

On Monday, October 12, 2020, Mark Wade called the Albany County Fair Board meeting to order at 6:30. In attendance was Andrea Senior, Katie Ogden, and Scott Lake. Brett Moline was absent. The meeting was recorded on Facebook for minute writing purposes.

Mark addressed that public comment would be where the board would address the other fair comments or suggestions. He said that the speaker would need to be recognized by the chair and then they could make their comments. Mark also added that the rules are out for comment now and the fair board is still accepting comment.

Public Comment:

Freda Dixon reported that a LVRA member came to the grounds yesterday and their shed was unlocked and the doors were open. She said there is \$1000 worth of supplies for the rabbit shows in the shed. The rabbit and poultry cages are also still outside. She also said the Sale Committee told her that the rabbit project kids would be given \$200 and those had not been received. Josey explained that she had not written those checks because she did not have an exact list of the kids that were to receive the money. Ben explained that he was the one that was in the rabbit shed and had thought he got it locked back up.

Meaghan Stinson expressed her concern about the electricity in the sheep barn. Mark asked about the need of where the electricity was needed. Ruth Lake explained that two blowers could not be plugged into the same outlet. Katie explained that at the superintendent post fair meeting the superintendents had built a list for each barn that they would like to have attention to before the next fair season, washracks, electrical and PA systems are a few of those things on the list. Meaghan also explained that there were missing goat pens on the west side and the east side there was only half because the superintendents had set up a table. She also felt that 3 clubs to a tack pen was not acceptable. Ben explained that he set up the barn according to the diagram he was provided with by the superintendents. Another concern Meaghan had was the absence of the sheep and goat superintendent. Andrea asked about specifics. Meaghan explained that kids had many questions for their superintendent. Meaghan also expressed that she was concerned about all the rule changes that are being submitted for next year, and the level of experience of the sheep and goat barn superintendent. Ruth expressed another concern of the sheep getting out of their pens, and suggested adding carabiner clips to secure the pens a little more, and to weld them to the chains so they stay on the grounds. Meaghan also expressed that she was concerned about the lack of security on the barns not being locked up at night. She felt it may be proactive to have a checklist for the superintendents. She felt that the cornhole was a great idea and was a fun thing for the kids and community, but the timing didn't allow some kids to be involved. Meaghan also said the cattle had a hard time setting up in front of the backdrop since it was in the corner. The shavings were also a concern because they did not arrive until move in day at noon. She also expressed that a contact sheet for the superintendent would be helpful. She said some of the windows in the sheep barn are broken and will not stay open. Meaghan was also

concerned the jackpot was cutting into some of the other activities. Andrea explained that the jackpot was going to be in June.

Mrs. Kunkel explained that a long time ago there was a night security type of person that would do checks in the evenings to ensure the barn was locked up and animals were in their pens.

Heather Alexander expressed that she would like all superintendents to be at the sale to help with their respective species, to help clean the barns and help with other things on sale day.

Ruth Lake brought up the slick concrete in the beef barn and some solutions that could be used. Andrea explained the rolled roofing may be an option or rubber mats may be a possibility as well. Textured floor was also priced out and it was completely out of budget.

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Kaite moved to accept the minutes as submitted for September 12, 2020. Andrea seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed.

Guest, Committee Reports

The 4-H council represented by Mary Louise Wood reported they met last week, the livestock judging team will be competing at the American Royal Judging Contest this coming weekend. They were given a presentation on mining in Wyoming by one of their donors. They had their elections, Meaghan Stinson is the new president, Jennifer Miller is the vice president Liz Williams will serve as secretary Jenna Strain is the public relations person and Sarah Muhsman is the treasurer. They are currently working on their goals. They are thinking that they will not be able to have the carnival in March but are thinking of having it on March 22nd outside by the beef barn with various booths. They are also thinking of doing a drive in movie and the food will be given as a goodie bag when they come in.

Mayci Wade, member of the Snowy Range FFA Chapter gave the report for the chapter. She said they are back to having in person meetings and will have a meeting tomorrow Tuesday at 6:30. They are also working to get back into community service projects, a bit ago they did their annual highway clean up and will be doing the trick or treating for canned goods, but since they can't go trick or treating this year they will be located at the grocery stores. They can't do their normal hog roast but will be raffling the hog and raffle tickets will be out Tuesday.

No report from Rock Creek FFA

Dave Whitman and Sharleen were both present for the Fairgrounds Foundation. Dave said they had nothing new to report. Their next meeting is on October 20, 2020 at 5:15. Katie reported that

the upcoming Gem City Jackpot that will be held in June some of the revenue will be given to the Foundation to help them fundraise and build their checking account. Dave said he had also talked to Fremont Electric about security lighting at the Range Arena

The Sale Committee report given by Heather Alexander said that they are now looking for 3 sale committee members. She said they had talked about what they want on the buyers survey as well as a christmas card. They would like to have a business after hours in May or June and invite the Butcher Block and 307 Meat Company to showcase what they have. She said they are still waiting on a couple of buyers to pay but that should be done soon. They will be getting going on the research of other counties to find out what they do with their sales and that side of the project.

Shooting Range - Written.

Josey gave the Shooting Range September Hours. Roy gave some Concealed Carry courses and reported that the equipment is wiped down and sanitized after each use. Training classes are being scheduled on the off mornings or Saturday and Sundays when his schedule allows.

Fairgrounds Report - Ben reported that the campers and boats will be in by the 15th of October. There have not been many evacuees. The remodel project should be done this week. They will be building pens where the tie outs for so people can leave their steers loose at fair. He explained the lease deal on the skid steer and the ABI drag. The three point drag is substantially cheaper than the trailer drags. Dave asked if we had come up with a drag solution for the Range Arena.

There was no Judges Committee Report

Range Arena - Lauren reported she will be MAG-ing the arena again this week. She also reported the transition with Laura was very smooth and the stalls are now all full. She has been fixing the doors at the arena. She has the updated quote for the waters and the concrete work. She also reported that she will be submitting her resignation.

Treasurer's Report Katie moved to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. Scott seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed.

Office and Staff Reports

Josey reported that we are business as usual and when she was at WAF Convention she gained a lot of good ideas with the sale and emailing invoices and having a qualifying corn hole

tournament, and the visual side of RFID tags would be available as well as possibly going to other fairs to help them and gain ideas.

Correspondence

Lon Vohland's Sale Committee resignation letter.

Old Business

Range Arena Waters - Laruen gave an update on the quotes she had received from the Feed Store and the for the concrete. Discussion on the bid process, and the need for heat as well as single compared to double waters. Andrea expressed that if we were to spend that kind of money we would need to do more research. No action taken.

New Business

Archery - Nathan Melchoir - Absent - No action

Wyoming Machinery - Katie moved to renew the lease agreement with Wyoming Machinery for the skid steer. Andrea seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

ABI Drag - Mark asked if there was money in the budget for the drag. Josey suggested presenting this to Jubilee Days and also possibly finding a corporate sponsor. Andrea offered to discuss the drag with Jubilee Days committee. No action.

Rates for Evacuees- Josey recommended to the board to wave the fees for the Mullen Fire evacuees, because they are not choosing to be here and if there was not a natural disaster they would not have a need to be on the grounds. She reported there had been some goats, alpacas, horses and pigs housed on the fairgrounds for evacuation purposes. The horses are still on the grounds but the rest of the animals are gone. Katie moved to remove the rates for the evacuees from the Mullen Fire, Scott seconded the motion. Mary Louise suggested seeing if EOC would help with the maintenance cost of those barns while the animals were here. There was no further discussion. Motion passed.

Wool Judging - Wool Judging Student - Absent - No action.

Approve New By Laws - Katie explained what was changed in the By Laws, the personnel job descriptions were taken out and a section about the rule change process and how it would happen only in even years unless there was an urgent need. Andrea moved to approve the new By Law. Katie seconded. Joel said that the By Laws did not need to go out for public comment because it is not how the board deals with the public it is how they deal within the board amongst themselves. No further discussion. Motion passes.

Stockgrowers Meeting - Heather Alexander - Heather said she approached the stockgrowers about taking back the supreme ewe program at county fair to which they were open to. She asked for a rental rate reduction for the Dining Room for their annual meeting. Katie moved to wave the 75 dollar fee for the meeting. Andrea seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4-H Project Pen Application- Josey explained the reason she felt the project pen application was a good thing to do for young kids that will be getting into animal projects to be exhibited at fair. Katie moved to approve the application and the process. Scott seconded. There was discussion of the scholarship that the foundation offers to those who may not be able to afford the stall rental. Andrea explained that there are many families that knew about the project pens. The advertisement of the pens will be greater. No further discussion. Motion Passes

September Expenditures - Andrea moved to approve the expenditures, Scott seconded. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm October 12th, 2020.

The next meeting will be held November 9th, 2020.