

Larimer County Fair Board Virtual Special Meeting Via zoom

June 17th, 2020

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

Members Present: Marvin Witt, Stephanie Morrison, Kristine Miller, Dave Kaufman, Tamara Teravest, Pat Young, Emily McMurtrey, Darryl English, Stephanie Fancher English, Bob Keirns, Frank Marino, Doug Pennock, Steve Human

Excused Members: Dustin Foster, Scott Laura, Julie Melby, Susan Deines, Sharon Gatenby, Brenda Gimson, & Cindy Mckin

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

County Commissioner: Tom Donnelly

Guests Present: Paige Petrocco, Biz Bopp, Leslie Weibel, Larimer County Candidate D-3 Ben Aste

There will be no minutes to approve at this time, because this is a special meeting.

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. There were no public comments.

No Correspondence was presented

Fair Status Report: Chris Ashby reported that Diana Frink and the event coordinators along with Kerri Rollins have been working on the 4-H schedule that was sent out, the schedule is an abbreviated class list and some people are upset, but it is really the best they could do in the best solution for all the different species, and along with the constraints that have been handed to the Ranch and the 4-H Extension by the Public Health orders. There has been public concern that there is no Grand Champions or Reserve Grand Champions, after discussion it came down to a logistical an impossible situation. The decision was based on advice from the Extension office, consultation of some of Fair Board members and Ranch staff, it came down to the quantity of people we are allowed to bring together, they just couldn't find a good solution across the board for all the species of animals to make it fair for all the kids.

The Ranch is waiting on is permission from the state to use the two outdoor arenas, which one would be for the horse show, it would be easier to maintain social distant distancing due to the health regulations.

The Longhorn arena has had some changes, the Ranch staff has been working on expanding the arena, the footing has been changed, there are cattle pens already set up. This would allow for more of the shows/classes outside.

The Ranch has made arrangements for the general and consumer projects, to be judged at the Embassy Suites, details to follow from the 4-H office.

Parade: Daryl English reported that based on the public health guidelines we will have to postpone till next year. Doug Pennock made a motion to postpone the parade till 2021, Frank Marino 2nd. Motion passed

The Ranch Report: Chris Ashby announced there will be no carnival, free entertainment or commercial vendors, along with no food vendors, due to the public health restrictions of crowd size.

Pancake Breakfast: Dave Kaufman how hard it would be to have the breakfast due to the health guidelines. Dave Kaufman made a motion to postpone the pancake breakfast till 2021, Kristine Miller 2nd. Motion passed

Queens Committee: Stephanie Fancher English reported they are working on social media, and contacting sponsors, they are in the process of finalizing their new sponsor agreement. It was expressed that Paige is not able to attend events that are on the mandatory agreement at this time due to no events happening, Paige was able to get permission to attend Kit Carson Fair. The Queen's meeting had been rescheduled to the Monday after the Fair Board meeting.

Queens Report: Paige has several ideas and will be posting a video on August 4, 2020 that will be pre-recorded, it will be about a day and life of our Rodeo Queens, the plan is to involve Miss Rodeo Colorado and other 4-H Queen's about what they have been doing during quarantine. If she is able to go to the Kit Carson rodeo, she will be doing a behind the scenes of a Queen at the rodeo. Paige reported there is a possibility to go to the Walden Never Summer Rodeo. The Miss Rodeo America Facebook page did a tutorial on Paige.

Marv Witt confirmed that Paige Petrocco has accepted to serve another year.

Guest Services: Kristine Miller, Emily McMurtrey and Carol Waller discussed their concerns about the volunteers, because they are in the high-risk group and will not be able to use them. Emily also stated that if we have new volunteers, we would be in a time crunch to get them approved with the background check and with no set schedule it is hard for people to be that flexibly. Diana Frick stated if people would like to volunteer please contact Maggie at the Ranch to get the application.

Jr. Livestock Sale: Doug Pennock reported the sale committee is in the process of making the decision on the sale. The decisions that are on the table for discussion, 1st is using the BEC, with that comes health restrictions and guidelines, we have to keep in mind the limitations of social distancing and the limited number of people we can have in the BEC. The other option is a virtual sale from the Went Group. The 3rd option is CLA. Doug has contacted some of buyers and they are on board to still attend, we have great support from the buyers and sponsors. Dave Kaufman commented he was concerned about the market prices. The committee will be making a decision at the meeting on June 30th 2020. We will still have the Add-on's for the kids to help offset prices. Dave Kaufman mentioned it would be a good idea to put an add in the Reporter Herald and run a story about our sale. Diane Frick confirmed if we have the sale at CLA they would be responsible to collect payments and issue checks to the kids. Doug did mention this year might have to be a non-terminal sale and we will have to get a waiver signed by the kids.

Rodeo Committee: Steve Human reported that the Rodeo committee has not officially voted to cancel until they meet next week.

The next meeting is scheduled June 24th 2020 has been cancelled

Dave Kaufman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Darryl English 2nd the motion. Motion passed

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm