

Larimer County Fair Board Virtual Meeting Via zoom

May 27, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Marv Witt

Members Present: Marvin Witt, Stephanie Morrison, Pat Young, Kristine Miller, Dave Kaufman, Marvin Witt, Emily McMurtrey, Darryl English, Stephanie Fancher English, Bob Keirns, Scott Laura, Julie Melby, Susan Deines, Steve Human, Doug Pennock,

Excused Members: Frank Marino, Dustin Foster, Cindy Mackin, Sharon Gatenby, Brenda Gimeson and Tamara Teravest

County Commissioner: Tom Donnelly

Ranch Staff Present: Diana Frick, Chris Ashby, Maggie Steely

Guests Present: Kerri Rollins (4-H Extension), Larimer County Commissioner Candidate D-3 Ben Aste, Queen's mom Michelle Wilcox, LCQ Pagie Petrocco, Tammy Rice, Lynn Delmore, Jon & Tracy Schweitzer, Shannon Shreve, Leroy Diehl, Angie Gardner, Don McGregor, Angie Tuxhorn, Cheri Karft, Barb Newman

Let the minutes reflect to the correction that Julie Melby was present at the February 26th 2020, meeting.

Dave Kaufman moved to approve the correction and approval of the minutes and Emily McMurtrey 2nd the motion. Motion was approved

Marv Witt stated the ground rules for the public comment portion, which to follow the Code of Conduct rules, and you will be allowed 2 minutes to speak.

Public Comment: The Public Comment is limited to 2 minutes. Emily McMurtrey suggested if people would like to ask questions after the public comment, please put your question in the chat messages and we can address them at a later time.

Lynn Delmore presented the question, Lynn also asked the question, as we start to see how the potential 4-H competitive events could roll out as part of the Larimer County fair or separate from the fair, some of the questions that have arisen is how will that plan be adjusted as we anticipate that more things will open up, we anticipate that within the next 6 to 8 weeks, numbers may go from 10 to 50 to 200 (people) what kind of flexibility will there be to add to the plan, as we move forward. Marv suggested the answers will be in Kerri Rollins and Chris Ashby's presentation that will be made later, or possible later in the week.

Lynn Delmore also asked when will the proposals be presented to the 4-H community and leaders and when will their comments be welcomed? Marv said this will be addressed during Kerri's presentation.

Tracy Schweitzer asked if it possible to ask questions at the end after the presentation? Marv Witt explained the only time the public is allowed to comment is at the public comment time. Tracy also stated she would like to have more information before it is put into the Fair book, and if people could give their feedback or suggestions on the County Fair. Marv mentioned that we do not have any answers at this time.

Shannon Shreve stated that she would like to see input from leaders, superintendents, and volunteers on how the fair should be ran and organized, as well as classes.

Tammy Rice asked the question, does the fair board have the authority over 4-H competitive events order? Marv answered No

Tom Donnelly made it clear that we will be having some type of County Fair, but it might look different then what we have had in the past years.

Angie Gardner stated the question/concern after listening to the County Commissioners call earlier today, there seems to be a discount between the commissioners, CSU Extension and the governor, on what is allowed and what is not allowed, who is going to make the final decision? Is that the CSU Extension office?

Ben Aste, asked if there is an evacuation plan to take down the construction in the indoor arena, Chris answered there is not a current plan to take it out immediately, but it will be easy to remove.

No Correspondence was presented

Chairman's Reports: Marv Witt mentioned that the Miss Rodeo American Rodeo pageant will be postponed till 2021, and Miss Rodeo American will continue her reign until 2021, it was also mentioned that all the states will all be doing the same and extend the reigns till the end of the year of 2021. Marv reported the Cheyenne Frontier Days has also been cancelled along with the Greeley Stampede, along with Calgary Stampede and other large rodeo events.

Fair Status Report: Kerri Rollins the 4-H Director, gave her presentation that was given to the County Commissioner's regarding the County Fair. The presentation was the options for the Larimer County 2020 Fair based on the restrictions of the Health Department, Governor Polis as well as the Colorado Department of Higher Education state guidelines and CSU Extension. (see attached presentation, or log onto the Larimer County Commissioners website to view the meeting, it is dated May 27th 2020).

Chris Ashby reported that it would depend on the mass gathering size and if it is less than 1000 it would make it very impractical vs expense cost. The Ranch is waiting to make any decisions until later in June, this will also depend on what the Governor decides as far a mass gathering. Steve Human is also running into the same challenges that the CFD and Greeley Stampede are having to be able to host a rodeo, but they are waiting as long as they can before making a final decision to possible cancel.

Stephanie Morrison asked the question to clarify to make sure we are understanding this and hearing this correctly, the commissioners are saying yes, we want to go forward with the county fair? Chris Ashby responded YES! But we still have to wait on all the different organizations to get a consensus of what we are allowed to do. The goal in the next few days is to get an answer by June 1st so we can move forward with decisions that need to be made. Kerri mentioned that the 4-H side of the planning need to make a decision by June 1st because they have to put together the premium book and planning of classes, at this time we have to plan based off of 10 people.

Stephanie Fancher English asked Kerri Rollins about outdoor livestock events, and applying for a waiver, Kerri responded that at this time the only answers they have are only based on a class room perspective from the Governor and Health Department and the CDHE.

Tom Donnelly stated we will have a fair, it will just not look like it has in the past it will be different.

Marv thanked Tom Donnelly, Chris Ashby and Kerri Rollins for all their hard work.

Emily McMurtrey asked where are we as far as planning the parade, volunteers, and other sub committees of the Fair Board, because it is really hard to plan when we don't have direction. Marv Witt mentioned that we still need to keep working on it, and moving forward the best we can.

New Business

Queens Committee: Stephanie Fancher English discussed the opportunity of Paige having another year for her reign. Stephanie Fancher English made a motion to extend the 2020 Larimer County Fair and Rodeo Queen duties to 2021 and allow Paige to serve another year, and to complete the royalty program responsibilities for her term. This includes postponing the contest for a new queen 2021. The motion was 2nd by Stephanie Morrison.

Scott Laura had a question, if there are any girls that would like to try out, but can not and will age out next year due to the age limit, and how would it affect if a girl is leaving the state for school, that wanted to try out? Also, with that I would think we would want to continue with the queen's contests as well, because that's the idea is to continue forward with contest and try to have a fair as close to normal as we can. Chris Ashby commented to be fair to Page and to the sponsors who have supported Page they haven't had the opportunity, to complete her obligations for the sponsors. We haven't finished our commitments to Paige. With the challenges we're going to have around the mass gatherings Queen's coronation ceremony would not be possible. This would be an incomplete year for Paige as well as us.

Julie Melby wanted to see what the Miss Rodeo Colorado program was going to do as far as extending the Queen reign and wanted to wait till we have an official notification from them.

Scott Laura had an additional comment, that he has looked to see what Miss Rodeo Colorado had been doing in the last 2-3 months and she has been very active on social media, and that he would feel more inclined to say yes to extend the reign if he had seen more participation from Paige, even if it was on social media. Stephanie Fancher English commented that it has been a difficult time, Chris also mentioned that he was genuinely impressed by the Facebook post where she's collecting video from other riders and past Queens, and thought that was a clever idea.

Darrel English also committed what a great quality Queen we have this year!

Dave Kaufman called for the question, and Kristine Miller 2nd

2/3 majority vote to the motion and the motion passed to extend Paige to 2021

Old Business: No old business to discuss currently.

Marv made a strong vote to have a special meeting if needed before June 24th 2020

The next meeting is scheduled June 24th 2020 at 7pm via zoom

Marv Witt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bob Keirns 2nd the motion. Motion passed

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm