

Larimer County Fair Board Meeting

February 26th, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Chairman Marv Witt

Members Present: Stephanie Morrison, Kristine Miller, Dave Kaufman, Tamara Teravest, Marvin Witt, Pat Young, Emily McMurtrey, Darryl English, Stephanie Fancher English, Bob Keirns, Scott Laura

Excused Members: Doug Pennock, Frank Marino & Dustin Foster

Guests Present: Queen's mom Michelle Wilcox, Laura Walker, Kerri Rollins, Chris Ashby, Maggie Steely, Diana Frick, Steve Human, Larimer County Candidate D-3 Ben Aste

Let the minutes reflect the correction to Dave Kaufman's spelling of his last name.

Pat Young moved to the correction and approval of the minutes and Bob Keirns 2nd the motion. Motion approved

Public Comment: Dave Kaufman introduced Mr. Ben Aste who is running for County Commissioner for District 3 in Larimer County. Kerri Rollins introduced Laura Walker is the Director of Larimer County Human and Economic Health Services.

No Correspondence was presented

Chairman's Reports: Marv mentioned that there are some people that are not on a committee and you need to at least sign up for one committee, and that with the Parade and Pancake breakfast it is all hands-on deck. Marv also said he was happy to see all the cooperation with each committee having Chair's and Co-Chair's, they only exception will be the sale committee, which will appoint a President and Vice President. It was mentioned Darryl is looking for a co-chair.

Guest services: Kristine Miller & Emily McMurtrey reported they have five groups committed for the Ranch Land the bounce houses and the fishpond. The groups that are committed are Thompson water, The Alzheimer's Association, the servant's heart, slamming famine and ripple effect. They are also excited, about a new volunteer signup. It would be a website that we can get our volunteers registered and they can sign up for their shifts and it would also be in "live" mode.

Queens Committee: Pat Young & Stephanie Fancher English, Pat reported Stephanie has been working on revising the Queen's handbook, (a rough draft was provided at the meeting to view) Stephanie asked that we vote to send the copy to the county attorney for their review, the Queen's Committee has already voted and approved the handbook. Julie Melbye, voiced the concern there was not enough time to review the draft before we approve the handbook, Stephanie said the handbook will just be submitted for review by the attorneys, Julie Melbye's concern was if there was something that needed to be address or changed would it have to go to the attorney's again? Chris Ashby said it will have to go back to the attorneys anyway for their review and comments on any comments we get back and combine them all, and then go back for one final reading. Marv mentioned we would like to get the handbook done and approved by the end of July due to our Queen's contest. Pat moved we accept the Royalty handbook for review to the attorneys, and Kristine Miller 2nd the motion. Motion approved. Stephanie Fancher English spoke about the Miss Rodeo Colorado meeting we were invited to; it was a great learning experience and great to meet other committees from other counties.

Pancake Breakfast: Dave Kaufman & Scott Laura, Dave Kaufman spoke about the concern of getting the milk and juice. Scott Laura brought up they also will be looking into better food safety practices for the pancake breakfast which means making sure everyone is wearing gloves, hair nets etc... they have a meeting scheduled for February 27 at 7:00pm at the Ranch.

Parade Report: Darryl English is looking for Co-Chair, he has been working on getting a theme for the parade as well as contacting schools to get some of the High School marching bands involved. Darryl is also working on sponsorships and a budget and confirmed the permit was secured along with the Sheriff's Posse and Fire department and the police. The staging area has been booked The Grand Marshal will be Bill and Elizabeth Markham. The next Parade meeting will March 11th at 6:30 pm at the Ranch.

Jr Livestock Sale: Stephanie Morrison reported the Jr. Livestock Sale was asked to reconsider having a terminal sale vs. a non-terminal sale, the sale committee voted to keep the sale a terminal sale and will also be changing the wording of the premium book as well. The committee asks for the approval. We ask for the motion "The Larimer County Junior Livestock Committee recommends that the 2020 Livestock Sale be a terminal sale. All market animals that have had their picture taken and there fore committed to the livestock sale will be delivered to a licensed livestock facility as designated by the livestock sale committee for slaughter only." The motion was made by Marv and 2nd by Stephanie Fancher English. Motion was approved.

Queen's Report: Paige reported she went to the Desperados 4-H club, she will be attending the volunteer dinner at the NWSS. She will be attending the 4-H carnival on March 7th; she will be setting up a table with her Queen information and help with the auction. April 3-5 will be her 1st rodeo to attend at CSU. On April 25th will be her Queen's bootcamp, and Cassie Cabot will be coming who is a former Miss Rodeo Colorado and second runner up to miss rodeo America. Jax will be her official clothing sponsor for the year orthopedic spine center the Rockies, Mack Equipment and Bank of Colorado are new sponsors. Paige is working on her Queen's Ball which is May 9th at the Ranch, she asked if all the board members would be willing to sign up to help. Dave Kaufman asked if Paige would please put together her schedule and e-mail it to the board members.

Extension: Kerri Rollins spoke about the up coming 4-H carnival March 7th from 10-5 and the live auction, and the proceeds go to the 4-H and the Larimer County 4-H Foundation. The Extension has decided that there will be no more premium money for the open classes, and then there will be an increase in the fair premium money to \$3.00,\$2.00\$1.00 for 1st,2nd,and 3rd place, this will be changed in the premium book. Kerri spoke about the changes to the protest policy and those changes will also be in the premium book. They 4-H has advertised for the Extension agent position that is still open.

Rodeo Report: Steve Human reported the rodeo is on schedule and going well. Pat Young expressed his condolences of the passing of Lecile Harris the PRCA rodeo clown.

Ranch Report: Chris Ashby gave an update of the improvements for The Ranch

They are in the process of looking for RFP consultants for help to write the P3 RFP, or an executive architect who will give us some guidelines in terms of finish the outside of the building so there's uniformity across campus, and then guidelines.

Other big things coming to the bud center we have some outdoor shows this summer an overland festival. After the fair there will be trucks with campers on the top and they're going to build a four-wheel drive course outside, where they will do demonstration runs. We will have air stream coming in in June, with about 800 RV's around the grounds at the same time they will be having a Toby Keith concert.

New things coming to the fair will be a concert Friday and Saturday night, and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday night after the rodeo there will be music located in the bowl area on the grounds. They are also adding a cornhole tournament. They have new outside entertainment the "Dogs" will be returning, they will be having a meeting with the carnival to see about adding new and exciting rides.

Ranch Report: Diane Frick had a 2-question survey, (What does fair mean to you and what do you think it means to the community). We're going to use that feedback for working on a new marketing plan, social media, how it ties in with the parade and how we are advertising the fair. The Ranch will have a group of people doing a survey at fair this year to get more information.

New and Other Business: Marv Witt talked about the budget reports, since we have 5 reports he would like for each committee to look over their own budget reports and get with Diana for any changes that need to be made.

Old Business: No old business to discuss currently.

The next meeting is March 25th at 7:00 pm at the McKee building at the Ranch.

Pat Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dave Kaufman 2nd the motion. Motion passed

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm

Let the minutes reflect the meeting was less than an hour!