



Larimer County Fair Board Meeting Minutes March 22, 2023, 6:30 pm

The Larimer County Fair Board convened a regular session on Wednesday, March 22, 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, John Foley, Tamara TerAvest

Also Present: County Commissioner - Kristin Stephens, Fair Coordinator - Laura Boldt, 2023 LCFR Queen - Sabrina Borg, Rodeo Board – Steve Humann, CSU Extension-Bailey Schilling, Jodi Witt, Lori Borg

Absent: Board Members – Pat Young, Kristine Miller, Melinda Deal, Ranch Director - Conor McGrath, Ranch Sr Event Manager, - Louise Romero

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

Logan Lenz made a motion to approve the March 22, 2023, Agenda, Darryl English seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved on a majority vote by the Board Members. 9-0

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

John Foley made a motion to approve the February 22, 2023, Meeting Minutes 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: Stephanie Morrison read correspondence from Cindy Buckardt regarding 64th Larimer County 4H Carnival; they had a very large turnout and reported making over \$13,000 for the Foundation.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Stephens reported on the CSU Extension Showcase, where they heard about CSU Extension services and welcomed the new CSU President, Amy Parsons. The Commissioners are tracking several State Bills that directly impact Larimer County during this Legislative session.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Stephanie Morrison handed out a copy of John R. Wooden's Pyramid of Success and shared information about how this model can be a useful tool for Fairboard Members. She is hoping to reach out to all the Committees to check on how they are progressing.

FAIR BOARD PARTNERS / LIAISON REPORTS

- a. **Queen/Royalty** – Sabrina Borg reported that she had volunteered 242 hours, traveled 2,484 miles, and made 39 Facebook Posts to date for LCFR Queen duties.
- b. **Extension /4-H** – Bailey Schilling reported that there are 81 beef cattle tagged, and 116 market swine members signed up for 2023 Fair. 4-H enrollment is closed, numbers are strong. CSU Extension is interviewing 3 candidates for the 4-H Director position and hopes to have this position filled by April meeting. CSU Extension is working on Roles and Responsibilities, Qualifications for the second Extension Agent before they advertise for this position.
- c. **The Ranch** – Laura Boldt reported that the Ranch campus improvements are progressing. Kristin Stephens confirmed that construction on the 4H Building is ahead of schedule.
- d. **Rodeo Board** - Steve Humann conveyed that plans for celebrating the 75 year anniversary are progressing. The Rodeo Board is looking forward to honoring 4 WWII Veterans at the Sunday Rodeo performance, and Greeley Hat Works has generously donated a custom hat for each Veteran.
- e. **Fair Coordinator** - Laura Bolt informed the Board that The Ranch is in the process of finalizing the Exhibitor Schedule and they are looking forward to the addition of the Swine Market Breed Show. They are still trying to fill Superintendent positions. She attended Fair Entry training the previous month.
- f. **Anniversary** – Steve Humann informed the Board the Anniversary meetings had been rescheduled for every two weeks, The Ranch is working on marketing and confirmed the Fair theme "Through the Decades". Darryl English confirmed this theme will also be used for Parade. Jay Crouse asked that this be shared with 4-H Clubs.

FAIR BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Ranch Hands** –Deborah Sherman asked all Fair Board members to sign up for Volgistics on Vicnet. She reminded all to record their hours. All Fair Board members are to take training and sign up for shuttle driving, plan on driving shuttles at Jr Livestock Auction, pass on ideas for volunteer groups. Logan Lenz asked if high school sports teams had been contacted. Laura Boldt expanded on how to sign up for volunteering on Vicnet.
- b. **Queens/Royalty** – Stephanie Fancher English reported on upcoming Queen events. A copy of the 2023 LCFR Royalty Program Budget was provided to Fair Board members for review and approval. Logan Lenz made a motion to approve the 2023 Royalty Program Budget, Deborah Sherman seconded the motion; motion approved on a majority vote of the Board Members. 9-0
- c. **Pancake Breakfast** – John Foley informed that no pancake breakfast meetings are scheduled yet.
- d. **Parade** – Darryl English reported he has Permits with City of Loveland. Entertainment and Foundry space has been reserved. This event will include space for

10'x10' pop-ups for groups/vendors. The sponsorship application is ready, he will get with Dana Drake to help with Loveland Barricade. He will next work on Grand Marshall.

e. Junior Livestock Sale – John Foley reported that the JLSC Dinner will be held out in the tent. They are working on the cost of meal with OVG360, at starting dinner as early as 3:30 pm, and then starting Sale after the dinner. They are working on ideas to encourage kids to promote the sale of their animal prior to the Auction, showcasing the Grand Champions, and consolidating pens. They plan to meet with auctioneers next month. Logan Lenz asked about ideas for reducing the dust and heat in the building.

f. Workplan Update

- a. Enhance Fair-Related Volunteerism** – Deborah Sherman shared goals that include recruiting early, ease of volunteer sign up, communication, support, and appreciation of volunteers.
- b. Host an after Parade Event in Downtown Loveland** – Darryl reported on progress earlier in his Parade report.
- c. JLSC Enhance the Efficiency of the Junior Livestock Sale** – John Foley shared goals of speeding up the sale and making it more efficient in his earlier report.
- d. Provide an Accessible Fairgrounds Experience for Visitors** – Conor McGrath was not present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.** Conor McGrath was not in attendance so Fair Board Long Term Strategic Planning was postponed to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS / OTHER BUSINESS

- a.** Discussion was held on Fair Board shirts, Stephanie Fancher-English to email sign up sheet for Fair Board members still needing shirts.
- b.** Stephanie Morrison brought up the need to share how PETA demonstrations should be handled. This discussion to be put off until next month.

ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There are no items for Executive Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Logan Lenz moved to adjourn the meeting, second from Darryl English. The motion was approved on a majority vote of the Board Members. 9-0
Meeting was adjourned.

Chair: Stephanie Morrison _____

Secretary: Stephanie Fancher English_____