



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD- SHOW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020 AT 6:00 PM

WebEx Online Meeting

AGENDA

Meeting

Attendance: Tyler Summervill, Sara Warren, Ben Alderton, Brenda McKinney, Pat Salazar, Christy VanBibber, Dean Rushing, Kirsten Cowan, Pam Spradlin, Robin Vogel, Frank Silici, Sue Weinroth, Troy Taylor, Shawn McWhorter, Scott Candelaria, Ryan Potton, Noah VanBibber, Shari VanBibber, Alice Boettcher, Rob Tkach, Kim Surry, Jamie Horacek, Staci Collins, Cheryl Scherwin, Robert Palmer, Sarah Fischer, Hayden Schmidt, Luanne Lee, Michelle Bartlett, Tim Hallmark.

Meeting Rules: Ben explained the meeting rules and how to be courteous on a virtual conference call with so many people involved.

Staff/Fair Board Update

Fair Board: Ben informed the committee that The Board of County Commissioners would like to move forward with Fair as much as possible, but asked that the Fair Board assign a special committee (The Fair Planning Committee) comprised of five Fair Board Directors to explore alternative options for this year's Fair due to the current COVID-19 crisis. This committee will be providing the Commissioners with recommendations for all aspects of the Fair including Show Management (4-H, Creative Arts and Open Class) and the 4-H Jr. Livestock Sale. Both Ben and Hayden are on the committee. Ben asked for the help of the Superintendents with suggestions and recommendations for each department within Show Management. Michelle will send out an email with three questions for each superintendent to discuss with their Assistant Superintendents. The questionnaire will have a deadline to be turned back in of Wednesday, June 13 at 5:00pm.

Ben updated the committee on a very contagious rabbit disease called Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHVD-2) that is going on in the United States. Robin Vogel and Kirsten Cowan gave an update on the disease and the status of the Douglas County 4-H Rabbit Program.

Fairgrounds: The Fair staff would like each Superintendent to put together a short description of what a day in each department or barn is like to post on the Fair & Rodeo website. These will be used as educational pieces for the general public when coming to Fair.

CSU: Kirsten updated the committee on the status of CSU and 4-H in regards to COVID-19. Currently, there is to be no face-to-face contact until May 15. After that date, she hopes to have more information to send out.

Kirsten also gave an update on animal tag-ins for Fair. This year there are a few extra hoops to jump through, but swine tag-in has been going well. Sheep and goat tag-in will start next week. If a family is unable to pick-up their tags or does not feel comfortable doing so, she will arrange a way for them to get their tags.

Judge Update: Michelle informed the committee that almost all judges have been secured, there are just a few left for Master Showmanship and Round Robin that need to be found. The Fair Planning Committee is also looking at options for judging if there is a change in how the shows are run this year.

Superintendent Boxes: Michelle sent out an email to all superintendents with a list of the supplies that are in their supply boxes for Fair. A response to that email with any changes, additions or deletions was requested ASAP.

Barn Supplies: The Superintendents were instructed to send Michelle a list of any supplies that they need for their barn during Fair no later than Friday, May 15.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Comments:

Alice Boettcher asked if Michelle could send out an email with awards that have not been sponsored yet for 2020. Michelle will send that email out shortly. If anyone is interested in sponsoring an award, they are asked to contact Michelle.

A question was asked on the chat function for the meeting: If Fair had to be done as a virtual show, would it be live streamed?

Ben explained that it depends on what the restrictions are at that time and how the shows can proceed. The Fair Planning Committee is looking at all different options of how this might work.

Michelle reminded the group that the Fair Planning Committee is looking at all portions of Show Management including Creative Arts and Ag/Flori as well.

Brenda McKinney asked that if 4-H does not want to do a 4-H dog show, could we do an open show with people from other counties?

Ben explained that the Fair Planning Committee doesn't really have answers to that right now, but they will the committee know as plans and ideas progress.

Hayden echoed everything that Ben had explained to the committee. The answers to the questionnaire will really help the Fair Planning Committee to make recommendations to the Commissioners. He reminded everyone to feel free to add more information, not just answer the questions.