

Teton County Fair Board
Regular Meeting Agenda
Fair Office – 305 West Snow King Ave
Monday August 20th, 2018 – 5:30p.m.

PLEASE SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE MEETING

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
 - a. Emily Called the meeting to order at 5:26 PM
- II. PRONOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM**
 - a. Emily Beardsley, Marybeth Hansen, Gary Hardeman, Matt Hall, Peter Long and Rachel Grimes present
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Gary motions to approve the minutes from the last meeting. All in favor. Passes Unanimously.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - a. JH Kennel Club (Fair Expenses) - Ellen McKee from Grand Teton Kennel Club is here to speak in regard to funds given to them for fair. She talks about the judge they use for the show n go at the fair. The board had agreed to pay for the judge and his/her expenses in the past but that was all. She talks about how last year they discussed if the dog show would either be a part of the fair or they would not be. She claims that the discussion did not make the minutes last year. If they were to be apart of the fair the fair board would pay for the expenses or and if they were not to be a part of the fair they would not get paid. Emily brings up the fact that she was under the impression that they discussed the budget already with the different dog clubs. Ellen does not recall that. Gary says that if we do make them apart of the fair they make their own money and pay for their own judge and we would pay for advertising for next year. Ellen would like to resolve this year's problem first before tackling what to do next year. Ellen says they were very successful this year but did not have as many spectators as they are used to due to the changing of the dates. They also do 4H agility as well and their expenses get allocated to that as well. 4H kids who enter pay an entry fee. Gary says our budget is tight, but we would still like to help out. In the past we had paid a little bit more for their expenses. Although it is under the fair board understanding that we are only paying for the judge fee and the hotel room as it is outlined in the budget. The Dog show people say they were only to pay for their tent and the fair board would pay for the rest. Peter recalls that we would only pay for judges and accommodations, the practical next step would be to figure out if we can allocate that money to the dog show people this year then for next year have a clear understanding of what exactly the fair board will be paying. Thomas says that we may be able to just give the money back the dog show people gave us from entry fees. The board would like to know what the dog show people need from our budget. Peter suggests getting

us the historical average of how much they have spent for the fair. Emily says that we will have to add it to the September agenda in order to change the budget for the dog show people. Marybeth lets them know what she does for her English show judges in regards to feeding her judges and how it is an out of pocket expense. Emily says they will have to wait and deliberate to see what they can do for the dog show people. Rachel says that according to the November minutes of 2017 that they would only be paying the judge fee and accommodations. Thomas says that in those same minutes that they were not required to give us the entry fees for the dog show. So, we should give them the money back and it would almost be a wash. The board can not make a motion unless it is on the agenda. Thomas says can't we just say that we can give them back their entry fees. Thomas says we will add it to the next agenda for September and if they wouldn't mind giving us a proposal so that they know exactly what everyone is agreeing too for next year. The proposal will include what all the expenses by line item. There aren't other functions that are third parties coming in for the fair. The dog show had always been a part of the fair. The fair board compares it to the TBRA event how they put on their barrel race instead of how they used to do it in the past with a fair barrel race. TBRA's expenses are all from their entry fees the board doesn't pay for anything, but they do give them the facility. As it stands they are going to get their money back from entry fees and it is going to be a loss for them. Emily says we will get them in the agenda in September to discuss further. They would like to be treated fairly like everyone else. They can't do it without volunteers.

- b. Liz Hirschland (Warm-Up Arena) – Did not show up.
- c. Sara Budge (Teton County Environmental Health – Vendors) – Sara dived right into the matter and let the fair board know that they are not allowed to do the horse show by the food vendors. The issue is that poop is near food and that is not sanitary and violates health codes. The fair board asked how far away the poop must be from the food. Sara did not have an exact measurement, but it has to be at least 100 yards away. She went on to say that children were playing in the grass and then proceeded to eat without washing their hands and that could cause severe consequences if they got sick. She reiterates that there must be separation between food and animals. She goes on to say that she is here to help find alternative solutions for next year. The board is wondering if dogs are allowed in the carnival? Sara says technically not but there is no way to enforce that. She says that if the food vendors are in a food truck it is more sanitary than vendors under a tent. Emily says maybe they will just have to increase their requirements for food vendors that they must have a food truck in order to attend. They realize that they will not come up with a solution today but are grateful she came and talked to them a month after fair instead of in May.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Stall Barn –

- i. The building of the barn is in the works. It will be built on the west side of the grassy arena. The board is not okay with the placement of the stall barn. Thomas says he spoke to Steve Harrington and he explained that they will need to speak to the town of Jackson. Staff will find out the procedure for figuring out what the next steps are to petition a different place for the stall barn. Emily suggests making a motion to move the stalls. The board would like the stall barn to be north of the grassy arena but definitely not inside the grassy arena. The board suggests figuring out what the justification is for the placement of the stall barn. The board goes on to say that they were never informed properly of the location. Thomas suggests having a special meeting regarding the location for the stall barn. The board should think of every aspect of the fair and the impact will be. They wish it could go where the tennis courts currently are. Staff is going to run into the problem of not having stalls for the winter. The board speaks to the fact that they should have input on what goes on at the fairgrounds and that has not been the case for the past 2 years. The board would like to ask the town of Jackson what the plan is for the fairgrounds in the future. Staff will speak to the previous manager to see the reasoning behind the location of the stall barn as it stands. Gary motions to have a special meeting as determined by the chair depending on the availability of the town planner. Thomas seconds the motion. Emily asks if there is anymore discussion. Peter asks if the county planning should be invited as well. The board thinks maybe the September meeting would be best. All in favor. Passes unanimously.

b. Queen Paegent –

- i. Gary wanted to discuss how the pageant went. He says that it went smoothly thanks to Trista. Gary had to make a decision that no pee wee princesses would carry on flag on Friday due to some drama from the parents. Gary wanted to emphasize the fact that it is not okay that queen moms are yelling at staff members. He says if they would like to discuss something the board will handle it. Marybeth motions to move fair and rodeo royalty up on the agenda. All in favor. Passes unanimously. Peter intercedes about Amy Hindemans post on social media regarding one of the royalty girls. As well as her behavior at fair towards the girls. Peter goes on to say that posting things like that on social media reflects poorly on the fair board. Her term has yet to begin but it will begin in September. Peter believes that it is serious enough that they should approach the commissioners and recommend that she may not be the best fit for the fair board. Gary hasn't seen the post but if everyone agrees then he does too. Emily has provided the screen shot of her post on social media and proceeds to read it to the board as follows: "It is a requirement that each girl be at 3 events

plus the rodeo. The Lady in waiting was supposed to be each night event and five different events than what was already spoken for. Ashlyn was at three 4H events and passed out awards where she could at the horse show fun night, pet show and other things. Unfortunately, with only 6 girls and 1 not showing up it leaves a bunch of gaps. Ashlyn would have been happy to help elsewhere, but when she was available, but it is difficult when you are participating as well." Emily says that is all they have, she isn't aware of what else she has posted. Thomas said there are others saying that a certain person wasn't there because she was at a party the night before and was two hungover to show up. Thomas says that the picture was posted 2 months before no where near to fair. The girl who did not show up said she had issues with her diabetes and did not show up to pig wrestling night but that there was picture of her going to the party. The board is not concerned with what the girl did or did not do. The issue it is a 40-year-old woman handling the issue the way she did. The board is not okay with someone who is supposed to be the face of the fair making these slanderous allegations against a child no less. It is the duty of the board to make conscious decisions about what is said and posted in regard to being a face of the fair. Emily has 2 solutions going forward. One solution would be if the board would like to keep Amy on the board. She suggests sitting down with her as the chair and review all the requirements being a board member entails as well as discuss the situation. The second solution would be that the board asks the commissioners that they ask that she be removed before her term starts. Thomas thinks that the commissioners need to deal with the problem. Gary agrees. Thomas says we are constituents and should advise the commissioners. Peter says that we should definitely let the commissioners know their recommendation. Thomas says having proof of what occurred would definitely help their case. Thomas had only heard rumors. Emily says she has proof on the minor stuff and asks Rachel if Abby had anything else when they met with the girl in question. Rachel said she did have the picture of the young woman with a beer in her hand. She also has the Facebook comment that Emily read. Rachel says it is hard without the original post. The board is concerned with how Amy's behavior reflects on the board. They said they really don't need anymore bad publicity they are trying to keep the fair going and afloat. Things like this can be detrimental. Gary says after hearing about all the things she has done he does not feel she is a good fit for the board. They have a really good board right now and it needs to stay that way. Emily asks if we should officially advise the commissioners of their recommendation? Everyone say yes. Thomas asks does that give her due process? What is the deal with Mark? Marybeth says that

he was concerned about it and he is a county commissioner. He is the one that suggested they sit down and talk about it. Thomas says that they do need to be fair to Amy and hear her side of the story. Emily says that maybe they should alert the commissioners and have a meeting with Amy and the commissioners and talk about what happened. The board would like to let the commissioners know their concerns and have them look into it. Rachel brought up the other thing that happened on the night of figure 8's. Amy chewed the same girl in question that night regarding her lack of attendance at the fair. Marybeth chimes in regarding what happened leading up to the gripe. Peter wonders if it is possible to appoint a committee that doesn't have kids in and is objective to handle the royalty program. The board says that they have tried in the past, but it just doesn't pan out. Marybeth says the problem with doing that is that everyone involved in the queen program cannot get on the same page. They don't like each other, and the drama is unbelievable. No matter what the fair board does to help them out it will always be wrong. Peter says well why don't we ask someone like Gwen Hansen who was a previous queen do it? Marybeth says she will not do it because of all the drama. The drama in the royalty program is so thick that people quit. Marybeth says they should get rid of it in a couple years. Peter says well why don't we get like 3 people who are hard asses to cover the program. Gary says that we do have those people him and Marybeth. Gary says do you know how many queens there are in Idaho? There are none because of that exact issue. The fair board appoints an ambassador for the fair. No horse trailers, no buckles, no queen contest. They basically sign up to represent the fair. They show up and that's it. Peter says that's not a bad idea, Marybeth agrees. Marybeth also says the whole program is designed to instill respect and leadership in young woman. That is the whole reason his program was designed. The absolute polar opposite is occurring right now she says no matter what they do it is going to be wrong and there is nothing they can do about it. Marybeth feels it really needs to go away for a while so the drama just goes away. Peter says from an objective perspective from only hearing the things that happens at the fair board meetings. It seems like the inmates are running the asylum the queen moms coming in mad and they can't reconcile. Peter says that having 3 people be the queen committee and then a mom can come to them and start yelling about something the committee can make decisions and be the bad guys. The fair board has done this they have rules they have a sub committee it really boils down to the fact that these queen moms will never be satisfied. Rachel does say that they do need to adopt a social media policy. Rachel also says that they may need to enforce the rule of removing girls from the court if they break the

rules. The moms and the girls have lost perspective of what the program is really about. There were 6 girls in the contest and the only girls in contest were the pee wee princesses. Emily says that they still need to decide what to do about the fair board member in waiting. The board will draft a letter to the commissioners to have them look into the situation. As far as the social media policy she has to sign off on something saying that she understands the rules behind posting things on social media that could reflect poorly on the fair or the fair board. Rachel says that they need to add something into the royalty book regarding social media. The rules need to be added and distributed to the new court and that things like what happened with Amy will not be tolerated. Regarding the county, the fair, and the royalty program. And even the contractors for fair. Rachel says there needs to be a consequence as well as the rules in order to enforce the rules. Members of the royalty and family will not be allowed to make any disparaging remarks against other fair royalty members, fair board, contractors, vendors or volunteers. If a violation is to be found the board may review and the royalty member may be stripped of her title. Gary says we will need to get a lawyer to review the wording. Marybeth is flabbergasted that this program is designed to build respect, leadership and self confidence in young women and we have to write this! Emily also mentioned what they used to do in the past is when parents would have a beef about something they were required to have the child write a letter about the grievance in their handwriting. The reasoning behind it is that the kids usually get along, but it is mostly the parents that have the problems. So, if it is a big issue the kids will write something nice, but it also kept the parents at bay. Once they did that the complaining pretty much died. Rachel said that is a good idea but this is regarding a child and a parent. SO they will definitely bring this to the commissioners attention because when it comes down to it a fair board member verbally abused a 17 year old. The kid in question did write the fair manager about what happened so they will pass that along to the commissioners as well. Gary had to leave. Emily says since they are about to lose their quorum. Emily says that they have really good notes. Why don't they use these notes to use as guidelines for future agendas for planning the fair. Gary makes a motion to do that. Marybeth seconds. All in favor. Passes unanimously.

- ii. RMEF – Regarding who will go to the conference. Marybeth will go. Rachel says she needs to look at the budget.
- iii. Rachel asks if this is it for the meeting because they seriously need to discuss the Mylo contract. The owner is waiting for the rest of his money. Rachel says they need to go through the contract and put a dollar amount to all the things that got breached in the contract.

Marybeth makes a motion to move Ninja Mylo up on the Agenda. Peter seconds the motion. All in favor. Passes unanimously.

c. Ninja

- i. Mylo breach of contract, final payment (How much?) – Peter asks if there is a copy of the contract. It is in their binders. Emily says that they need to assign value to the following: ninja warrior style obstacles he did. Provide a booth? They did not provide a booth? Regarding staff they only had 2 staff members and 1 was inexperienced, there was supposed to be 4 staff members. Did they keep track during the day? They did not but we didn't really run it this way. Emily says that she would question the true ninja warrior style. It was more of an obstacle course then ninja warrior style. They booked a hotel for them that was not included in the contract. Emily is wondering how much a pop tent is from canvas. Obstacles can be swapped at any time if an obstacle is broken. He did not bring any backups. Thomas says if we wanted to swap things out then it would not have been available. He brought a time clock but it did not work. Even if it did work it was not what he said it was. He was not open on time. He was supposed to be open at 10 am and opened at noon. They also helped him with his tire exploded and Scott Shervin came and helped him out. Emily asks can you put a value to damaged perception to the event for next year. The unsaid revenue from how the ninja looks. People were so unimpressed and making people pay to run through that was an embarrassment. The board had already paid them \$14,000 which was way more than the people from last year. The board is not inclined to give him anymore money. Beer and ticket sales were way down. The board also made it safe. They had to buy more tennis balls and rebar in order to make it safe. Thomas moves to not extend any sort of monies because of the breaches in the contract. Marybeth seconds the motion. Emily asks if there is anymore discussion. Peter asks if we should check with Keith. Thomas said we did that day they talked to Erin if we had to give them the check? She said we could defend the breach in contract. Peter is just concerned if they comeback with a lawsuit. They will talk to Keith the County Attorney. All in favor. Passes unanimously. Thomas says that if the board has any money left over we should give Jeff Moran and Elliot a bonus and get them on the books for next year. Marybeth makes a motion to move up the DJ and announcer up on the agenda. Thomas seconds the motion. All in favor. Passes unanimously.

d. Book 2019 Announcer and DJ –

- i. Thomas says that we will need to get bids in order to select them first. The board will have to direct staff to get bids. Emily questions if they really do have to get bids for that amount? Rachel says they do not have to solicit bids for that amount. Rachel will find out if

they have to solicit bids for that amount. The board signs thank you cards to volunteers.

- i. Open to everyone, all day/get rid of time slots based on age
- ii. Promote to local gyms earlier
- iii. Friday Night – Livestock Sale/Crawfish Boil=Night Event
- iv. Consider moving event start time from 7pm to 8pm
- v. Discuss Ninja Nation Mobile Inquiry

I. FAIR BUDGET YTD

A. 4H Budget Overage Request

I.

II. Thank you notes from Fair Board

III. Fair Debrief

- a. General Fair Items
 - i. NEW Ticket = attendance at all night events for 1 price
 - ii. Liability Waivers
 - iii. DO NOT order Pet Show/Diaper Derby Ribbons
 - iv. Contractor Checks, can we pre-voucher for these or not because they are too large?
 - v. Portable ATM's
 - vi. Be liberal with ticket giveaways to locals
- b. Big Top
 - i. new stage
 - ii. less siding
 - iii. Bingo, set cards out in advance so ppl come in and sit down with one in front of them
 - iv. Get names of pet show/diaper derby/pie eating winners to publish in paper
 - v. County Commissioners as judges
 - vi. Feedback on 2018 Acts
 - vii. Book 2019 Big Top Acts
- c. Carnival
 - i. Update Contract
 - ii. Open North Gate/Entry to FG, do not put 4-H RV in that spot
- d. Concert
- e. Vendors
 - i. Beer/Wine/Liquor available more often than just night events
- f. Pig Wrestling
 - i. Email contact reminder
- g. Rodeo
 - i. Cap #8 Team Roping as a #4 Elite
 - ii. Update Rules to match PRCA rules
 - iii. Recruit additional contractors
 - iv. Contractor must provide all stock, judges, timers, and shall be responsible for knowing rules

- h. Figure 8s
 - i. Attendees scammed their way in thru showing Smartphone pictures from their friends phones which were being handed back and forth between the fence – increase security?
 - ii. Hire videographer for 2019 Fair
- i. Exhibit Hall
 - i. Volunteer treatment of staff
 - ii. Promote Monday pickup time more
- j. Horse Show
 - i. Volunteer treatment of staff
- k. Fair & Rodeo Royalty
 - i. Pageant Debrief
 - ii. Lady in Waiting – social media policy in bylaws

IV. MATTERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BOARD AND STAFF

- i. RMAF November 7-10, Billings MT
- e. \$250 registration fee prior to October 7th

VI. ADJOURN

- a. Marybeth motions to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Thomas seconds the motion. All in favor. Passes unanimously.