no one available to oversee the Farm Olympics. Working Ranch Horse and Roping have combined due to low numbers; Jodi Butler and Dale & Julie Atkinson will be overseeing these projects. There will not be a roping competition this year.

Fair Grounds Report

Kyrei reports that camp spaces for the Fair will be assigned based on mileage from the family's home. They are also working to check that all electric and water hookups are in good working order. They have updated Vendor contracts and are revamping how the setup for fair will be to accommodate

more vendors. The grounds are getting a new sound system so it will work better in the new grandstands. The fairgrounds is also conducting a rate analysis to be completed for next year, the goal is to make rent in line with neighboring counties. Also, a banner sales policy is being worked on.

New Business

- 1) Vicky will get w/ Fiddle Contest for Fair Book.
- 2) Swine Weigh In scheduled for 5-15-2013 Lamb, Goat & Turkey Weigh In will be 5-22-2013. Sheila will check w/ Mark Trostel for hog chutes. It was decided Scrapies tags must be in prior to weigh or lambs will not be weighed...1st Ben Duke 2nd Trevor Smith. Extension will send memo to all 4-H Lamb and Goat project participants.
- 3) Fair Board will contribute \$200 to Royalty from the advertising fund. 1st Dan Carpenter 2nd Trevor Smith.
- 4) Small Fry contest will be sponsored by Friends of Fair; they will work on getting new ribbons.
- 5) Pet Contest – we will work on getting a new sponsor after verifying w/ Jody Davis that she and the Cattle Women will no longer be doing it. Must be non-4-H person(s) or group.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.