Larimer County Fair Board Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

January 27, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm by Chairman Marv Witt

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

Ranch Staff: Chris Ashby, Maggie Steely and Carol Waller

Guests Present: Ken Mannon, Paige Petrocco (LCQ), Steve Humann

4-H Extension: Kerri Rollins

County Commissioner: Kristin Stephens

Kristine Miller made a motion to approve the November minutes, and Stephanie Fancher English 2nd the motion and motion was approved.

Public Comment: There was no public comment, if you would like to have a comment please visit the County website to submit your comments in advance.

No Correspondence currently

**Chairman’s Report**

Marv welcomed the new members and the new county commissioner, and excited for a new year.

**Committee Reports**

**Guest Services:**

Kristine Miller and Carol Waller are looking for more help so if you would like to help please contact Kristine or Carol. Kristine is working on updating the Guest services handbook. The committee is moving forward and planning the 2021 county fair guest services.

**Queens Report:**

Stephanie Fancher English reported the committee/ Paige have been working on sponsorships for the Queen’s upcoming year and for the scholarship fund. Paige will be combining her bootcamp with MRC in April. We are still under COVID social distancing and limited on what we can do.

**Pancake Breakfast:**

Scott Laura has set up a meeting for February 17th to further discuss the event, new ideas of having maybe a kid’s zone and new ideas to add. Marv reminded the board all hands-on deck the day of the breakfast.

**Parade:**

Daryl contacted Bill and Elizabeth Markham to be the Grand Marshal for 2021, Daryl is contacting school bands to invite them. He has been working on getting permits and reaching out to set up the barricades. There will be a meeting Feb 17th along with the pancake breakfast meeting.

**Jr. Livestock Sale:**

Doug Pennock from the Jr. Livestock Sale committee reported that they had their election, and it stands that Cindy Buckhart secretary, Tracy Brien Treasurer, under the operating procedures the President and VP are appointed by the Fair Board, the sale committee approved for Doug Pennock to be President and Stephanie Morrison VP. Doug presented this to the Fair board for a vote, Julie Melby made a motion to approve. Stephanie Fancher English 2nd the motion and the motion passes. Dave asked how much money we need for sponsorships to support the sale and it is around $17,000.00.

**Extension:**

Kerri Rollins reported about the Livestock transition from 4-H to the “Ranch” Larimer County for the fair, is underway. 4-H will have new key-leaders and CO-Key leaders to help educate in the 4-H role. The Ranch will appoint new Superintendents for the county fair, which is an application process and interview, which will be overseen by the overview committee.

The IT department will be changing the computer program, the county currently uses the Blue Ribbon and we will now be using the Fair entry program.

4-H is still under the COVID social distancing rules, but you can now submit a waiver for approval to be able to meet in person.

They are in the interview process of hiring a new livestock agent, and hopeful to fulfill the position by February.

**Rodeo:**

Chairman Steve Human confirmed the acts for the 2021 rodeo, and they are moving forward to plan the 2021 rodeo.

**Ranch Report:**

Chris Ashbyspoke about the Master Plan and moving forward with the plan and start construction this year, you can go to “The Ranch” website and go to Master Plan and review all the planning and meetings.

**AWARDS THE RANCH WON!!!!!**

**IAFE - Communications Award 2020 (Outstanding Budget-Friendly Tactics)**

**IAFE – Non-Fair Facility Usage Award 2020 (Outstanding Facility Beautification Project)**

**Old Business:**

There was no old business to discuss currently.

**New Business:**

Election for officers

13 members were present to vote for the elections.

Chairman Marv Witt

CO-Chairman Stephanie Morrison

Secretary (Appointed by a Ranch staff member) Maggie Steely.

Tamera Teravest made a motion to adjourn the meeting Dave Kaufman 2nd the motion, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm

The next meeting will be February 24th at 7:00pm