

Uinta County Fair Board Minutes  
June 2, 2021  
Uinta County Fair Board Office

- I. Call to Order:
  - 7:00 p.m. by Steve Sims, President
- II. In Attendance:
  - Steve Sims, Brandon Day, Brent Hatch, Pete Lym, Becky Lupher, Joel Giorgis, Robin Whitmore, Ami Barker, Josh Davis, McKenna Brinton, Suzy Holmes, Chrystal Sims, Rachelle Saxton, Destry & Nicole Simmons
- III. Agenda:
  - Approved as presented
- IV. Minutes:
  - Brent motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandon to be filed as presented; passed
- V. Financials:
  - Ami gave explanation of the \$3/\$6 that are deposited into the checking account. This is the payment received for each transaction made in the ATM owned by Fair Board. If an individual withdraws anywhere from \$20-\$200 per transaction, we receive \$3 in addition to the amount that was withdrawn. They may only withdraw up to \$200/transaction and may make up to 5 transactions/day.
  - To be filed as presented
- VI. Public Input:
  - Nicole thanked the board for their interest in honoring Lukas during fair but would prefer it not be during the sheep shows as they don't want to make a big deal of his passing that may distract or negatively affect Kiernynn, as she is still struggling with his loss. At their request, the banner discussed at the May meeting will be hung the blacktop dance held Friday night following the sale, and will be held in honor of Lukas Simmons, since he loved to dance.
  - A thank you note was received from Taryn Holt for her scholarship.
- VII. Committee Reports:
  - LSC- Cost was reviewed from expenses for buyer's dinners and buyer's gifts for 2010-2020 as follow up from May discussion and questions.
  - 4H- McKenna said cornhole boards were completed and they just need canvas so the bags can be made. They have 47 beef, 72 lambs, 43 goats, and 94 hogs tagged in through 4H.
  - FFA- Cari requested for Jim Bridger FFA to host a round of FFA Tag during fair to collect money for a non-profit organization or to give an individual/family in need. It was agreed to allow them to carry out FFA tag as long as it starts after weigh-ins and doesn't interfere with livestock shows. Motion by Becky, second by Robin to waive the vendor fee for this; passed unanimously.
  - Commissioner Comments- Brent said Clay Baird had submitted a request for \$25,000 to move the food court fence, along with some additional projects at the fairgrounds. He believes the request will be approved. As the Fair Board feel strongly about getting the grandstands replaced, Brent communicated the importance of taking action in some way to generate funds

through something such as the suggested \$.01 tax and the benefits it could reap. The board agreed to move forward with moving the food court fence based on Clay getting the funding approved. There is concern about power in the pig & sheep barn that was discussed and Josh will look into cost to add more circuits. Ami will email numbers to the board after Josh collects them. Brent then reminded the board members of their mission statement and the importance of encouraging youth development through county fair opportunities.

- Fair Staff- None at this time

#### VIII. Old Business:

- Discussion was held regarding distribution of the competition guide. It can be printed as it has been in recent years at \$5-6 for board members and staff, or it can be printed in newsprint with 3000 copies for \$3157, or 8900 copies for \$4795 plus delivery and postage costs. One of the sponsors suggested mailing out a postcard with a QR Code that individuals can access on their own device. After much discussion, a motion was made by Robin, second by Brandon to keep the competition guide online and to order a saturation mailer (8800+ copies) as was done in 2019 for around \$2900, and to include a QR code on it; passed unanimously. It should promote grandstand events, the fair schedule, and seek to boost the static exhibits.
- The Evanston Rotary Blue Ribbon Pancake Breakfast will be held either on the blacktop or under the covered eating area from 7-10 a.m. August 7th. They are not expected to pay a vendor fee as we have requested them to come and draw more attendance to the last day of fair.
- Robin will provide prizes for the top 3 placing in the pinewood derby contest.
- Motion by Joel, second by Becky to have a banner made for the Uinta County Fair Blacktop Dance in Honor of Lukas Simmons; passed unanimously
- The cornhole boards will be set out as free entertainment during the week of Fair, with the bags being checked out at the office. Zack Kilpack with Nomad Cornhole will be managing a cornhole tournament Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup>. The funds made from entries will be split 60:20:20 (Payout: Fair Board: Nomad).
- The cornhole set made with the 2021 theme will be raffled for upcoming scholarship funding. Tickets will be available at 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Raffle drawing will be held Saturday evening.
- Motion by Joel, second by Becky to purchase signage for free entertainment; passed unanimously

#### IX. New Business:

- Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.