

## Ouray County Fair Board Minutes ~ April 18, 2022

Call to order ~ 6:04pm

Attendees ~ Lee, Dale, H, Tate, Oakley, Jaime and Erin

March Minutes ~ Discussed, motioned to approve by Dale second by H and passed.

Financial Report ~ Accounts reviewed, motioned to accept report by Tate second by H and passed.

Total in Ledger \$26,523.85 ~ \$3000 from the County was deposited and \$432 was paid to the Plain Dealer newspaper for Annual Meeting ad. Requests for payments: 2020 “missing” buckles will be ordered with the 2022 buckles and then shipped to the Goode family. Discussed, motioned to approve by H second by Tate and passed.

Business ~ Chairman Report (Lee): Weigh In schedule was discussed and a complete “tentative” fair schedule was created to include a NEW Buyer’s Luncheon on Saturday prior to the sale. Erin will create the schedule and share with the Board for final approval at the May meeting. The Safety Fair planning is moving forward between Lee and the Ouray County Sheriff’s Office. Plans include multiple demonstrations and info sharing from EMS, Fire, Mtn Resuce, CSP and possibly others. The Safety Fair will take place from Thur – Sun, schedule to be forthcoming. Concerns were discussed about social media postings through the County PIO. Erin assured the Board that all postings and responses will be monitored through the fairgrounds office and answered in a timely manner. Erin will begin posting to social media on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Those postings will be shared with the Board prior to posting.

Board Member Reports (Tate): Tate will continue to “line up” suppliers for wood chips for the show ring and wood shavings for animal bedding. Tate also requested additional info on the responsibilities of the Vice Chairperson. Erin will send the responsibilities sheet to Tate.

CSU Extension Agent Report (Jaime): 4H Membership is at 9 kids. 4H registration ends on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Fair registration ends on April 29<sup>th</sup>. As of today there are: 2 beef, 5 swine, 3 chickens, 2 sheep, 1 turkey, 1 dog and 1 horse. Discussion regarding the Avian Flu with more info to come. As of today, all poultry shows have been cancelled through June 30, 2022 by the Co Dept of Agriculture. Jaime mentioned that new guidelines will be received within the next week. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for State Fair nominations to the CSU Extension Office in Montrose. Judges have been contacted but NOT contracted. As of today, we will need a large animal, showmanship and open class judge for the fair. Jaime will continue to negotiate with them and report back when contracts should be drawn up.

Discussion regarding the Horse and Dog entries showing at the Montrose County Fair. A motion was made by Tate and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oakley to ask Jaime to speak with the Montrose County Fair Board the family to place those shows in Montrose. Jaime will report back. Discussion regarding the Heifer Program ended with the acknowledgment for plans to introduce the program at the 2022 Fair with possible implementation in 2023. All are interested in “making this happen”. Jill Norwood shared that the “Theme Competition” will be due in May and the “Art Competition” will conclude by the June meeting. H and Erin will begin meeting to work on/plan the Fair Book in April/May.

Action to be taken prior to next meeting include: contact with the local processors to be placed on their calendars – Erin will follow-up. Auctioneers need to be met with regarding timing and proper announcement of kids, livestock and buyer info – Lee will follow-up.

Next Meeting Date ~ May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm @ the Event Center

Adjourned ~ 7:52pm