

## **Torrance County Fair Board**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**4/22/24**

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

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#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Marcie Wallin at 6:45

#### **Roll Call**

Members present are listed above

#### **Changes to the Agenda**

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

#### **2024 Torrance County Fair Rules**

The following rules will be changed in the Fairbook as per actions previously voted on.

- Update new rules
  - Participants are not allowed to glue or use synthetics on the bodies of cattle including the flank, stifle, forerib, and chest floor in the show besides on their legs and tail.
  - Each exhibitor is permitted a maximum of two (2) sale slots, however they must sell their 2 highest placing entries if they chose to sell 2. If an exhibitor qualifies for 2 or more entries for the sale but chooses to sell only 1 they can sell the qualified entry of their choice. There is no limit to the number permitted to sell at packer's bid.
  - LOT 2—RANCH RAISED STEERS  
All ranch-raised steers must be declared at the time of tag-in. The steer must have a registered NM brand. Brand must come from a ranch that has not produced club calves within the past 20 years. The exhibitor must provide an affidavit from the breeder showing proof of purchase and stating the origin of the calf. The beef superintendent will verify eligibility at tag-in. Steers will be shown in a natural state. No clipping, singeing, fitting, etc. will be allowed after tag-in until the conclusion of the county fair. If the superintendent deems that the steer has been altered at fair classification, the participant will be given the option to switch from ranch raised to the regular market show. If the participant chooses not to participate, the superintendent will disqualify the steer from the county fair. Livestock must be gentle and clean at the time of exhibit. Minimum weight 1000 lbs. Champion ranch-raised will exhibit for Overall Steer Grand Champion. No sale slot will be guaranteed without a minimum of three (3) steers in this class.

- (Exception: First time 8-year-old exhibitors are exempt from 4-H membership) Exhibitors have to be 8 by August 6<sup>th</sup>

Discussion about open class and gender of species, why does open have to be a female? Discussion about age group categories for the young exhibitors who are not eligible to make the livestock auction. Open class will be replaced

- Updated Showmanship age groups
  - Booster: 4 years old and Under
  - Pee Wee-5-8 years old
  - Novice 8-11 years old
  - Junior-12-13 years old
  - Senior-14-19 years old
- Clarify on cattle page that “sale slots for the division could be granted at the discretion of the fair board”

### **2024 Torrance County Fair Book Updates**

The fair board updated the Fairbook as follows:

- All dates and times updated for 2024 Fair
  - Tag in
  - Clean up
  - Fair schedule
- Updated Ag Teacher Names
- Added Farm Mechanics Category
  - Added Joe Everett as Superintendent
  - Add categories when Joe specifies what they are
- Updated new age requirement where applicable
- Updated age groups for showmanship
  - Booster: 4 years old and Under
  - Pee Wee-5-8 years old
  - Novice 8-11 years old
  - Junior-12-13 years old
  - Senior-14-19 years old
- Omit clean up requirement to Appreciated
- Omit vendor rule-No food prepared off site
- Add to vendor pages-Electricity not provided by TCFB, must provide own generator
- Correct address on vendor application
- Omit cookie contest
- Add no boarding at Rodeo Grounds until after Gymkhana
- Page 6 Add Sunday 9-7 for RV parking
- Page 17 Omit #25
- Page 17 Change “classification to “weigh in”
- Page 19 omit Calendar
- Page 20 Change heading 1 to Dairy Heifer

- Page 21 Remove no halter allowed during show.
- Page 22 Omit first line “must be 7”
- Page 35 Change address
- Page 39 Omit Co-super
- Page 39 Omit #2
- Updated Floriculture as per Superintendent information provided
- Update table of contents
- Update Cover and Thank you page
- Add new list of buyers and donors.

### **2024 County Fair Belt Buckles**

Fair board members chose what design to order, voting on purchasing was already done.

Discussion-Can a list of all eligible Buckle winners be provided to encourage exhibitors.

**Public Comment:** I am here to ask questions about the violations of the Open and Public meetings act. Do you feel the agenda covers the items discussed and the proposed changes being made at this meeting? Marci, yes because it states that it’s the fair book and we adopted and discussed thoroughly these changes. When did you know you were having this meeting, the agenda was not posted within the 72-hour deadline. Marci, it was posted and it was announced at the last regular meeting. What is your budget? These rules that you changed tonight, they affect the people that tagged in animals recently don’t they? Johnny no, there were no rules that will affect the cattle exhibitors. The rules that we talked about were changed and voted on at previous meetings. 2-minute limit was met

### **Announcement of the next regular Fair Board Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the fair board will be May 14 at 6:30

### **Adjourn**

Johnny moves to adjourn, Patrick seconds, motion passes.