

Torrance County Fair Board

Meeting Minutes

3/12/24

Present: Marcie Wallin, Kyria Encinias, Patrick Riley, Albert Chavez
Absent Johnny Perea

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Marcie Wallin at 6:38

Roll Call

Members present are listed above

Changes to the Agenda

Patrick moves to approve agenda, Albert second, all in favor, motion passes.

Public Comment and Communications

Linda Riley Warren-First I am so happy that you are bringing back Gymkhana to the fair lineup. I would like to donate buckles for that event and also goats to be used for the rodeo. Also, to help a kid by donating a goat, 50lbs of fee and supplies (halter, feeders). If the exhibitor makes the sale they get the proceeds, if not I will buy it back at market value. I hope this will help to bring back exhibitors.

JJ Waldrop-I see that judges are on the agenda, what is the process to select the, can we see the contract?

Melita Waldrop-Can we change judges, possibly to 4? What is the process and budget? I think we should look at getting new young judges who know about the upcoming trends in livestock judging. Is there a possibility of changing judges, there is still time to change?

Approval of minutes

KYRIA moves to approve the minutes of February 13, 2024, PATRICK seconds, motion passes unanimously.

ALBERT moves to approve the minutes of February 22, 2024 PATRICK seconds, motion passes unanimously.

2024 Torrance County Fair Date

MARCIE-Santa Fe is July 30-August 2, we usually follow them.

PATRICK-I move that the 2024 Torrance County fair dates are August 6-August 9th. KYRIA-second, motion passes unanimously.

2024 Torrance County Fair Tag in Dates

KYRIA-I move that tag in dates for Steers and heifers is April 17 from 4-7 and small animals if June 8 from 8-11 at the county fairgrounds. ALBERT-seconds motion passes unanimously.

2024 Torrance County Fair Clean-up day

PATRICK-I move that fairgrounds clean up day is August 3 from 7-11, ALBERT seconds, motion passes unanimously.

2024 Torrance County Fair Buckles

MARCIE-Top hand buckles?

KYRIA-Two young men who helped out during the entire fair last year without being asked, we gave them prizes. This year we would like to award buckles.

KYRIA-I move to purchase 2 buckles for the top hand award. ALBERT seconds, motion passes unanimously.

Tumblers

PATRICK-I move to buy tumblers for Torrance County Bred Champion Exhibitors. ALBERT-seconds, motion passes unanimously.

Gymkhana

Anna Riggs Eder-We did move it out of the fair because of covid, I think moving it back is awesome. I think we need to consider implementing a dress code, there is already one in place for the queen contest.

ALBERT-moves to move Gymkhana to August 6, PATRICK-seconds, motion passes unanimously

Judges

MARCIE-We usually have judges for two years in a row.

PATRICK-I also would like to see multiple judges, possibly reach out to colleges and get recommendations from coaches on college seniors. Just leave the fair board out of it.

Melita Waldrop-If a fair board member selects the judge and helps exhibitors, there is a conflict of interest

Kaycee Riley Chavez-Why one judge for all species?

Lee Widner-I thought the judge from last year did well.

ALBERT moves to have the judges from last year judge again this year. KYRIA-seconds. AC-yes, MARCIE-yes, KYRIA-yes, PATRICK-no. motion passes.

Concession/Food Trucks

ALBERT-I like the food truck idea.

Jake Sarno-What if we open up the kitchen to local business and see if anyone wants to run it.

Lee Widner-They just need to open up earlier for coffee, burritos etc.

PATRICK-I move to ask food truck to return again for the fair. ALBERT seconds, motion passes unanimously.

Discussion

A.-Outstanding balances from 2023 Torrance County Fair Livestock Auction

MARCIE-There are two buyers and 4 exhibitors affected. I am working with Janice on writing a letter to buyers, I called both buyers and they called the Finance director.

B. Improvements to process for livestock sale billing and exhibitor payments for 2024 Torrance County Fair Livestock Auction

PATRICK-I did some research on what other counties do in this situation. Roosevelt, no one is paid until all the money is collected. Valencia, payments due 30 days after sale. Sandoval-has a buyer's club, they keep a 20,000 balance and it is used to pay kids and refunded when county gets paid.

MARCIE-Another option is we can take county out and buyers pay kids directly and parents would be responsible for collecting.

C. Fair board Reports

MARCIE-Working on rules and procedures for Fair board. If you want to be placed on the agenda, I am creating a form. The due date is the first Monday of the month, there is a box in the manager's office. I will review and vet, Janice has oversight.

PATRICK-Thank you Marcie for all the extra time put into the fair board efforts.

Martha Smith-Marcie is working with Misti Witt, the Finance director and Deputy County Manager on the 2024 Budget.

Announcement of the next fair board meeting: April 9, 2024 at 6:30pm

ALBERT- I move to adjourn, PATRICK-seconds, motion passes unanimously.