

Floyd County Fair Board Meeting
Zoom Meeting due to Covid-19
April 15, 2020

Called to order at 6:01 PM.

Members present were: Troy Jaeger, Jen Schmitt, Mike Quade, Jeff Harris, Amy Staudt, Kelsey Uetz, Craig Anderson, Kerry Crooks, Bruce, Matt Ross, Kurt Thorson and Dennis Sonberg. Secretary report was given: Craig made a motion to approve, seconded by Kelsey, motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Report was given by Craig. Kelsey made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Bruce..

Committee Reports:

1. FFA Instructor's: Trying to stay in touch with the kids via online activities, but there has not been much interaction with the kids. Brett and Jim are working on a newsletter/postcards to try to get them informed on fair things. Encouraging kids to continue to buy animals for fair and continue to prep their projects. FFA instructors will be handling FFA animals as far as tagging for fair. Drew Staudt and Gillian Anderson were elected as District FFA officers.
2. Extension/4-H Committee: Leslie cannot have any face to face contact or programming until May 30th. All retinal imaging will not be required for sheep or meat goats this year. All summer programming (clover kids, camps, etc.) will be cancelled.
3. Rentals: This weekend rentals will begin to be removed.
4. Auction: Jerry Hegvedt will be taking over the auction free of charge, he would like to sponsor the auction, our cost will be minimal (postage, paper, printing) Lisa Sonberg and Leslie will work on catalog.
5. Building & Grounds: Well test came back good, do not have to shock this year. They are working at the flagpole at the grandstand. If locates are needed, Matt can do them over the internet.
6. Entertainment: Things are moving ahead, there are only a few acts that we may not get refunds on if we have to cancel due to the pandemic.
7. Endowment: None
8. Fund-Raising: Going to be slow this year due to pandemic. Show arena sponsorships have come in,
9. Publicity: Try to share the things on Facebook that have been shared.
10. Refreshments and Vendors: None
11. Security: no new information
12. Off Fair Events: Figure 8 Races will be on June 12 and August 21
13. YEC: Darcy reported that there have been a large number of cancellations due to Coronavirus. She is working with brides and events. Cresco builders are starting repairs on outside of the building. Generator was installed and is up and running. Ice machine has been shut down for right now, while the YEC is not in use.
14. Crisis Management Team: Will need to meet with Lesley.
15. Superintendents: Fair book is done, holding off on printing, but it will get published online.

16. Volunteer Coordinator: no new information

17. Parking: no new information

Correspondence: Iowa Fair Association has been sending emails, continue to read those. Card sent to Jane (extension office) and Elaine (sympathy card)

Old Business:

1. Update from Bruce for district meeting, talked about state fair, state fair will be running cookie booth, moving big slide, every gate will have metal detectors, supreme 6 horse hitch will be free this year, Talking to your CPA in regards to taxes for youth if we were doing a ribbon auction (may need to consider this for live auction also) Palien and Ratopimiean state vet recommends no kill show because beef can carry it in their feces. Aug 30 in Wright County Seniors graduating if you are a fair board member and have a graduating senior there is a scholarship.
2. Little Hands building is up and they are working on plumbing and concrete. Valero said we are approved for the grant, but we don't know the exact amount yet. John Ruzicka is donating a bulk bin to use as a small grain bin for little hands on the farm. Amy is working on a rental contract for \$150 for 24 hours which would include the playground and picnic area. Amy will look into getting a fan in the building.
3. Livestock lean to should be started in the first week of May. We need to move the water hydrant that is in the courtyard. If the waterline is already there it would be good to just put a hydrant in the middle of the building at ground level.
4. Maintenance shed in the grandstand area has a huge drop and we need to put a retaining wall in that area. Amy meeting with Croell to try to get concrete blocks for this area.

New Business:

Other Business:

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM Motion made by Craig to adjourn. Seconded by Kelsey, motion passed.

Next Meeting: May 20th

Minutes taken by Jen Schmitt