

Johnson County Fair Board
Minutes
April 14,2022

Call meeting to order 6:00 p.m.

Attendance- Byron Geis, Kevin Rodriguez, John Collins, Michael Mader, Bart Clingerman, and Casey Rodriguez

GUESTS/UPDATES:

Billy Zurcher requested the same rate of \$125.00 for 2022 Longmire Contract Rodeos. The dates are being set and Billy will provide Casey with a Dec page for insurance as soon as possible. John moved, Mike 2nd, approved.

Brent Painter came to speak about getting the Board support in hosting a Jackpot Show for 2023. The Jackpot would take place in April or May 2023, the Board was in favor, no vote required.

Jason Gearhart was present and requested from the Board the 30% down of initial budget, he has 15-20 more loads of dirt ready for the arena, and fuel prices are up and he is requested prepayment so that he can have cash on hand so he can get the loads here faster. He feels like he can complete the project in 10 days if he can get the material to the grounds. Byron is checking with R&B in Gillette to see if we can piggyback to and from loads to help cut costs. Kevin requested that Jason concentrate on the completing the big arena first as there is a nationally televised event being held at the Fairgrounds on May 21, 2022, he requested to Jason to please have the large arena completed prior to that. Byron moved to pay the 30% on he original budget for dirt work, voted, approved.

Josh Johnson with BHS Rodeo Club, requested the same contract as last year, when they rented the facility they paid a 40/60 split on stalls in lieu of waiving the fee. Mike moved, John 2nd, approved.

Keefe Rice and Earl Nimick were present from the Foundations Board to update on the flag pole situation. EXON is willing to donate the flag pole and in turn would like a plaque displayed at the pole and a visible Banner put up in the arena, and space in the event program during JCFR. Byron moved to offer them a 5 year corporate sponsorship, and a permanent plaque on display near the flag pole indefinitely. It was voted, motion carried.

Keefe Rice also updated for the Livestock Committee to remind everyone that the scholarship applications sent to the High School are due. And also reported that the Livestock Committee will send another letter to the parents of TS informing that she has been placed on probation and will not be allowed to sell this year at the Junior Livestock Sale. The Livestock committee had a work day and weeded through the Buyer List so that they can start this year with a more accurate and active sale.

REPORTS:

- Caretaker report:
See attached
Also, Bart will be getting bids for tent walls from Sheridan Tent and Awning.
- Secretary report:
March minutes were reviewed.
Payables
Casey updated that she will work on getting bids from visionary, and build a bid binder.
Board members discussed Dry camp rate and did not see a reason to increase at this time.
Michael moved to approve secretary report and Byron second. Motion passed.
- Foundation report: - see above Keef Rice
- Livestock committee report: see above Keefe Rice
- Queen report: no report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Buildings – Cleary – Bart Contacting and getting bids
- Rodeo
Casey is working on Fair Schedule
Announcers – waiting on word back from Dalton Beasley, may possibly reach out to Dave Cates.
Judges – Marcie Cunningham has confirmed yes and so has Clay Skeen, still in need of one more judge.
Help – contact Alan Grubb, Jesse Troutman, Casey is looking for the list of people they have paid in the past for help.
Jr. Fair Board – would like to ask them to help
Mosser’s – will contact to invite them to next Fair Board meeting to discuss helping with sorting.

- Entertainment/Concert
Foundations Board is taking care of kick off concert.
- Concert
Brandon Tahau- reaching out to him
- Stock -Contact Larry Steele
- Saddle – Mike talked to Jason Watts, good to go on senior saddle
- Vendors – Casey check with filling the rest of the breakfast days – reach out to a few more vendors for fair
- Rockwall – Casey call search and rescue
- Priefert – panels and chute have arrived
- Tractor Rentals – have decided to move forward, warranty is included – 200 hours
- Arena Dirt – Jason was informed the Dirt work must be completed by May 12

NEW BUSINESS:

- ShoWorks: Laci had another conversation with Eathan and it was reported that a commitment needs to be made to move forward or not. He would charge \$2880.00 for the week. Byron moved to go forward with hiring him for the week of fair to run ShoWorks, Mike 2nd, motion passed.
- Budget: Due May 2nd
- Summer Employees: interviews will be May 13
- Sponsorship Fees – going with 2021 fees
- Bookkeeping – Casey getting bids
- Buckles – Casey Order
- Fairboard Buckles for Mike and John – Casey order

MEETING AJOURNED 9:32PM