

Minutes

January 11, 2024

Called meeting to Order at 6:04 PM

Guests:

Tammy Driskill – was present to request to change the name of the Wool Program to John Driskill Memorial – she reported that the JC Wool Growers Association would like to take over. Tammy Driskill and Brooke Goodson are willing to continue running the program. That have the money to keep it going for several years. Matt Rabel reported that he has had conversations with members of the Wool Growers Association and requested that the request to change the name of the program be tabled to give the members of the JC Woolgrowers Association and opportunity to voice their side before the Board votes on a decision. The Board agreed it was best to take the time to reach out the JC Wool Growers Association before adding or creating more classes or divisions. The board voiced that any changes to made needed to be done in ShoWorks as well and need to take place prior to April 1, 2024.

Haley Vahoski – the new Rabbit Superintendent – reported that she would like to bring rabbits back to the grounds. More cages are needed, and she is requesting approval of her plans in partnering with the poultry superintendent. She and her parents are willing to build the cages, she is requesting to place them on the grounds in the barn so rabbits can be on site during fair. Kevin Rodriguez suggested requesting the livestock committee splitting the cost of materials. Her proposal is 24 new cages at the approximate total cost of \$623.00.

Timber Buhr – Poultry Superintendent reported that they will be limiting the number of meat pens this year.

Mandy Mader – updated the board that there is a group that will be hosting a fundraiser benefit dinner for Rob Leuders, it will be pot luck with a live auction on March 2nd. She requested that the Board donate the fee of the rental for the community building as Rob was a past Fair Board member. John moved to approved, Matt 2nd, motion carried.

Mandy mader – JC Fairgrounds Foundation – reported that Mike Thomas (JCFF Member) received an award from the University of Wyoming donating to the charity of his choice and he chose the JCFF, \$15K will be awarded on his behalf and there will be a few members of the JCFF that will be traveling down to UW to be present while he is awarded on April 11, 2024 in Laramie. The 4th Annual Boots and Buckles will be January 27, 2024 at the Community Building. They will have 20-30 live auction items, Lead Singers are the entertainment, serving pork loin, and Bond Brewing will be offering a cash bar. The Foundation has also presented their new website. Wycjff.com

Stef Buhr – informed that ShoWorks has been updated and requested she be allowed to attend the ShoWorks conference in Cody, Wy in April. She also proposed the idea of changing the Auction card for the livestock sale. Change the size and add additional space at the bottom for us to keep for our records. She would also like to send the laptops in for cleaning and updating in March as opposed to closer to fair.

Laci moved to cover registration costs for Micah, Stef, Timber, to attend the ShoWorks training , JR 2nd, motion carried.

Rodeo Workshop meeting was confirmed for February 8, 2024

Matt Rabel – Livestock Committee Chair – updated that the JC Wool Growers is requesting a more industry type of Market Class in the Sheep Show. The Wool Growers are also unhappy with where the Wool Show is currently standing. The JC Wool Growers reported to Matt that they would like to table all discussion until they have more information. Matt will call the Wool Growers Association and invite the members to an opportunity to vice their side to the Board. Casey will assist by drafting a letter to respective parties with a proposal. The Board would like to have some clarity by March 1, 2024.

Matt also updated that the next Livestock Meeting is set for February 6, 2024. They will be discussing limiting the number of pig and chickens. Also, will be discussing transportation of Swine to the kill plants. Casey will be reaching out to Meat plants to invite them for round table discussion at a board meeting before fair.

Upon approving previous minutes, a correction was noticed, and Matt moved to amend the motion to correct Emily Vahoski to Haley Vahoski Jr. 2nd. Motion carried.

Laci Moved to approve the amended minutes – Matt 2nd, motion carried.

Matt moved to accept the consent agenda as presented, JR 2nd – motion carried.

Old Business

Laci – Fair Board Treasurer – presented the budget sheets and suggested opening two new bank accounts that would then be added to QB. One for projects and the other for event deposits. John moved to open two new bank accounts that would then be added to QB. One for projects and the other for event deposits. JR 2nd, motion carried.

Grants:

1%- Heaters for the Community Building, plow truck, water lines and fans for the beef barn.

Fair:

Buckles – Casey will get buckle choices for the Rodeo Workshop.

ShoWorks – Micah, Stef and Timber will be attending the training.

Concrete pad – Bart will make it safe for fair.

Next meeting – the board will pick dates for schedule of events, computer check out etc.

Casey will have updated Fair schedule for Board meeting on the February 8th.

Rodeo:

John Collins will call John Forbes regarding the rough stock riders and entries.

JR talked to Cotter about set up for NTR and will call Ty about contributing financially to revamp the set up.

Gutters: Board approved Byron Geis quote– Bart reconnect with Byron get gutter repairs started.

Horse Barn – (tractor barn) – Kevin will price horse stalls

Bart get bids for water lines.

Casey – update a new time card.

JR will work on getting bids for fans for the Beef Barn

Laci moved to approve gutter bid from Byron Gies, Jr 2nd. Motion carried.

Casey contact Curtis Audio to complete equipment repairs.

Casey and Bart check on ordering tables with the rest of the rec funds left available.

The Fairboard would like to schedule a retreat to go over Bylaws and Goals.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:52om