



Larimer County Fair Board Meeting Minutes June 28, 2023, 6:30 pm

The Larimer County Fair Board convened a regular session on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Chair: Stephanie Morrison,

Vice Chair: Pat Young

Secretary: Stephanie Fancher English

Board Members: Jay Crouse, Darryl English, Deborah Sherman, Tamara TerAvest, Kristine Miller, John Foley, Logan Lenz, Marv Witt, Melinda Deal

Also Present: County Commissioner – Kristin Stephens, Ranch Manager of Events – Louise Romero, Ranch Interim Assistant Director – Mark Tinklenburg, CSU Extension – Bailey Schilling, Rodeo Board – Steve Humann, Cindy Buckardt, Lori Borg, Ulf Borg

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

Kristine Miller made a motion to approve the June 28, 2023, Agenda, Pat Young seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved on a majority vote by the Board Members. 12-0

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Pat Young made a motion to approve the May 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes as amended and Logan Lenz seconded the motion; motion approved on a majority vote of the Board Members. 9-0

PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 Minutes

The following members of the public addressed the Fair Board: Cindy Buckardt inquired about a Larimer County Fair survey that was handed out to participants in 2022.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Stephens shared the memorial gift that she had ordered for Bob Keirns family. Her office is working with Nancy Keirns to determine an appropriate time to present the gift.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Stephanie Morrison asked Fair Board members to sign sympathy cards for families of Kate Ulam and Jim Easthouse.

FAIR BOARD PARTNERS / LIAISON REPORTS

- a. **Queen/Royalty** – Sabrina Borg reported on her participation at Elizabeth Stampede and upcoming events which include Miss Rodeo Colorado competition, Greeley Stampede Parade, and Rooftop Rodeo.
- b. **Extension /4-H** – Bailey Schilling reported that the livestock workshops were wrapping up, and that the Larimer County Family Consumer Science Team and the Livestock Quiz Bowl teams would be going to Nationals.
- c. **Rodeo Board** - Steve reported on the Rodeo and informed the Fair Board that rodeo tickets will be available for pickup Friday, June 30th.
- d. **The Ranch** – Louise Romero reported that sponsors for both the Ranch Hands t-shirts and the golf carts had been signed up. July 7th was the deadline for the invitation list for the anniversary party. Louise had examples of Fair Posters. Details on Sensory Day, the sensory room were shared. A sensory room will be set up in the Larimer County Conference Center and the mother's room would be set up in same space as the volunteer room. Carnival Americana will be charging \$100 for full 5 day wristbands and \$40 for single day wristbands. Activities on site will include a tractor display, mechanical bull, Loveland ever blocks, a toddler bounce house, and Cams Academy. The list of acts on the Community Stage was growing. The Anniversary Party will be held in the Watering Hole tent from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- e. **Rodeo Board** - Steve reported on the Rodeo and informed the Fair Board that their complimentary rodeo tickets will be available for pickup Friday, June 30th.
- f. **Fair Coordinator** – Louise reported that Laura Bolt was absent as she was working on Fair Entry.
- g. **Anniversary** – Louise reported on the Anniversary in her earlier report.

FAIR BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Ranch Hands** –Kristine confirmed that sponsors had been found for the Ranch Hands t-shirts and the golf cart banners. The mandatory golf cart training will be held on July 27th and August 1st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. They are still recruiting volunteers, and need help with shuttles after the Rodeos.
- b. **Queens/Royalty** – Stephanie Fancher English invited everyone to the Queens Contest on Saturday, July 15. The Happy Trails BBQ will be held on Friday, August 4, and 4 tickets were handed out to each Fair Board member. All members are asked to sell at least 4 tickets to the BBQ and bring a high end bottle of whiskey or tequila for the fundraising event. Deborah Sherman can help with this.
- c. **Pancake Breakfast** – John reminded all that the Pancake Breakfast will be held from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. He had just finished inventory of all items left over from last year.
- d. **Parade** – Darryl English asked all Fair Board members to share the Facebook Posts about the Parade and the after party. Parade entries are due July 21st.
- e. **Junior Livestock Sale** –John Foley reported that there was a great turnout for the first mandatory sale meeting for 4-H youth wanting to sell animals in the sale. Invitations for the buyers dinner and flyers would be available at 287 Ranch Supply,

Barnyard Vet & Pet Supply, Tractor Supply, and the Extension Office. The Committee is continuing to work towards a rapid sale, the Buyers dinner will start at 3:00 pm. The Committee will reach out to past buyers to explain the changes. A sign-up genius will be used to help schedule volunteers.

f. Workplan Update

- a. Enhance Fair-Related Volunteerism** – Kristine believes that Volgistics has helped with her volunteer work.
- b. Host an after-Parade Event in Downtown Loveland** – Darryl expressed excitement over the after-parade party in Loveland and the overall growth in size and enthusiasm for the Parade.
- c. JLSC Enhance the Efficiency of the Junior Livestock Sale** – John reported that plans are to speed up the sale by decreasing time each 4-H youth is in the sale ring.
- d. Provide an Accessible Fairgrounds Experience for Visitors** – Mark reported that BEC upgrades are progressing. They are planning on providing tours of the 4-H Youth and Community Building. Do to construction and changes to the entire campus, Marv asked for messaging to the 4-H community that would include information specific to camping, parking, livestock, trailers, parking, and ADA parking. Commissioner Stephens reported that the Ranch will soon charge for parking at events like hockey and concerts, but this will not include 4-H events or Fair and Rodeo.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS / OTHER BUSINESS

ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There are no items for the Executive Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Pat Young moved to adjourn the meeting, second from Darryl English. The motion was approved on a majority vote of the Board Members. 12-0
Meeting was adjourned.

Chair: Stephanie Morrison _____

Secretary: Stephanie Fancher English_____