

Rusk County Jr. Fair Board Minutes
August 17, 2020

Present: Ron Freeman, Judy Srp, Scott Jones, Darrell Doughty, Connie Meyer, Jessica Wiles, Brooke Wiles, Brittany Wiles, Lyle Lieffing, Charmaine Riddle, Shari Coggins arrived at 6:24.

Meeting called to order at 6:13.

Fair Coordinator: Brooke is working on the state report.

Jr. Fair Wrap up:

Ron Freeman commented that he thought the fair went ok.

Horse pull: Had many good comments from the pullers. Judy question about the weights being correct? It was also brought up about the track being dug up, as they felt it should have been left solid. We need to ask more questions of the association as to how to set the track and load the weights should we have them back. They also have not paid yet as the EIN number is not matching the association.

BBQ Cookoff: There were 7 participants. Ron Freeman was the score keeper. Connie Meyer and Shari Coggins handled it and tho it went well. The Lions Club commented that they did not like the cookers behind the fence this year. It took away from the band. Electricity seems to be an issue as well.

Jim Mitchell: Had a small crowd. He was the MC of the Ag olympics and did an awesome job. Everyone enjoys him.

Ag Olympics: THEY had 10 teams participate this year. It was a great turn out however it could go a little faster as it took a little long.

Comments about the fair being very kid friendly this year. Kids enjoyed it so much and didn't miss the people or entertainment.

Judges: It was requested to not have the Rabbit Judge back as she was not nice to the kids or any benefit to them. Horse judge was good. Livestock judge was good. Poultry judge was good too. Comment about a parent smoking in the ring during horse judging and in the swine barn during the show. All shows went well. Comment was made that there will need to be a new Rabbit Superintendent for next year.

Sound System: Darrell mentioned we will need to do some upgrading on the sound system for next year.

Goat Project: No one to oversee the project. Trophies are ordered and the fair will have to pay for them. Need to figure out that project for next year.

Little Britches: Judy asked if the Dairy Promoters could take this over? It was not organized this year and wasn't ready to go on time.

Rodeo: Dates for next year's rodeo will not work for Big Hats Rodeo. She has asked about us doing a rodeo during the week. After discussion we determined that would not work for our fair. Attendance would not be good during the week. Not enough help as well. Connie Meyer to respond to Lenora at Big Hats with our answer.

Marty BARNED will be here Thursday August 20, at 6:00 pm to provide us with information on doing a rodeo with him.

Questions for Marty, such as: how many people are needed, what equipment is needed, Ticket sales, Grandstand, prize money, announcer, rodeo entertainment, rider sign up and advertising.

Thank you Ad: 12x 7.5 inch ad in the Ladysmith News. Price is the same as last year which is about \$125.00. Charmaine to take care of.

Donations from the fair were about \$1,153.75. We have \$26,844.34 in Revenue with \$5,000 being for Rodeo, \$27,995.60 in expenses. So total revenue is \$47,689.90. We have \$2,000 in Judges and \$4,500 in premiums. Some more bills to be paid.

Jessica Wiles read a Thank you note from Arie Robers.

Motion to adjourn by Connie Meyer/Judy Srp 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 7:37