

Elbert County Fair Board

Minutes

3-17-14

Call to Order:

President Ben Duke called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Exhibit Hall. Those in attendance were Ric Miller, Russ Steen, Pat Kelley, Vicki Whitman, Kyrei Zion, Trevor and Melissa Smith, Trena Smith, Dan Carpenter, JW Zion, Kristi Strachan, Jill Duvall, Ben Duke, Dave Rook, Sheila Kelley.

Call to Order:

Guests were added: Mary L. Jacobson, Mark Trostel and Jeffrey and Jeffrey Aleman, Sr. and Jr. T. Smith/P. Kelley

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were accepted as read. P. Kelley/Steen

Guests:

Jacobson reported that the Royalty Girls were busy promoting fair. She said she had had some interest in purchasing permanent crowns that the royalty would give back each year to be used by the incoming royalty. Currently the girls keep their tiara, rosette and belt buckle. Jacobsen is checking on prices for permanent crowns as she's having a hard time finding distributors for their current orders. The girls are OK with decision. New ones would be passed down from year to year. New ones cost \$250-400. Current crowns are \$30. All were in favor of purchasing the permanent crowns.

Old Business:

The EDCLA barbeque information will be tabled until the next meeting.

The Tractor Pull Association sent the fairboard a plaque.

New fairboard members – tabled to the April meeting.

It was decided to stay with the band *Honky Tonk Voodoo*.

Jill Duvall would like additional photos for the Fair Facebook page.

Extension Report:

Kelley stated that about half the members required to take the Meat Quality Assurance class/test had done so in Kiowa in March. The final Elbert County MQA will be in Simla on April 15.

Fairgrounds Report:

K. Zion reported that she was investing a couple of avenues to supply Wi-Fi; however, most tended to be very expensive. She will report further next month.

After discussion with County Public Works Manager Ed Ehmann, he was in favor of using mulch at beef tie outs; top dress only. The 4-H members would be responsible for removing top dress from tie outs and put in bins. All competitors must clean out all of bedding material in barn. Sand will be ramped in barns. No shavings or straw. T. Smith and K. Zion working together on getting mulch donated. Mats are allowed.

New Business:

The Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDV) is a serious nationwide virus particularly affecting young piglets. After attending a meeting at CSU and collecting detailed information, the Extension Office will communicate very clear information to families. Those attending the meeting included Trostel, T. Smith and Whitman. Steps will be taken this year to help limit the possible transfer of this virus. Re-evaluate after this year.

Some recommendations from the meeting included:

Making the fair a Terminal show – decided not to make terminal

Breeding show – suspend for 2014 T. Smith/Whitman

Weigh-in – no weigh-in/tag on May 14. A subcommittee of Whitman, J. Zion, J. Aleman, Sr., T. Smith and Carpenter will meet at 7 p.m. on March 24 to set criteria for each hog exhibitor to follow for county or state exhibit.

Supreme – doesn't need to add in the rate-of-gain to be in supreme contest

State fair exhibitors – coming to extension office to get what needs done after recommendations are made with a May 20 deadline. Whitman/T. Smith

Open Scale: eliminate for swine; J. Zion/Steen.

Open scale dates will be set for sheep, goats and beef and be about one hour in duration on weeknights from 6-7 p.m. An RSVP will be required.

Small fry contest – table until next month.

The meeting was adjourned. Miller/P. Kelley. Next meeting is April 21, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by,

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