

Elbert County Fair Board

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2013

Present:

Trevor Smith, Ray Hardy, Jill Duvall, J.W. Zion, Vicki Whitman, Ben Duke, Dave Rook, Pat Kelley, Robert Hall, Sarah Patterson, Ric Miller, Brad Henderson Sheila Kelley, Extension & Kyrei Zion, Fairgrounds

Next meeting:

September 16, 2013

I. Approval of current agenda done, 1st made by Ric Miller 2nd Vicki Whitman

II. Approval of July minutes, Spelling change last name Kelly to Kelley, 1st made by Vicki Whitman, 2nd by Pat Kelley

III. Extension Report-Sheila Kelley

1. Review of Judges from Elbert County Fair, 2013: Hog judge dressed too casual. Can we look into sharing judges with neighboring counties to get higher quality judges and share the expense? Ben suggested a committee will be formed to help Sheila select judges. Ray Hardy, Ric Miller, Pat Kelley, and Trevor Smith all volunteered for that committee.
2. Another subcommittee will be formed to proofread the animal portion of the Fair Book, possibly include animal superintendents for that.
3. We need to be educating kids on writing thank you notes to truly show appreciation, maybe lean on individual clubs for that education.

IV. Fair Grounds Report-Kyrei Zion

1. Tractor Pull leaders became a problem for county employees, the event became quite an expense for county. It was suggested that all events have a point of contact from the Fair Board to alleviate the demand of county employees.
2. Dog Agility never showed up for the scheduled time
3. Rodeo from the first weekend of Fair did not work; they failed to provide insurance and created their own schedule that did not match the Fair Book.
4. Discussion of EMT presence throughout the fair, not just during The Big Time Bucking Horse Futurity.
5. Kyrei also requested help from individual Fair Board members before and after events to alleviate the burden on county employees.
6. A huge expense for clean out of Beef Barn, much discussion about changing bedding materials for beef projects, maybe sand, bark. Making sure kids are not leaving area a mess and disposing of their own materials.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

1. Dates for 2014 Fair selected July 26, 2014 – August 3, 2014. It will be the 80th Fair, which is represented by “Oak”. We will relay this information to 4H Clubs for the selection of the fair theme.
2. We will designate individual members for “Point People” for events for the next fair per request from Fair Grounds manager.
3. Erysipelas discussion after pig diagnosis at fair. Clint Kinsell, DVM gave praise of how the board handled situation and information given to kids and parents. We will make “animal husbandry” a priority of education in the coming year. Maybe a carcass class?
4. Parade Route worked well, Trevor suggested we look into using online program for parade registration like the one used by Elizabeth Stampede.
5. Round up all banners and put in the Fair Office.
6. Open Class needs to be revamped, promotion and maybe location.
7. Tents at livestock pavilion were very helpful.
8. Maybe move location of the Barbecue closer to the Ag Building.
9. 1st Sunday of Fair needs to be evaluated for event scheduling, no attendance.
10. Ric will order the Parade Marshall Plaque.
11. Robert Hall resigned from the Board due to health reasons.

Meeting adjourned at 915pm 1st Trevor 2nd JW.