

## Custer County Fair Board Workshop August 13, 2019

Diane Rose, Ileen Squire, Sue Roberson, George Koons, Duane Foster, Audrey Gluschke, Lynetta Gillmore, Commissioner Tom Flower, Dean Oatman Extension

Clean up day went well – those that didn't show had restroom duties.

Monday – Indoor Projects – Dean – we have some suggestions that we want to get with Brianna and discuss:

- We have some ideas for checking in the projects.
- Extension office will provide stickers for each project so that it will contain the proper information.
- Strongly suggest that we go to the American System for judging. All
- Need 3 judges to help the day not be so long.
- Suggest taking all project requirements out of the fair book, the extension office will get a syllabus to each exhibitor for all projects. Suggest the indoor information be before the livestock. Try to keep the book in the same order as the schedule.
- Suggest that the indoor project building stay closed until all verification by the extension office is complete.

Tuesday – Horse Show – Audrey

- We need to talk about the test and what mandatory means. We would like to see the kids work to move up levels. Or maybe we do away with the test. Dean – I have never cared much for any kind of tests for 4H. If they go on to the State Fair the extension office has the test and all information they need, and they will take that test with us. I have seen kids be at the same level through their whole 4H career. I don't think you can make it mandatory that they move up to continue. After much conversation it was agreed to vote on removing the test requirement at the next board meeting.
- Everyone thought it was a successful day.
- Need more helpers for set up and take down.
- Would like to see western riding taken out and western reining in.

Wednesday – Tom – Dean

- Archery - According to Greg Watkins the day went well
- Weigh In – everyone thought went well.
- Mandatory meeting – we need to really stress to the kids that they, must be prepared and with their animals went told to. We had to chase them down many times this year.

Thursday

- Dog Show – Sue – went well. We had many spectators.
- Rabbit Show – Sue – went well. Again a lot of people there.

- Chicken Show – Sue – We really have to find a real judge for next year. I didn't know what I was really doing. Dean gave a name and number of a lady to contact for next year that could do all these classes.
- Cat show went well – again a lot of people there.
- Swine Show – Duane – I thought it went well. Had good help in the back getting everyone where they needed to be.

#### Friday

- Goat and Sheep Shows – Duane for Kristin - went well.
- Beef Show – Tom – If we continue to have the beef in that ring in think we need to get the 5' panels, it just scares me that if one of them get out of control someone is going to get hurt. Duane – we have talked about that have agreed that get new panels that stay up for the whole fair is what we need to do. I believe we have it budgeted.
- Dean – why does the judge set the sale order of the beef? Ileen – I believe it was because when Scott Rowley was the superintendent and had kids involved there was some speculation on him doing it. Why isn't it the same as the other species? No one knew why. Will make it the same for next year.
- Master Showmanship – Lynetta – I just need someone to take it over or more help. We need new ideas. Tom – do we pay the judges? No. Maybe we should. Lynetta – I know they do a parent round robin in \_\_\_\_\_. I don't know if that would be something to try. We have talked about making it a large and small animal show that might be something. Tom – it would be nice to try to find another group to come in and handle this show. Someone that hasn't already put in a whole day of other shows. With the situation with Lindsey hog this year, I was very distracted. Ileen – would it be better not to use the grand champion animals for this? Tom – that's not a bad idea it is a showmanship class. Dean – we did change this because of a similar situation of a hog almost dying from the stress.

#### Saturday

- Parade – went ok.

#### Sunday

- We need to, get a separate sale committee back in place, all agreed.
- Steak dinner – 117 meals served 32 were hamburger or hotdog. Need to change prices to \$5 hotdog \$10 hamburger \$15 steak.
- Tom – years ago this was a free hamburger meal for everyone. Some ideas – once you come register as a buyer you are given tickets – send complimentary tickets to all previous year's buyers from the sale committee. All agreed.
- We need to work on the sale, showing more appreciation to the buyers.
- Ileen – sale sheets can we put the buckle sponsors in there – explain the "Floored" process – that all sales are final once that animal has sold.
- Everyone needs to think of people to get involved to make up this committee.

## Other

- Can we put the bio of the judges in the show programs?
- Ileen – have had some people and kids asking about doing separate local grow beef and club calf classes. After much discussion it was agreed that you have to do it for all the species.
- Document committee needs to work with the extension office on info for the exhibitor packets.
- Ileen – do we need to raise judge's fees? Is that why we struggle to get them? Diane – no we are right in line with other fairs. After discussion all agreed fees are good.
- Ileen – I am resigning remember. No one has come to watch or learn what all has to be done for the sale and after. I have been working on fair stuff every week since fair. Tom – so really you are resigning from 2 positions? Yes. Sale Committee and Treasurer. Do you have any ideas of who could take your place? I think Cheryl would be great if she has the time.

## Diane

- We need to start working on the fair book next month. Dean these need to be ready by April.
- Need to really push to get the master plan done for the grants to start the capital improvements as soon as possible.