



Larimer County Fair Board Meeting Minutes April 26, 2023, 6:30 pm

The Larimer County Fair Board convened a regular session on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Chair: Stephanie Morrison,
Secretary: Stephanie Fancher English
Board Members: Jay Crouse, Logan Lenz, Darryl English, Deborah Sherman, Marv Witt, Tamara TerAvest, Kristine Miller, Melinda Deal
Also Present: Ranch Director - Conor McGrath, Fair Coordinator - Laura Boldt, CSU Extension - Cary Weiner, Jodi Witt, Morgan Crouse, Dawn Crouse, Sharel Cameron, Jenelle Kemper

Absent: Board Members – Pat Young, John Foley

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Stephanie Morrison called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Stephanie Morrison asked all present to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Darryl English made a motion to approve the April 26, 2023, Agenda, Kristine Miller seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved on a majority vote by the Board Members. 10-0

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Marv Witt made a motion to approve the March 22, 2023, Meeting Minutes and Logan Lenz seconded the motion; motion approved on a majority vote of the Board Members. 10-0

PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 Minutes

The following members of the public addressed the Fair Board: Cindy Buckardt spoke about the overall success of the Larimer County 4H Carnival and public awareness of the Fair Board.

Morgan Crouse, 2022 LCFR Queen, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and Letter for a \$5,000 academic scholarship.

CORRESPONDENCE

Stephanie Fancher English read a Thank You from Larimer Conservation District for participating in Expedition Colorado.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Stephens was not present.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Stephanie Morrison spoke about Fair Board recruitment.

FAIR BOARD PARTNERS / LIAISON REPORTS

- a. **Queen/Royalty** – Sabrina Borg had an excused absence and was not in attendance.
- b. **Extension /4-H** – Cary Weiner, the new Director of Larimer County Extension, gave an update on deadlines for livestock projects. He reported that 4-H Extension is continuing to prepare to advertise for a new Specialist position.
- c. **The Ranch** – Conor informed the Board that Larimer County had posted the application for Assistant Director for The Ranch. The Eagles had qualified for the playoffs. The building projects on campus continue to progress and a Loveland Heart had been purchased with the intention of having it designed and painted in time for Fair.
- d. **Rodeo Board** - Steve Humann was not present.
- e. **Fair Coordinator** - Laura Bolt reported a total of 878 4-H members signed up and should be participating in Fair. She shared information about the Open Class projects, and the demonstration stage. She is in the process of securing volunteers and sponsors for these classes.
- f. **Anniversary** – Conor explained how the 140 Year anniversary of the Fair was determined. There will be an event on Saturday, August 5, to celebrate 140 years of the Fair, 75 years of PRCA, and 20 years at The Ranch. Plans are to distribute branded reusable grocery bags at Fair, extra bobble-heads at the Rodeo. There will be activity stations placed at different project locations, as signature drinks available for purchase.

FAIR BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Ranch Hands** –Kristine explained how Ranch Hands were quietly preparing to start their push for volunteers. Marv Witt and Tamara TeraVest had not yet signed up for Vicnet.
- b. **Queens/Royalty** – Stephanie Fancher English reported on success of Expedition Colorado event, upcoming Horsemanship Clinic and Queen Clinic. The Happy Trails BBQ will be held on Friday, August 4. The Committee is currently reviewing sponsors. Cindy Buckardt offered to help with contact ANB Bank.
- c. **Pancake Breakfast** – Jay Crouse had nothing new to report.
- d. **Parade** – Darryl English shared that he was working on securing sponsors, they had found a performer for the after parade event, parade judges will be Thompson Valley EMS employees. Kathay Rennels has agreed to be honored as Grand Marshall. Parade applications will be online starting May 1. Kristine Miller then added that golf cart training will take place the Thursday before and the Tuesday after the parade.
- e. **Junior Livestock Sale** – Stephanie Morrison reported for John Foley. The decision was made to hold the JLSC Dinner in the outside tent. The meal will start at 3:30 pm and end at 7:00 pm, the Sale will start at 4:30 pm. They are working on format of the sale to move kids through more quickly.
- f. **Workplan Update**
 - a. **Enhance Fair-Related Volunteerism** – No update.
 - b. **Host an after Parade Event in Downtown Loveland** – No update.

- c. **JLSC Enhance the Efficiency of the Junior Livestock Sale** – Sale Committee is continuing to work on this plan.
- d. **Provide an Accessible Fairgrounds Experience for Visitors** – ADA accessibility is being addressed. BEC will go dark after hockey is over and improvements will be coordinated and installed in time for Fair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Conor shared how the dual roles of Fair Board as being both a working board and a strategic board make long term planning challenging. Fair Board is working well on both of those roles.

NEW BUSINESS / OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Discussion was held on Fair Board shirts, Stephanie Fancher-English to compile list of those requesting shirts.

ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There are no items for the Executive Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Kristine Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, second from Darryl English. The motion was approved on a majority vote of the Board Members. 10-0
Meeting was adjourned.

Chair: Stephanie Morrison _____

Secretary: Stephanie Fancher English _____