

# **Larimer County Fair Board Meeting Minutes June 22, 2022**

The Larimer County Fair Board convened a regular session on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. Those present: Chairman Marv Witt, Vice Chairman/Secretary Stephanie Morrison, Pat Young, Stephanie Fancher English, Tamera TerAvest, Bob Keirns, Deborah Sherman and Jay Crouse, Kristine Miller, John Foley, Logan Lens, Doug Pennock

Also, Present, Commissioner Kristin Stephens Ranch Lesion Interim Director Todd Juergen's, Fair Coordinator Laura Boldt, Guests: Morgan Crouse, Jodi Martin-Witt, Louise Romero, Bart Morrison, Cindy Buckardt

Absent: Board members Darryl English and Melinda Deal, and Extension Agent Kerri Rollins

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Marv Witt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Marv Witt had all that were present Introduce themselves including guests.

## **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Approval of the Agenda was skipped.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Board Member Kristine Miller moved to approve the minutes for the May 25, 2022, meeting and Board Member Pat Young seconded the motion, motion approved 12-0

## **Public Comment 3min**

The following members of the public addressed the Fair Board:

Cindy Buckardt spoke on why she has been attending the Fair Board meetings.

Jodie Martin-Witt spoke about the Fair Board.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence

## **COMMISSIONER REPORT**

Commissioner Stephens reported that she will not be attending the July meeting because she will be in a class at Harvard. They are interviewing for the new County Manager; there will be an interview portion that public is encouraged to attend. There are no fire restrictions at this time, they are waiting to see about the weather conditions and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to assess to see how dry the area is. American Rescue dollars are being put to work on a water project in Livermore along with Workforce Development, food service and construction apprentice programs. Commissioner Stephens, recognized the Board for their hard work. Chairman Marv Witt asked where we were in the hiring process for a new Director, Todd Juergen's said that a recruiting firm was hired to help search for a new director.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Marv Witt reported he attended the open house at the Spur on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Chairman Marv Witt wanted to recognize the Rooftop Rodeo volunteer who has passed away unexpectedly, John Jarros also known as Cowboy.

## **FAIR BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. **Ranch Hands** – Board Member Kristine Miller reported she would like everyone to track their volunteer hours on all the committees, and turn that in. There is a sign-up sheet for all Board members to help with camper check-in. Laura Boldt reported on the website, anyone wanting to volunteer including Fair Boards members or the public you will need to get a background check completed, which you will find on the website.
- b. **Queen/Royalty** – Board Members Pat Young and Stephanie Fancher-English, Co-Chairs and the committee along with Morgan Crouse are in the process of sponsor visits. Morgan will be featured in the Poudre Valley REA Country Life, July issue. Morgan was interviewed by Loveland and South Magazine and will be on the cover of the magazine. The Queens BBQ is August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 6:30-10:30pm tickets are \$50.00. The Queen's committee is asking the Fair Board members to sell 4 BBQ tickets and to donate a bottle of alcohol or whisky for the new wall of whisky at the BBQ. Larimer County Queen's Contest will be held July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. (See fair schedule for more details) Morgan will be attending County Fair shows and helping out wherever possible, along with attending the parade and pancake breakfast.
- c. **Pancake Breakfast** – Board Member John Foley reported he met with Dana and Laura from The Ranch and went through all the storage and made an inventory of supplies. Confirmed Morning Fresh will donate milk and orange juice, Nordy's will be donating ham and sausage. The Lion's Club has confirmed they will be cooking the pancakes. John Foley is looking for some entertainment at the

breakfast. John Foley would like to give everyone job duties. A reminder all Board Members need to be present.

- d. **Parade** – Board Member Bob Keirns reported that the maps have all been revised and updated on the website. The Lions Club will be helping at the parade and the Parade committee will have 6 golf carts, Board Member Darryl English is working on 2 more judges for the parade, and traffic control has been confirmed. The Parade committee is looking for 1 more sponsor for the Parade. Volunteer Bart Morrison is working on a Military Fly Over. The carriage for the Grand Marshals Bob and Debbie Dehn has been confirmed.
- e. **Junior Livestock Sale** – Chairman Doug Pennock reported that the sale is coming along very well, the Jr. Livestock Sale committee announced the photographer is Payton Farmer.

### **FAIR BOARD PARTNERS / LIAISON REPORTS**

- a. **2022 Queen** – Morgan Crouse reported, she has 439 Hours and 2,115.1 miles, she recently attended CSU and talked to approximately 1,300 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. Morgan attended the Habitat Woman's Build and is working on the BBQ. Morgan also talked about the Elizabeth Stampede, Evergreen luncheon, and the Berthoud Days Parade. Morgan touched base about the Larimer County Queen's Horsemanship clinic that had eight attendees. Morgan will be attending Greeley Stampede, Roof Top Rodeo and Cheyenne Frontier Days.
- b. **Extension /4-H** – Extension Director Kerri Rollins was absent, Laura Boldt reported that the Extension is working with their Agents to make sure the competitions match the Fair Entry system.
- c. **Rodeo**, Steve Humann reported that the Fair Board members will be allowed to pick up their rodeo tickets after July 1<sup>st</sup>, everything is going well.
- d. **The Ranch** – Todd Juergen's, Interim Director, reported they are making progress on the roads and the expansion to the Mac Equipment Arena. The Ranch is adding a few new positions, facilities operation manager position and a new IT Tech.
- e. **Louise Romero**, mentioned the catering staff lost a loyal employee, Robert Krenzel, he will be missed. Louis also touched base on several exciting events, one being the sensory hours at the carnival. The carnival will run for two hours without noise or lights for Sensory groups. Louis spoke about all the events happening at the Ranch during the County Fair, please go to the TR Events webpage to check it out.
- f. **Fair Coordinator**, Laura Boldt This will need to be amend

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Stephanie Morrison handed out flyers to the Fair Board members to order shirts, there will be a follow up email from Maggie Steely. Maggie Steely also has the Fair Board belt buckles and name tags on order.

Chairman Marv Witt asked Commissioner Kristin Stephens where we are with the updated By-Laws, Commissioner Stephens will look into it and get back to the Fair Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Marv Witt wanted to discuss the Miss Rodeo America (MRA) visit, MRA will be attending all 3 nights of the rodeo 7-9<sup>h</sup> we would like to have MRA attend as many events as possible during the fair. Todd Juergen's and the Queen's Committee will get together and make a schedule.

Board Member Pat Young showed the Fair Board the new jackets for the Queen's Committee and thanked Stephanie Morrison for the donation to the Queen's Committee.

Board Member Pat Young presented to the Fair Board to give the Larimer County Queen Morgan Crouse \$3000.00 for her scholarship money. Board Member Pat Young made a motion to increase the Queens scholarship fund, from \$2,00.00 to \$3,000.00 for 2022, Kristine Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

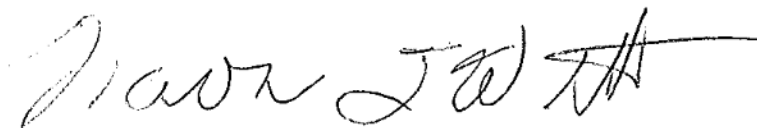
Board Member Jay Crouse abstained his vote.

Motion approved 11-0

Board Member Pat Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Jay Crouse seconded the motion, motion approved 12-0

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm**

**Chairman Marv Witt**



**Vice Chair/Secretary**

