

Date 1/4/2024 6pm

Present at Meeting: Dustin, Miki, Dana, Kail, Abby, Annie, Jesse, Ben, Pat, Elsie, Kurt, Rebecca, Monica, Randy

Approval of Minutes for the November and December 2023 minutes by the entire group.

Treasurer Report: Dakota not present due to being sick.

Manager Report:

Randy is working on finishing the west fence and starting to move the practice arena. There is still discussion of where the funds will be coming from regarding the movement of the practice arena.

Old Business:

Dana made a motion to find a company to repair the current scale versus the price of getting a new scale. Abby to second that motion.

Ben will contact the scale repair person. The purchase of a new scale is still on hold.

Miki and Dustin to work on shade structure for the north side of the pavilion during fair.

Extension Report:

Rebecca Sherif is the new 4-H extension agent.

Monica Pless is the new Director of Chaffee County Extension.

Going over the 4-H Livestock Rules

Grooming Rules: eliminate number 4 and the first part of number 5 in order to include the use of adhesives.

For rabbits and poultry, including what a ½ pound of each other means, meaning a ½ pound variance between all 3 meat animals.

Dana will volunteer to be the 4-H General Exhibit Superintendent.

Agree that animals and indoor projects release time is 3:30-5pm Sunday August 4th. The goal is to stay stricter on this rule in order to provide more of an experience for the public attending the fair through the entire weekend.

Motion to make a statement that if a project is picked up early, it may involve disqualification for the next year. Abby to motion, Dustin to second. The idea remains for projects/exhibits to be available for public view through the entirety of the fair.

Motion to approve the updated 4-H rule book for 2024, Pat motion, Elsie to second.

Working Committees tabled to February meeting.

Livestock pavilion layout tabled to February meeting.

Have print out of calendar to go over schedule of Fair for the February meeting.

Jesse and Randy to work on placement of Conex boxes to place under the grandstands.

Workday in February to go through closet and organize room where the flags are. Tent moved to the cones storage at that time. Workday will be announced at the February meeting.

It was discussed with Greg Felt of the idea of having a non-voting committee and he agreed that it was a good idea. He will continue to look into details and get back with us.

New Business:

Renew Board Vacancies

Annie approved for 3 year term.

Pat Approved for 3 year term.

Jesse Approved for 3 year term.

Kail Approved for 3 year term.

Bernie Approved for 3 year term.

Ben valid 2025

Abby valid 2026

Dakota valid 2026

Trent valid 2026

Dana valid 2025

Elsie valid 2025

Dustin valid 2026

Old Vacancies of Tate (2025), Rachael (2026) and Lily (2026) were available.

Motion to approve all 5 applicants and increase number to 17 members, Annie to motion, Dustin to second, amend that one new member is a two year term and 2 members are a 3 year term, those members will be decided at the February meeting.

Amended the bylaws to include 17 members.

Pat: Westrock to play the second weekend, Adam Ashley Band confirmed for the first weekend, DJ quote of \$600

Elsie: Read a letter she created to send to the editor at the mountain mail and the Chaffee County Times. The letter describes the importance of the indoor projects and stimulating interest. All the board approved submitting the letter.

Miki: Refresh on protocols, evacuation etc, liquor class service before Fair.

Abby: if anyone has anything for the Adventure Magazine for when it is due.

Quarterly 4-H Leader meeting 1/24/24 6:30pm at fairgrounds, project superintendents encouraged to participate.

Beef Weigh. In 1/28/24 2-4pm.

Next meeting February 1st at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Addendum: The votes were submitted to the Chaffee County Commissioner office liaison Tara. We did not have approval from the commissioners to increase the number of seats to 17. A vote was repeated via email to each current fairboard member. Each member evaluated the letters and sent their top 3 candidates to fill the 3 open seats. Every member voted. The top 3 results were Taylor Woolmington, Marcus Scanga and Chelsea Johnson.

The Commissioners approved these candidates and they were notified via phone call and recommended to attend the beef weight-in and the first February meeting.