

Larimer County Fair Board Meeting

January 22nd, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Marv Witt

Members Present: Bob Keirns, Stephanie Morrison, Tamara Teravest, Marvin Witt, Pat young, Emily McMurtrey, Julie Melbye, Sharon Gatenby, Doug Pennock, Kristine Miller, Scott Lara, Darryl English, Stephanie Fancher English, Susan Deines, Queen: Paige Petrocco.

Members excused: Dave Kauffman, Frank Marino & Dustin Fisher

Guests Present: Queen's Mom Michelle, Paige Melbye, Commissioner Donnelly, Chris Ashby, Maggie Steely, Kerri Rollins, Steve Humann & Ken Mannon.

Pat Young moved to approve the minutes as written. Kristine Miller 2nd the motion.

There was no public comment.

Chairman's Report: Marv gave us the bad news of the closing of the Jefferson County and Denver County Fairs.

Committee Reports:

Guest Services: Emily McMurtrey & Kristine Miller reported that they are excited for the community people that have stepped forward to help with Guest Services.

Queen's Committee: Pat Young & Stephanie Fancher English spoke about what an awesome job Paige is doing.

Parade: Darryl English was given Gary's book about what needs to be done with the Parade. He is reaching out to Bands and 4-H clubs. He is asking for ideas about the Grand Marshall. He has a commitment from the Air Force Band in 2021.

Junior Livestock Sale: Doug Pennock reported that elections for the Livestock board were coming up next week. He mentioned that the final copy of the operating procedures needed signed.

Fair Board Partners:

Queen's Report: Paige was great representation for Larimer County at the National Western Stock Show. Paige passed around her save the date announcements for her Queen's Ball on May 9th. Paige updated us on her activities at the National Western by Friday she will have 68

hours. Paige has plans to promote the Ball at the 4-H carnival. She cannot sell tickets because it is a 4-H function. Paige is participating at the CSU Rodeo in April. She would like to have "Tea with the Queen" program. Paige gave the plans for the Queen's ball and Pat Young moved to accept the proposal and Emily McMurtrey 2nd the motion. The motion passed.

Pat Young also moved that the Fair Board pay for two nights of lodging for the Queen at the National Western. Kristine Miller 2nd the motion. The motion passed.

Extension: Kerri Rollins wanted the Board's opinion on Premiums for the 4-H kids. Everyone thought they continued to be a great idea.

Rodeo: Steve Humann reported that the Rodeo was in great shape. John Harrison will be the clown this year.

Commissioner Donnelly reported that the Ranch Master Plan was approved in Mid-December

Chris Ashby gave an update of the improvements for "The Ranch".

Relocation of Arena Circle to the outer edge of current parking and to create two new entrance and exit points on the southeast and northern edge of the property. This relocation would ease congestion on Arena Circle due to current pedestrian crossings on the primary entrance road. It would also facilitate easier and safer access to the buildings for our guests.

A new 60,000 sq. ft. flat floor trade show facility to be attached to a privately funded full-service hotel. The hotel would have a minimum of 250 rooms. The hall will replace the current First National Bank show halls. The building would be class A show space and have 35' ceilings, allowing it to be flexible enough to be used as a tradeshow space, sporting event space, and/or meeting spaces.

A recreational sports complex to house three ice sheets and a natatorium. This would host local and regional sporting events as well as be a practice facility for local teams. The building would be designed and built in such a way that the ice sheets could be converted to other sport uses as market demand allows. This could include basketball, indoor soccer, tennis, pickleball or other court type sports.

Expansion of the equine and livestock facilities would include a new 70,000 sq, ft barn to house up to 400 more stalls. A new covered show arena with seating for approximately 2,000 people, an attached warm-up ring, and livestock handling spaces. It would also include several new outdoor warm-up arenas and expanded parking and camping facilities with full-service connections.

Conversion of the existing First National Bank show halls into an expanded 4-H, youth and community building. The new facility would allow the current programs to expand and allow new community programming. It will also house CSU extension offices, making their accessibility much more convenient for our citizens.

Conversion of the current McKee Hall into administrative offices for the Ranch.

A new event center arena with a capacity of approximately 10,000 seats to replace the existing Budweiser Event Center. Alternately, should financing not be secured from the private sector for a new arena, we would move forward with renovations to the existing Budweiser Event Center. Updates would include all new seating, guest amenities and expansion on the north and west sides of the building. The expansions would allow for a general admission club, a true club seat holder dedicated space, expansion of the concourse on the west side of the building and expansion of the locker room and storage spaces on the lower level. (From Larimer County site)

New Business: The Meeting Minutes must be posted to the designated internet site. Agendas must be posted one week out from the meetings. All committees must post one week out from their meetings.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Marv Witt by affirmation

Vice Chairman: Pat Young by affirmation

Secretary: Stephanie Morrison by affirmation

Confirmation of all Committee Chairs as follows:

Guest Services Co Chairs: Emily McMurtrey & Kristine Miller

Queen Co Chairs: Pat Young & Stephanie Fancher English

Pancake Co Chairs: Dave Kauffman & Scott Lara

Parade: Darryl English and Maggie Steely will help

Junior Livestock Sale: Chairman Doug Pennock & Vice Chair Stephanie Morrison

Marv Witt encouraged everyone to get involved with a committee.

Stephanie Morrison brought up the Pee Wee showmanship and fans for the barns. There is money in the budget for the fans for the barns. The Pee Wee Showmanship was tabled for the next meeting.

The next Meeting is February 26th at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine Miller