

Rusk COunty Jr. Fair Board Minutes  
July 26, 2020

**Present:** Ron Freeman, Judy Srp, Darrell Doughty, Jessica Wiles, Connie Meyer, SCott Andres, Scott Jones, Brooke Wiles, Brittany Wiles, Charmaine Riddle, Lyle Lieffrin, Shana Sawnsen, Tammy Loomis

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from June 28 and July 12 2020 meetings by Scott Jones/Connie Meyer 2nd. Motion carried.

**Fair Coordinator:** Superintendent training is completed. All entry tags and worksheets are printed and ready for fair.

Brooke as about what to do with food review, clothing review and music as far as judging goes? It was suggested to contact the judges and see what they would like to do. Brooke also wanted to know if there would be a 50/50 drawing during the horse pull? She would line that up. Brooke was wondering about what to do with the Ayrshire association rules. They have 1 entrant under the association and the exhibitor is over 19. She will check with the association for their rules.

Signage: How much signage do we want around the fairgrounds and what kind? The answer was yes and as much as possible.

**Truck/Tractor pull:** There was 7,198.50 made. Down from the previous year. We paid out more in participants and food. \$8,000 in payouts. Pull moved along fast and went well. It is agreed to charge \$10.00 per person at the gate. Many were willing to pay that. It was commented that there was a complaint about an under age bartender. Judy stated she told the young lady that she would not be able to serve anyone. Bartending was done by those that were of age and she could help with food.

It was asked about removing more white fence and putting up a guard rail and chain link fence. We will need to go to property for that. As long as fair covers the expense it should be fine. Charmaine will get a Thank You ad in the paper for the pull.

Left over food: There is pop, 6 cases of fries, chips and brats. We can use it up at the mud bog.

**Mud Bog:** Scott Jones worked on the bog this last week. He moved it over about 30 feet so it should work better for the trucks. TDI donated a backhoe to work on the bog. Leaf it to Rusk will not work for a weekend to the Mud Bog at as they already have another event. September 19th would be better. Scott Jones said he would work to have the pit ready by then.

Motion to move the Mud Bog to September 19, 2020 with registration at 11:00 and the pull to start at 12:30 with a \$10.00 registration fee and \$5.00 gate feet by Jessica Wiles/Judy Srp 2nd. Motion carried. Motion by Jessica Wiles/Connie Meyer 2nd to allow SCott Jones to get the materials needed to complete and fix the mud bog pit. Motion carried.

**Rodeo:** Lenora from Big Hat Rodeo contacted Connie Meyer and let her know she was unable to do the rodeo the weekend of the fair for 2021 due to other booked events. She would refund us our money. A motion to have our \$10,000 refunded by Big Hat Rodeo by Scott Jones/Darrell Doughty 2nd. Motion carried. Marty Barnes was already contacted and will be coming to do a presentation.

**Poultry Judge:** The poultry judged cancelled on Thursday. Brooke wanted to know if we could use an emergency judge? She would check with the poultry superintendent from Barron County or Liz Downs to see if they would be interested.

**Round Robin:** Judy asked if the Round Robin could be moved to 4:00 pm instead of 5:00 pm. It would not be done in time to load animals.

**Gate Greeters:** Do we want some gate greeters at the fair. They could explain what is going on on the grounds and monitor the free will donation boxes. A motioner to purchase 4 locked donations boxes at the cost of \$18.50 each to put around the grounds was done by Judy Srp/Darrell Doughty 2nd. Motion carried.

**Jr. Fair Advertising:** Do we want to do advertising? We could do WLDY/WJBL with the \$20.00 daily during the news and \$10.00 at other times. Ladysmith new would be the same as last year.

**Jr. Fair Roles and Responsibilities:**

Charmaine would be around to do deposits and handle horse pull money and cut checks.

**Event needs:** No people mover needed. Horse pull weights need to be brought up. 9,000 lbs is needed and a spot tractor as well.

Joe's Music will perform on Saturday 4-6 pm. Need stage and canopy. Swine arena needs pig run between barns and bleachers on each side. 1 set of medium bleachers in the sheep barn, and 2 sets of bleachers by the horse arena. Picnic tables moved out from arena area.

Grandstand clean up on Saturday morning. 8 Seconds will need to have electricity on the stage. Need to make sure it works. BBQ cookoff area fenced in. handwashing stations and garbage cans need to be set up. Tin building to be set up for judging. Little Britches handled by the Farm Bureau.

**Jr. Fair Contract:** A contract is still needed for 8 Second. Judy would see if she could get one from Pierce County as they have a general contract they use for all the acts.

**Information items:** None

Next meeting: Each morning before the fair at 8:00 AM Rodeo Meeting for August 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the fairgrounds.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jessica Wiles/Darrell Doughty 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.