

Larimer County Fair Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Marv Whitt, Chairman.

Members present: Marv Witt, Stephanie Morrison, Pat Young, Kristine Miller, Doug Pennock, Stephanie Fancher-English, Darryl English, Bob Keirns, John Foley, and Tamera TerAvest.

Excused Absent Members: Julie Melby, Emily McMurtrey, Dave Kaufman, and Scott Lara.

Unexcused absence Members: Susan Deines, Frank Marino, and Sharon Gatenby

Ranch staff: Diana Frick, and Maggie Steely.

4-H Extension: Kerri Rollins

Guest present: Steve Humann, Morgan Crouse (LCQ), Dawn Crouse and Jay Crouse

County Commissioner – Kristin Stephens

Public attendance: NA

Public Comment: NA

Chairman's report: Marv reported that we were doing a recap of Fair. Marv would like to talk about having a couple people dismissed from the Board we have not seen in 2 years.

Ranch Hands – Kristine had more people on the committee this year which was a big help. 60 Ranch hands (volunteers) signed up and worked 903 hours during Fair. Sensory Day was a good day and Kudos to Louise for making that happen. The info shed was awesome. Recommends better signage for clear bags or small purses for the BEC events. Crystal Lyons attendees said it was too hot outside and the sun was in their eyes. Older generation would like maps with a list of activities and events. Kudos from Daryl & Marv to Kristine on the golf cart drivers.

Queen/Royalty – The Queen's BBQ was a hit and will be continued next year. Need to have better communication with the other Royalty that came up to help. Otherwise everything went great.

Pancake Breakfast – The set up this year was better and they only ran out of orange juice. The sausage was a big hit. Would like to advertise more to get attendance up. Maybe signage in the barns and clover connections next year. Also make sure it's on the Fair schedule with the competitions.

Parade – Parade was good. Need to look at the traffic issues and make corrections. Sponsorship went well. Need to organize volunteer situation a little better.

Junior Livestock Sale – The sale was a huge success! 219 kids sold this year and sales were around \$800,000.00.

2022 Queen Report – Morgan Crouse, our new Queen. She attended the Corn Roast Festival and Parade in Loveland and had a great time. She also attended the CSU Ag Day.

Extension Service/4-H – Everything went well on the Extension/4-H side using the new Fair Entry system.

Rodeo – Steve wanted to give Kudos to Dana on the sponsorship side of the rodeo. He brought in \$128,000.00 which was more than he thought he would. We had record number of ticket sales all three nights.

The Ranch – The ops team did a great job setting up for the new layout in the barns. We were able to fit dairy goats in during fair and everyone really liked the new setup. The attendance was up this year and we had more rides at the carnival also.

New/Other Business Marv asked Stephanie Morrison to assume the duties of the Chair. Marv moves from the sitting position of Chair to join the fair board members. Marv asked to make a motion.

Marv motioned that we facilitate the administrative continuity between all Larimer County Fair Board committees. He recommends we remove the positions of Secretary and Treasurer from the Larimer County Junior Livestock Committee. This action would restructure the sale committee and would align more with the Fair Board and other Fair Committees.

The Fair Board Chairman will appoint an Ad Hoc committee to review the functionality of the Junior Livestock Sale Committee and will make recommendations on suggested changes and report back to the Fair Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Marv gives Stephanie M. a copy of the motion and Stephanie opens the floor for discussion. Marc explains why we should pass this motion and Doug relates his frustration with the sale committee.

Ad HOC committee – Doug – chair, Stephanie – VS Chair, Darryl English, John Foley, and Bob Keirns.

No further discussion.

Stephanie Fancher-English second the motion.

Stephanie asks, by show of hands, who is in favor – 8 (Doug & Stephanie M. did not vote) and who is opposed- 0. Kristine helped count. Stephanie passed the gavel back to Marv.

Old Business – N/A

Adjournment – Pat motioned to adjourn, Kristine second it. 8:35