

**Teton County Fair Board**  
**Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**Fair Office – 305 West Snow King Ave**  
**Monday July 16th, 2018 – 5:30p.m.**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Emily Called the meeting to order 5:23 p.m.

**II. PRONOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM**

a. Emily Beardsley, Marybeth Hansen, Gary Hardeman, Matt Hall, Lauren Long and Rachel Grimes present

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

ALL (5 mins)

**IV. Deb Lutz –** Emily reads the material brought by Deb Lutz regarding some changes to the royalty rules. Emily reads the first addition under royalty rules and regulations #3 adding a bullet “The Teton County Fair may at their discretion open availability for surrounding Wyoming counties to compete in the Teton county fair and Rodeo Royalty pageant. This would include but is not limited to Park County, Fremont County, Sublette County, and Lincoln County. Emily asks if there are any concerns about the addendum. Matt asks if we have to formalize what discretion means such as a time limit or a date? Deb clarifies that this addendum is just to clarify that the board can indeed let girls from outside counties compete if they so desire. Emily asks if it is limited to Wyoming counties if they are going to run for Wyoming rodeo? Emily says we should clarify it as “surrounding Wyoming counties”. Matt says how about adjacent instead of surrounding. Marybeth says surrounding is fine. Deb clarifies that they don’t have to implement it but it is there in case they want to.

- A. Emily continues to read the changes by Deb Lutz regarding contestant age requirements. Replace line C with the following “Contestants must be 16 – 18 years old as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year. These contestants are required to raise \$100 more from a sponsor. Their horsemanship pattern will be provided to them 2 weeks prior to the pageant date.”
- B. Emily continues to read the changes. Under contestant age requirements on Line D replace with the following “Contestants must be 12-15 years old as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year. These contestants are required to raise \$100 or more from their sponsor(s). Their horsemanship patter will be provided to them 2 weeks prior to the pageant date.”
- C. Under contestant age requirements on Line E replace with the following “Contestants must be 8 – 11 years old as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year. These contestants are required to raise \$75 or more from a sponsor(s). The horsemanship pattern will be provided 2 weeks prior to them pageant date.”
- D. Lastly Line F Deb requested to change future princess to Mini princess and change the age requirements with the following “Contestants must be 6-7 years of age as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of competition year. These contestants are required to raise \$50 or more from a sponsor(s). No horsemanship is required except if they are skilled and want to participate in grand entries for their reining year. If they chose to present a horsemanship pattern they will be asked to do a figure 8 pattern, back their horse up, and do a queen lap at the end of the pattern at a speed that is comfortable to them.”
- E. Deb makes the point that currently in the rule book it says the age for this group is 5-7. She says if the fair board would like to keep those ages it is obviously up to them. Emily asks what people think ages 6 vs 5. Matt asks if these rules have changed based on age

instead of the year they are at school? Deb says yes that is correct. Emily wanted to know if there was any questions or comments regarding the age changes. Rachel asked why she changed future to mini Deb said because that is how other counties have it. The board decided to keep the ages from 5-7 for mini princesses.

- F. Emily continues to read; under contestant eligibility requirements Line A the last line they change the following “the parent or guardians of the pageant contestants of the affidavit they cross out may and replace with “will” be accepted.”
- G. Emily continues to read the next change #3 Reign of Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Requirements under Line B is replaced with the following “The winner of Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo is highly encouraged to represent Teton County at the Miss Rodeo Wyoming competition at the Wyoming state fair in Douglas, Wyoming in August of the competition year. If the Teton County Queen accepts funds for the competition from the Teton county Fair Board she then obligates herself to compete in the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Pageant (except in extreme cases due to health). If she has obligated herself to compete by accepting monetary aid and chooses not to compete she will reimburse the Teton County Fair Board and all sponsors for all the monies and awards won and/or received as Miss Teton county Fair & Rodeo Queen. Winner of Miss Teton county Fair & Rodeo will be required to attend the Miss rodeo Wyoming Queen clinic if one is held.” Marybeth wanted to clarify what was just said you don’t have to go to the miss Wyoming rodeo competition if they are content with the Teton county queen title. Deb also clarifies it is a stipulation just in case the reigning queen at the time does not have the funds to go to the competition because it is expensive. Emily asks if there is any more questions or comments regarding the role of queen. Marybeth asks if a lot of girls know right away if they want to be Miss rodeo Wyoming? It is Marybeth’s concern that the fair board sends them to the clinic, they pay for it, then the girl goes and changes her mind regarding wanting to be miss rodeo Wyoming. Deb clarifies that the clinic is in early spring and the other thing is Wyoming clinic isn’t as good as the boot camp in Idaho. Deb says she doesn’t know if they should add that they could go to either the Wyoming clinic or the one in Idaho. Lauren asks if you have to go to the Wyoming clinic in order to run for miss rodeo Wyoming. Deb says you do not. Marybeth says it is important to go to the clinic otherwise they do not have a fighting chance to compete with other girls around the state. Emily states since they are short on time and are not sure if the boot camp in Idaho is sufficient should we just keep the Wyoming queen clinic as a read above. The board concurs.
- H. Emily continues to read the suggested edits from Deb Lutz “Replace Line C with the following “Any young woman who wishes to become Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Queen is highly encouraged to be Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Lady-In-Waiting the year before she competes for the Queen title. Teton County Fair & Rodeo Lady in Waiting will NOT be required to run in the pageant for Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo Queen. She will, however be required to host the pageant. A Queen contestant can run without holding the title “Teton County Fair & Rodeo Lady-In-Waiting” if there is no Teton County Fair & Rodeo Lady-in-Waiting in place to hold the Queen position; or if Lady-In-Waiting chooses to pass on holding the title of Queen. Miss Lady-In-Waiting will be recommended to attend the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Queen Clinic, if one is held.” The board wants to know if they have the funds to send both the queen and the lady in waiting to require them to go to the clinic especially if one year they have a queen and a lady in waiting. The board decided to change it from required to recommended they go to the clinic.
- I. Emily continues to read the changes made by Deb Lutz. Under Line F Requirements the 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet down “The lady-In-Waiting and Queen are required to attend both parades...” Deb Lutz adds the following: “unless an acceptable excuse is approved by the Teton county Fair Board.” Matt says we should change

excuse to protest. Deb says she put that in there because some of the girls may be rodeoing and would not be available during those parades.

- J. Emily reads the next bullet point to change it to the following “All Future, Peewee, Junior, Senior Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty must participate in at least 3 events at the fair. They must be dressed in cowgirl hats, pressed shirts, clean jeans, boots, sashes and crowns when attending their required events. All title holders are encouraged to be present at all events dressed and representing the fair and their titles. Carnival is not an event and the girls may wear regular clothing that is clean and modest in appearance as they are still the face of the Teton County Fair.” She continues to read the next bullet point “Miss Teton County and Lady-In-Waiting are required to be present at all Teton County Fair & Rodeo official events. This is your one week to work and reign, do it with honor and dignity befitting the title you have earned.” Emily continues to read the changes under Line F Requirements bullet #6 will be replaced with the following “Attendance at the Jackson Hole Rodeo is not part of the Teton County Fair & Rodeo Royalty responsibilities and therefore will not be required but is strongly encouraged. This promotes our Fair and good relations with Jackson Hole Rodeo” That concludes the changes made from Deb Lutz. They thank her for her time and effort in making those changes. Emily asks if there is a motion to make the changes.
- K. Gary makes a motion to accept the changed rules at discretion of the board. Marybeth seconds the motion. Emily asks if there is not discussion. There is not. All in favor? Passes unanimously.
- V. Josh Timmons – Works for Outlaw partners who is putting on the PBR event on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Josh came to introduce himself and thank the board and staff for their help in getting the PBR underway. They are excited for the first annual PBR and hope there are more to come. Most of the revenue they accrue they give to non-profits. They have enjoyed working the JH historical society. They have grown their PBR in 8 years to the best yet. Tickets for fair board and staff will be available at will call under their names as a huge thank you. They have quite a few sponsors in Big Sky, they use the money to take care of their riders. They are trying to get that started here in Jackson Hole. They are interested in growing it into a 2-night event next year. Josh says there is a pre-party at the wort tonight and they are more than welcome to attend. The fair board gives him a sincere thank you! Josh asks if there are any questions? Gary mentions that they tried to do PBR a while ago. Emily corrects him that it was extreme bulls. Although it did not go very well. Josh continues to explain the history of the Outlaw Partners and their origin in Big Sky, Montana.

## **VI. FAIR BUDGET YTD**

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

ALL

(45 mins)

- a. Emily is going to the town council meeting with Lauren and is letting Marybeth take over the meeting. Emily says we should definitely do a social media contest. This will help community members get engaged. They are going to petition the town to take down the little things on the road that could impede traffic.
- b. Emily and Lauren go to the town council to discuss the poles up during fair and see if they will be taken down during fair week. The board complains about the silly little bike poles that are in the way.

- c. Jeff Moran announcing (outlines) – Rachel shows the Emcee sheet that they will need for each event in their Binders. It is called the Emcee needs sheet. Rachel asks if we should run through each line item. Pig wrestling arrival at 4:30pm and set up 4:45 to 6:45 the start time event is at 7 the end time would be about 9:30. They discuss that they will actually arrive at 5pm to get set up for an hour. Short description of the event. Rachel will write that in. How does the awards go? The team that wins is the team that has the fastest time. They award each team at the end of the event. The winning team gets the money. Best costume for all brackets. Fastest time wins in each division and ribbons are given out for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Winning team over all gets the jackpot. Merry piglets donated 100 worth of gift cards for the best costume. Ashlyn Chamberline will be handing out the ribbons and Marybeth will help. People to thank and sponsors Macy's, Evans for taking our mud, Hoback fire department for hosing everyone off, Westbank Sanitation, Double H and Frazier. Have Jeff Moran talk about the petting zoo, turkey races, fish pond competition at 2pm on Saturday and paintball since there will be a lot of families there. He should also mention the following night event which is the Xtreme Ninja Competition if need be we will be accepting entries. How many years has pig wrestling been in the fair? – at least 25 years. Who puts on the event? Double H Livestock! Number of man hours put into fair? Social media talk! #tetoncountyfair. Gary will be in charge of Pig Wrestling the point person as well as staff. Xtreme ninja he should be there at 5pm and the event starts at 7. End time 9:30 to 10. Award ceremony – they get a coveted ninja cup for first place and a cash payout for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. If there is no queen Jeff can hand out the prizes. Axis Gymnastics – Title Sponsor! Thank Ninja Mylo, construction crew for putting it together. Fair Highlights – this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Xtreme ninja contest tomorrow is fair rodeo. Mention the diaper derby and the pie eating contest on Saturday and the Jackson hole jazz band. Emily and Lauren come back from the town council regarding the poles on the snow king Ave. They will be taken down for fair. Mention figure 8's on Sunday night at 7pm and phat basturds will be playing.
- d. Joey enters asking if there will be stalls for 4H kids on Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup>. There will not be any stalls available. Currently the stalls are in an area where people will be camping. The kids will be coming Monday night. They would need about 12 stalls for the 4H kids until Tuesday night. Last year there were no stalls for the people last year. If they leave the stalls along the grassy they can be taken down on Tuesday night.
- e. Back to what the Emcee will be talking about – Notable talking points are kind of the same thing. Mylo Obstacle Fitness. Marybeth is the point person for the Xtreme ninja. Figure 8's arrival time at 5pm and the end time will be about 11pm. Run the number 1 car until number 2 and number 3 car has been appointed. Even if you think you won keep going until the final whistle. Award ceremony is right after the last heat in the main arena they get a trophy and the check. There is a 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is the best paint job award. Hopefully Jeff will be able to draw the crowds into the award ceremony. NAPA is the title sponsor. Scotty Shervin and Cyd will receive a big thank you and Sam Jewison for setting up the arena for the figure 8s. Jeff should give the crowd a little bio on Scotty and Cyd. He should also tell them how many years the figure 8s have been going. Anyone who is down in the pit crew and the counters need a thank you. A final thank you to the all the volunteers, exhibit hall, and horse show committee since it is the last night of fair.

Figure 8s have been around for 15-16 years. This event replaced the demo derby. Jeff can also talk about the 2017 winners or how the protest works. 2005 was the first year of the figure 8's so officially been going on for 13 years. Highlight everything else that goes on through out the fairgrounds when there is no fair. Like the ski swap in October, fireman's ball in November, MWTR in September, high school rodeo also in September, Open riding in the Heritage arena, the Bev Halpin Barrel race in May, The World series in June, the PBR in July, Mountain man rendezvous in June, Slow foods in the Tetons at the fair building during the winter, 4H clubs, and the Hill Climbs in March.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Social Media contest – The public will be encouraged to send in cool things to put on social media. Instagram contest, to help spread awareness of fair through social media, share a favorite Teton county fair memory with #tetoncountyfair @tetoncountyfair. The board could vote on the favorite photo that is shared on Wednesday before the concert and announce it on Wednesday during the concert. The board would make a post and people would like, share with 2 or 3 people. Emily will monitor it since staff is slammed. Let's start it on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> until 25<sup>th</sup> for the commenting one. The photo sharing will start it wed 19<sup>th</sup> to wed 25<sup>th</sup>. Why don't we buy a mega pass as the prize for the contest? Lauren mentions that the local library bough 10 mega passes for their summer reading program and the prize was such a hit they extended the program until just up before the week of fair. The board raves about the news and are appreciative of their support for the fair. Rachel mentions that Marilynn Quinn wrote an article about the exhibit hall for her following of gardeners. Rachel also shows them the thank you card from the scholarship recipient. Emily asks if we should buy a mega pass for the social media event. Peter says we should buy 2 mega passes instead of 1. The board thinks that is a good idea. The commenting one would be 2 mega passes and the sharing photo would be 2-night event tickets. Marybeth makes a motion to purchase 2 mega passes for the winner of the commenting social media contest and the board gives 2-night event tickets for the other social media contest. Peter wants to clarify what the commenting social media contest is about. Emily lets him know that the people would have like the Teton county fair page tag 2 friends and share what their favorite part of the fair is. Rachel asks if staff has to make a voucher. Lauren says they could just use the credit card. All in favor. Passes unanimously. Emily says if the fair board members who are on social media if they would post, share, comment and tag that will go a long way.
- b. Rodeo Rules – The board wanted to review the minutes they had voted on back in November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting. Rachel finds the minutes and reads what was recorded to the board "Kaitlyn suggested that timed event entries go back to an entry form instead of call ins. The board agreed this would be easier and more efficient. The board would like to change the barrel racing rules to go back to only allowing one competitor per horse and bringing back the all-around cowboy and cowgirl. Emily stated that each contestant should receive a companion pass and all slack contestants should receive a pass for the rodeo as well. Kaitlyn suggested we make a few changes in team branding rules. Each team must consist of any 3 members and remove that the ground runner must pull the rope off the front seat. Tracy suggested that all members be over the age of 18. The rule also stated that we would do a random draw for slack and show in order to keep things fair. Marybeth made a motion that barrel racing contestants are only

allowed to enter on one horse. We will bring back the all around cowboy and cowgirl. We change the call in entry to an entry form. We changed the team branding to state there are 3 members on a team all members must over 18 years old. Remove sentence that ground runner will remove from the front seat. The order of go for slack and show will be determined with a random draw. Emily seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.” Emily wanted to re-read the minutes since the wrong rules were read last time. Rachel says that these changes still need to be made by staff. Gary asked if there had to be an email? Emily said the rules have stayed the same except for the amendments made last year. Rachel is glad the barrel racing rules were clarified because she had gotten a lot of questions regarding that. Rachel says the entries seemed to go well today. Lauren brings up the point that they should really thank Carol Peterson for volunteering to get all the entries into her program. Emily wanted to know if there are any updates for entries? Rachel did have a question for figure 8 entries. We have gotten quite a few waitlist people. Marybeth says we can't back down from the firm 30 cap otherwise the figure 8's will run too long.

ALL (50 mins)

#### **IX. SPECIAL COMMITTEES UPDATE**

ALL

(45 mins)

- a. Concert, Peter
- b. Pig Wrestling, Thomas – Pig wrestling is full except for pee wees
- c. Ninja, Marybeth – Still lacking in ninja entries. May be a good press release for Billy Kirk. Still need women and youth entries.
- d. Rodeo, Emily
  - i. Amended Rules
- e. Figure 8s, Gary – waitlist entries? The fair board will stay steady in their decision with the cap is at 30.
- f. Exhibit Hall, Marybeth/Rachel – have quite a bit of exhibits there is the decorating party on Thursday. Still need to pick up the wagon from whiskey bourbon.
- g. Horse Show, Marybeth – Meeting on Wednesday at noon.
- h. Fair & Rodeo Royalty, Gary & Marybeth

#### **X. MATTERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND STAFF**

ALL (5 min)

- a. Entry Updates

#### **VIII. ADJOURN**

(7 PM)

Gary motions to adjourn. Marybeth seconds. All in favor. Passes unanimously.

6:58pm