

RuskCounty Jr. Fair Board Minutes
June 28, 2020

Present: Connie Meyer, Scott Jones, Darrell Doughty, Lyle Lieffring, Scott Andres, Jessica Wiles, Loren Beebe, Judy Spr, Brittany Wiles, Tammy Loomis. Charmaine Riddle Brooke Wiles at 6:05
Laura Nelson and Emily Nelson

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Public Comment: Laura Dutter Nelson was present to speak about the decision on a 1 day horse show. Wondering why we decided to allow it to be where you can pull in and out the same for the show? She stated the horse group was not contacted for comments or questions as to having the 1 day show. She was concerned about kids being able to get their horses and back home if they do not own a trailer and have to have someone else trailer them. Also would there be enough time to get all the shows in one day. It may put a lot of stress on the kids and horses. She is asking if there is a reason that the kids and horses can not stay the whole fair? We suggested the horse committee meet and discuss this and then come back to us with a decision. Question as to if one of our board members should be present at the meeting.

Minutes: Motion by Jessica Wiles/Connie Meyer 2nd to approve minutes as written from JUNE 7, 2020 and June 14, 2020 board meeting. Motion carried.

Fair Coordinator report: Brooke and Brittney reported the Truck/Tractor banners are being updated. The school exhibits are done. They also extended the entry day to July 10, 2020 to give more time to register. Asked the question about moving the campsite to make more room for trailers. Being there will be less activity on the fairgrounds should have enough room to park everything. Talked about Wednesday judging which is usually face to face now with the danish judging how things will go with the Music, clothing and foods review? Suggestions of face timing, messenger? Judy to check with another county to see what was done.

Extension Report: Scott Jones wondering about why the county board did not take a vote on the fair. Lyle stated the board was happy with what was being done so they were good.

Truck/Tractor Pull:

Food: Jessica Wiles and Connie Meyer have a plan. Kevin Andres will be donating the hamburger, hot dogs and cheese for the pull. Dustin Geibel will donate the brats. They also got chips, 2 sizes, candy, pop and foil wraps. Ketchup and mustard packets are ordered through Sam's club. Fresh Market donated \$150.00 and will get the buns for us and donated a pallet of water as well. Charmaine wondered about another hand washing station. She will get another one as it is good to have 2. What about the 50/50 raffle, the fairest of the fair could sell tickets.

Need to set up a list as to who is working where?
Front gate will be Ron Freeman, Shari and Brian Coggins
Back Gate: Jessica Wiles, Tammy Loomis, Julie Van Doorn?
Food: Darrell Doughty, Jim & Janet Wood, Shana and Danielle Zimmer
Runner: Shana Swanson
Check: Charmaine Riddle
Registration: Booke & Breanne
Bartenders: Loren, Jason, and Mike Srp. Judy Checking Id's
Tickets: Connie Meyer - Back side, Katie Olesiak - Grandstand side.

Sponsors: \$500 from Town of Grant, \$2,900 in 2019. Total fair Sponsorship is \$17,940.
Advertising: \$116.55 for a 3x3 ad in the Newspaper and Shopper, \$155.30 for a 4x3 ad in both.
It would run the 9th & 16th of July, Judy to check on. Ron will check with WLDY. Brooke checked with Midwest Broadcasting. A motion by Darrell Doughty/Connie Meyer 2nd to run commercial on Midwest Broadcasting spending no more than \$125.00. Motion carried.

Speaker System: We need more speakers as it was hard to hear in the grandstand last year. Darrell will check the system out this week.

Event Needs: 8 Bleachers, fencing, picnic tables, ticket booths, 2 canopies and tables.

Livestock Comm Update: Auction will be online.

Dog & Cat Show: Judy read through the CDC suggestions about covid and animal health. Motion by Jessica Wiles/Darrell Doughty 2nd to cancel the dog and cat show. Motion carried.

Brooke told us the chicken judge cancelled.

Press Release: Brooke sent out a press release for the fair.

Sponsor update: \$1,300 was donated by Indeck. \$800 for the horse pull and \$500 for the BBQ cookoff. The Justmann Band will be donating towards the BBQ cookoff as well. For 2021 Rodeo we have \$3,500 for the Rodeo and \$235 for the fair.

Truck/Tractor Pull: Classic Auto - Judy, Cloverbelt - Shana, Ace Ethanol - Jessica, CPH, D Bar, Golat & Engel - Judy, Joe Zack Trucking - Scott Jones, Olynick -\$100, K&K - Scott Andres, Lemke Oil - Jessica, Northwest Sanitary - Connie, Rands - Jessica, Farm Supply - Judy, T-marshall & Willard, Tryricky and Sons - Scott Jones, Wallys Saw & Gun - Scott Andres, TRH - Scott Jones.

Extreme Bull Riding: Connie was contacted by a vendor out of Iowa LLC Extreme Bull Riding Tour wanting to do an Extreme Bull Riding event for Leaf it to Rusk. She put him on the phone to explain what he does and go over pricing. 2 nights are \$27,000 plus pay out of \$7,500 and 1 night is \$17,500 with \$5,000-\$7500 payout. They have 24 years experience, they have had a

few rides this year. They work in a 10 state area. No deadline for letting him know, the sooner the better for advertising. They would provide the announcers, clowns, barrel men etc... No connection to Barron County Bull Riding. They can provide references if we want them. All the ticket and sponsor money would be ours. We will need to provide the labor and equipment. Cancel process is 50% of what is contracted, \$3,400, there is no charge if it is before 45 days out. Discussion about the event, would our sponsors do both bull riding and rodeo? Would that work and get attendance? Maybe a 2021 event. Not this year was decided.

Jessica Wiles asked everyone to think about the horse show and exceptions for the horses staying during the fair and how we should handle the horse show. Beanne was called and asked if the horse project has made any attempts for a meeting - the answer was no. The question about if Breanne steps in? Breanne was asking why this was brought up? We explained that Laura was at our meeting questioning the decision that was made at the last meeting. The horse show is done by the fair with a superintendent so Breanne really can't step in but would suggest a meeting to them to discuss.

Next meeting will be July 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the fairgrounds.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:37 by Judy Srp/Scott Andres 2nd. Motion carried.