

Rusk County Jr. Fair Board Minutes
September 20, 2020

Present: Terry DuSell, Judy Srp, Julie van Doorn, Ron Freeman, Connie Meyer, Darrell Doughty, Jessica Wiles, Brittany Wiles, Shari Coggins, Lyle Lieffring

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from August 17, 20 and 29, 2020 by Julie van Doorn/Darrell Doughty 2nd. Motion carried.

Coordinator Report: Nothing new to report

UWEX: Nothing new

Mud Bog: Gate was \$815.00, Registration was \$800.00, \$250 Donation, Food was \$1,434 for \$3,299. If was felt attendance was better than last year. All went good.

Rodeo: Ron has e-mailed Marty Barnes twice before the meeting and has heard nothing. Our \$10,000 from Big Hat Rodeo has not been returned as of yet. Total cost for a 2 day rodeo approximately \$41,000-\$42,000. One night would be approximately \$34,000. We covered our budget for the upcoming year to see where we stand financially. Ron went around and asked the board their feelings on rodeo, Julie and Judy and others are worried about having enough help, there were suggestions to help cover areas such as asking Woman with Courage, however, they received \$4,000 in donations from Johanne for helping her. Some felt maybe doing it 1 day instead of 2 would be better. Shari asked if we did 1 night how would we be sure to get good riders and participants? The question was asked if we did 1 night would that mean half the sponsorship as well. Others think we should be all in and just do the 2 days. It was also suggested to start with 1 day and work up to a 2 day rodeo. We have \$8,500 for sponsorship so far for 2021. \$13,500 has been refunded back from last year. After much discussion, decisions will be made during the October meeting after new board members are approved.

Budget: 2021 Budget was sent to Kitzie for finance to approve.

Bylaw changes: Name change: Jr. fair was added to the fair name 10 years ago to avoid the debt created by the previous fair and to start anew. Majority of comments are to keep it the same. We work well with the name Jr. Fair.

Agenda: Currently the agenda is drafted by the Chairperson and sent to the secretary to be sent out to board. Would like to change Section 1 of Article 5 to state that the chairperson can send out an agenda to the board as well.

Attendance: Article 3 Section 8 change to, Attendance is expected. Any board member that misses 3 meetings with no communication with another board member as to that they will not be

in attendance prior to the meeting will be removed from the board. A motion for the following changes to bylaws by Jessica Wiles/Terry DuSell 2nd. Motion carried.

Current Board Members with expiring terms:

Ron Freeman will not be continuing with board

Loren Beebe will not be recommended for another term

Julie van Door will be returning for another term

Jessica Wiles will be returning for another term

Scott Jones will be returning to another term

2 new board members will be needed to replace open spots. Motion by Judy Srp/Terry DuSell

2nd to have the 3 current members approved by UWEX. Motion carried. A few new board

members that were suggested were Ken Kochevar and Nancy Burmeister. Nancy has

expressed interest in being on the board. Motion by Terry DuSell/Jessica Wiles 2nd to

recommend Nancy Burmeister for board member. Motion carried.

Informational Items: Judy covered the District 2 fair meeting. The question about when Nancy Burmeister can attend meetings, after UWEX approval.

Next meeting is Sunday October 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Motion to adjourn meeting by Terry DuSell/Judy Srp 2nd. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.