

Larimer County Fair Board Special Meeting

July 7th, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm by Chairman Marv Witt

Members Present: Marv Witt, Stephanie Morrison, Julie Melby, Emily McMurtrey, Stephanie Fancher English, Tamara Teravest, Bob Keirns, Doug Pennock

Commissioner: Tom Donnelly

Ranch Staff: Chris Ashby, Maggie Steely

Guests Present: None

Public Comment: There was no public comment

Committee Report: Jr. Livestock Sale Committee

President Doug Pennock, of the Jr. Livestock sale spoke about the issues we are having trying to plan the sale at the BEC and giving other options for our sale. Stephanie Morrison presented several options that the sale committee had discussed, the options were as follows.

1. Virtual Sale

We reached out to Went group, they provided two options, booth options we would submit pictures of the kids with their animals, we would start the sale at 10am till we were done and run it like a live auction, selling each kid individually. The second choice is a catalog sale which could be for several days and all the kids pictures would be presented all at the same time just like a book, then people could go and bid on the kid/animal they want. The problem with both options is cost, and you must register with a credit card, which would effect our buyers that are invoiced by the committee, and there is a possibility of a no sale animal, and we would be responsible to get an animal shipped if someone bought it out of state or to a custom slaughter facility. The sale committee would also still be responsible to invoice and collect all money owed.

2. CSU Equine Center and ARDEC

When I spoke with CSU, we were told we could file the paperwork to see if we could have the sale at either location, but after speaking with the health department, staff members at CSU, the concern was that we would have more than 50 people and they still would have the same guidelines as the BEC, and there was concern of where we would be housing the animals overnight, because we were not sure on number of animals selling, it could be from 10 to 240.

3. Budweiser Event Center

The BEC would be a great option but the concerns are we would be limited on amount of people, and we must account for Ranch staff, sale committee, auction help along with office staff, parents and kids. We would not be able to provide dinner or drinks, no parents or kids would be able to attend and watch the sale, we would have to have social distancing, and wear masks, along with the challenges of taking bids in a large arena and abide by the public health guidelines. We would have to spread people around the BEC but keep a limited number of

people and try to take bids along with checking people out handling paperwork and follow the health guidelines. We have no way to house the swine, lambs and goats during the day or overnight. There is a pen on the grounds we could keep the Cattle. We also discussed we could put up a tent for the animals, but we would not be allowed to run fans and having the pigs on the dirt and trying to keep them cool would be a challenge.

4. Centennial Livestock Auction

The sale barn is offering to basically take over and run the sale through them, they would handle all the buyer registration, and collecting all money and writing all the checks to the kids. CLA is also willing to separate the animals that go to custom packing plants, and they are willing to do the loading out of the animals. The kids will be charged a commission. We as a committee would help check in animals and anything CLA might need from us. As a committee we would still contact buyers to attend the sale or there is an online option. We would still have the sale bill of the kids and their animals to provide to buyers. The animals would be sold in between the CLA regular sale throughout the day, CLA was thinking around 1pm and 4pm. We would also have to have the cattle sale on a Friday and that would be around 1pm. Buyers would be able to attend we would need to keep the number of attendants to a limit, parents and kids would be asked not to attend the sale so we have room for our buyers.

Doug Pennock then presented that the Jr. Livestock sale Committee voted to have the sale at the CLA, we are asking the approval of the fair board.

Marv Witt opened the floor for a discuss before the final approval is in motion

Doug Pennock made the motion that the Fair Board approve our vote to hold the sale at the Centennial Livestock Auction for the Jr. Livestock Sale and only the kids that show at the Larimer County Fair show at the BEC will be allowed to use the Larimer County Jr. Livestock name and be advertised to sale at the Centennial Livestock building, and the sale will be a non-terminal sale this year.

Bob Keirns 2nd the motion

Motion was approved

Tom Donnelly thanked everyone for all our help and getting this all put together.

Stephanie Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Pat Young 2nd the motion

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

