



## **DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- SHOW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020 AT 6:00 PM**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

### **Meeting**

**Attendance:** Pat Salazar, Kirsten Cowan, Nicole Speeding, Sara Warren, Robin Vogel, Brenda McKinney, Tracey Moe, Hayden Schmidt, Sue Weinroth, Ben Alderton, Christy VanBibber, Laura Jordan, Sarah Fischer, Rob Tkach, Julia Davis, Rochelle Weigel, Noah VanBibber, Tyler Summervill, Brittany Sandell, Kim Surry, Brian Cagianut, Frank Silici, Ryan Potton, Dawn Arnt, Michelle Bartlett, Scott Candelaria, Keith Mauck.

Ben thanked the committee for doing the meeting virtually. Her reminded them of the virtual meeting “ground rules” and asked them to mute their microphones when not talking.

**Chair and Vice-Chair Recommendations:** Michelle informed the committee that the November meeting is when the committee sends a recommendation to Fair Board for Chair and Vice Chair. Christy endorsed Ben and Hayden as Chair and Vice Chair of the Show Management Committee. Julia seconded. Both expressed how appreciative they are of what Ben and Hayden have done so far and would like them to continue leading the group. The committee agreed.

**CSU Update:** No report.

**Superintendent Applications Received:** Ben asked if there was any discussion on the list of Superintendent applications received that Michelle sent out, other than those that had already emailed in. No discussion.

Robin asked if anyone would be willing to step up and help with Master Showmanship and Round Robin. Although she can do it by herself, she would appreciate help. Dawn and Kim volunteered to help in any way needed. Michelle will add this to each of their applications. The committee agreed to send the recommendations on to Fair Board.

**Competition Rules:** Ben reminded the committee that Michelle had sent out the revised Competition Rules to be reviewed and any additional changes need to be returned by

Friday, November 6, 2020 by 5:00pm. Ben and Michelle stressed the importance of the committee looking them over to make sure no changes were missed.

**Fair Board Rules Committee:** Hayden explained that the Fair Board is in the process of forming a special committee to focus on the Competition Rules. The Fair Board would like to change the current process so that looking over the rules is not solely on one committee's shoulders. This committee will have a representative from every corner of the Fair. The goal will be to help to communicate the rules better, hopefully condense the CRR and to make sure there are not any issues with the rules. This should help improve things moving forward. The committee will still need the Superintends help as the subject matter experts. This is a long-term project, but something the committee will continue to work on. Hayden assured the committee that no matter what the Rules Committee proposes, everything will always be run by the Superintendents.

Christy asked if the rules would be sent out to the whole Show Management Committee after the Rules Committee has reviewed them or just the individual departments? Hayden agreed that sending out the rules to the entire committee was a great idea. He reminded everyone that the Rules Committee is brand new and will work through everything over time.

**Judge Recommendations:** Ben reminded the committee that judge recommendations for 2021 were due to Michelle by tonight's meeting. A few people asked for an extension. Michelle asked that they send in their recommendations by Friday, November 6, 2020 at 5:00pm. After those judges are received, Michelle will then send the list out via email for comments or concerns. The list will then go on to Fair Board for approval.

Christy asked for an explanation of judge's payments. Michelle clarified that the judges are paid a flat fee that is negotiated with each judge individually to include travel and room and board.

Ryan asked if the judges come back year after year. He voiced a concern about the Showmanship judge for swine from 2020. The Swine department does not want this judge to come back.

Brenda asked if the 2021 Fair dates had been solidified. She is concerned that Agility trials are booking judges already and that it might be hard to find a judge. She asked that a meeting could be set up with Ben and Hayden to discuss this. Michelle will send out a tentative internal calendar for the 2021 dates.

**Event Planning Worksheets:** Michelle has received a few Event Planning Worksheets back, but not very many. She asked that the Superintendent get them back to her as soon as possible.

Tyler asked that the Shooting Sports Event Planning Worksheet be sent to Nicole to fill out.

**General Comments:** None

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 6, 2020