

TORRANCE COUNTY FAIR BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

July 14th, 2020

PRESENT:

Marcie Wallin, Johnny Perea, Angela Redondo

Will Neish, Kyria Encinias, Bradi Harral

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Marcie Wallin.

Roll Call

Marcie Wallin called roll; members listed above were present.

Approval of minutes (June Special Meeting)

Marcie Wallin suggests changing “kids will be required to have masks” to “wear masks” on page three.

Motion by Johnny Perea to approve minutes as corrected. Seconded by Will Neish. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

Agenda approval

Motion by Angela Redondo to approve agenda. Seconded by Will Neish. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

Public Comments

None

1) Livestock Auction

Marcie Wallin began discussion by stating that the goal is to have the livestock sale be moved to Friday evening this year instead of Saturday afternoon. Johnny Perea added that 6:00 pm would be a better time than 5:00 pm because it gives people more time after they get off work to come. He also added that he did not think doing the sale during office hours so company employees would come to the sale during hours would apply to Torrance County’s livestock sale. Johnny Perea said that he was able to get in contact with CCA, and that they had no issues with the date and time change. Marcie Wallin added that other regular buyers that had been contacted also had no problems. The board began to discuss doing the sale by invitation only. On the draft invitation, the board wanted to take out the word “fair” and add “due to COVID” as reasoning for the sale being invitation only. Discussion occurred about creating a master list of old buyers and potential buyers. They agreed that each member would send a list of invitees to the secretary. Discussion changed to snacks being provided at the sale by FFA clubs and possibly 4H clubs. Johnny Perea added that 4H should be equally represented, and Marcie said that she would talk to Jill Encinias about 4H also handing out snacks at the sale.

2) Packer

The board began discussion about how animals will be sent to the packer this year. They discussed only allowing exhibitors in the sale to use the packer. Johnny Perea informed the board that Noble Meats wanted to do a packer bid for hogs, sheep, goats and steers. He asked what the packer bid was last year. The board discussed having designated times for animals that are not in the sale to be sent to packer. Because of the issues that occurred during last year's sale, they decided to have all packer animals go to packer. It would simplify things for the treasurer's office as well. The board talked about adding a statement for this to the fair book. Johnny Perea made a call to Noble Meats to ask about cattle, and they said that they would take cattle for \$1.00/lb. Johnny Perea said he would also contact Cattleman's to get an offer on cattle. However, since Noble Meats are willing to take the hogs, the board should allow them to be the packer for sheep and goats as well. Marcie Wallin said that a statement needs to be added to the fair book about what time animals in the sale must be present on sale day. The board agreed on adding that all animals in the sale must be present by 3:00 pm on Friday, and tags will be checked. Discrepancy in tag numbers i.e. identification will result in a forfeit of that sale slot.

3) Livestock Show

Marcie Wallin suggested purchasing a banner saying the fairgrounds are closed to the public for both entry gates. She said that a 30 x 60 is \$45, and one with reflective print is \$60. A 24 x 18 is from \$18-\$23. The fair board agreed that the lettering should be reflective, and that additional small signs are probably not needed.

Motion by Will Neish to purchase two 30 x 60 signs with reflective print that say the fairgrounds are closed to the public. Seconded by Angela Redondo. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

The fair board began to discuss the virtual show guidelines for Sandoval county. Angela Redondo asked the board if she could just copy the rules for rabbits and chickens into the fair book. Will Neish said that it would be allowed. Marcie Wallin told the board that an ad was put on Facebook for food trucks wanted at the shows. Any food trucks interested needed to have their information submitted by 4:00 pm on July 13th. One food truck did submit with the intent of working during the shows. Marcie Wallin abstained from any decision, and relinquished the chair to Johnny Perea.

Motion by Will Neish to approve the Taco Shop. Seconded by Angela Redondo. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

Johnny Perea relinquished the chair back to Marcie Wallin. The board began to discuss the safety plan in order to follow CDC guidelines during the shows. They agreed that a statement needed to be added to the fair book that says that animals not tagged in to show at the county fair previously can still be entered in the show up until check in time for that animal, provided that an entry fee is paid, the animal is tagged, and inspection papers are shown. The board also agreed to add to the fair book that buckles will be awarded during said species show. Members also agreed that the word fair should be replaced with show in the fair book. The attorney's statement about liabilities with COVID is also going to be added. Kyria Encinias said that the fair book also needs to say that the rabbit and chicken show will be virtual. Marcie updated the board on the time changes for the shows and said that the heifer and steer show would have to stay at 5:30pm because the judge could not change his schedule. Will Neish said

that they will have to move the time to declare animals to 8:00pm because of this. Angela Redondo asked the board if the fair book should label the times of events with an ending time with the beginning time or just the time an event begins. The goat superintendent, Melody Everett had said that there will not be an open show for the pygmy or dairy goats, and that all exhibitors regardless of age will show together. Members also discussed how there will not be a pen of rabbits or a special cake at the sale. However, there will be a pen if chickens. Marcie Wallin asked the board if there will still charge an entry fee for the rabbits and poultry shows since they will be virtual. Members all agreed that there would be no entry fee. The board agreed that all instructions for the two virtual shows will be added to the fair book. The videos will need to be submitted by August 10th, and the show results will be ready by the 12th. A statement that says masks will be required on the fairgrounds will be added, and so will a statement that says the fair grounds are not open to the public, and only exhibitors, immediate family, and required personnel, with the exception of the livestock sale. Another statement will be added that states that all final classification decisions remain with the show judge and any classification discrepancies based on his opinion will be required to show in the crossbred show for hogs and the blackface show for sheep. This will be added to general rules.

4) Barn Fans

Marcie Wallin had asked Gustin Hardware about portable barn fans. They offer a 48 inch at \$450, a 36 inch at \$510, and port-a-cools at \$2,400. Marcie Wallin suggested against getting something that would be fixed to the roof. Johnny Perea suggested to buy the smaller fans from Gustin Hardware.

Motion by Will Neish to order two 48-inch fans at \$450 from Gustin Hardware. Seconded by Johnny Perea. All Voted Aye.

Motion passed.

The board discussed doing a memorial for Wes Wells. Marcie Wallin said that Clay Brazil could add his name to memorial plaques.

Motion by Will Neish to add Wes Wells to the memorial plaques. Seconded by Johnny Perea. All voted Aye.

Motion passed.

Marcie also suggested that memorial names be added to the top of the buyer's sign. The board began to discuss the optional clean up days. The first one is July 18th from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm, and the second one is on July 30th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It was suggested that an ad be posted on Facebook that has the dates and says for participants to bring their own equipment. Johnny Perea asked the board about approaching the county to get the hog pens removed. The board agrees that this is a priority, but that it is unlikely to have it done before this year's shows.

Motion by Will Neish to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Johnny Perea. All voted Aye.

Meeting adjourned.