**Larimer County Fair Board Meeting**

**November 13th 2019**

**Fair Board Members Present: Marvin Witt, Pat Young, Julie Melbye, Sharon Gatenby, Doug Pennock, Kristine Miller Scott Lara, Darryl English, Stephanie Fancher English, Susan Deines, Stephanie Morrison, Bob Keirns. Excused Tamara Teravast, Emily McMurtrey and Frank Marino**

**2020 Queen: Paige Petrocco**

**Extension: Kerri Rollins and Brittani Kirkland**

**Guests: Linda Pennock & Paige Melbye**

Marv Witt called the meeting to order at 7:03 in the Mckee Building.

He made the introductions to the new members of the Fair Board Stephanie Morrison and Bob Keirns

Marv had the board members and guests introduce themselves to the group. Tamara has still not been cleared to drive after her accident.

Minutes for the September 25th meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment or correspondence.

**Chair Report:** Marv Witt told us about the new Western Beef Expo coming to The Ranch November 2nd, 3rd & 4th 2020. (See attachment) The show will be a beef and cattle show with educational components and Genetic Sires. This will be a show owned by The Ranch and will provide a money source.

The Ranch is looking at having a **Small Acreage Show** in March that will focus on specialty crops such as hemp and lavender. Small Livestock such as goats.

Marv and Paige went to CAFS (Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows) they learned the State Fair has a new manager that is very strong in the 4-H background. He would like to develop new programs and bring back the talent show. Marv was very proud of Paige and her representation of Larimer County. CAFS is November 12th, 13th & 14th 2020.

The State Vet complimented how well The Ranch and Kerri handled the VS outbreak.

The stakeholders for the Ranch expansion are due to have the final presentations for The Ranch Masterplan. Marv and Kerri feel that the focus should be for the youth and community with a strong 4-H and FFA focus.

**Queen’s Committee:** Stephanie Fancher -English told us that Paige has done a great job. She needs LED lights for her float for the Parade of Lights in Estes Park.

**Parade:** Darryl English has become the new Parade Chairman. He has the permits done for the Parade 2020. He is having issues finding local High School Bands toparticipate. He has the Color Guard on Board.

**Jr. Livestock sale:** Doug Pennock reported that they will have a meeting next week for the Livestock Sale planning the 2020 sale. They will have elections in December for their board.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Dave Kaufman was not present

**Queen’s Report:** Paige Petrocco

Paige has participated in the CSU Homecoming Parade, Ashley Dolittle Gala, 4-H open house, Berthoud Homecoming parade, PRCA Circuit Finals and CAFS. She has upcoming a Stock Horse Show where she is showing, The Parade of Lights in Estes Park and the Stock Show where she wants to be invited to the Brown Palace with the Grand Champion.

**Extension:** Kerri Rollins has a working group to evaluate why things are done and what we can do better. They are in an ongoing discussion.

Britani Kirkland on the education portion what can we do differently?

**Rodeo:** Steve Humann was not present

**Commissioner :**  Tom Donnelly was not present

**The Ranch:** Chris Ashby & Diana Frick were not present

Marv reminded us that the Christmas Banquet was December 16th at the BEC Restaurant.

The next meeting is January 22nd, 2020 and will be the Election of Officers.

Pat Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 and Julie Melbye 2nd the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristine Miller