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**ALBANY COUNTY FAIR BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**ALBANY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, MEETING ROOM**  
**JANUARY 10, 2022**

**REGULAR MEETING: 6:30pm**

1. Call to order & roll call
  - a. Scott Lake called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. All members were present. Katie Ogden available via zoom.
2. Public Comment (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker)
  - a. Shelby Sinclair - Shelby introduced herself and asked Andrea to read the wording for the proposed rule that came about from the previous meeting. She asked about the letter that was supposed to be sent to the affected families. She stated that she believed that the board voting on this rule was a conflict of interest as each one is a parent of a member that shows against Shelby and Lane. Her family has a cattle operation of 150 head in Albany county and wants to support producers within the county. She stated that she felt like she was being kicked out of the program.
  - b. Lane Sinclair - He read the Wyoming State Fair by-laws prohibiting and requiring people to be residents or live in the county that they show in. They have purchased and raised Albany County Cattle.
  - c. Stacy Sinclair - in 2012 or 2013 they asked Mary Louise Wood if they could be part of the Albany County 4-H program. They joined and have been active since then. The family has donated buckles and work to purchase memorable gifts for their buyers. Colby Hales submitted his opinion on raising cattle at different elevations for a distinct advantage.
  - d. Christina Lewis - Poultry Show - change of schedule would not be beneficial. Ellie has worked on the program to get it where we currently are and changing it would take us back in time. She expressed that changing the schedule could be disrespectful to the poultry and rabbit kids.
  - e. Audrey - Poultry showmanship, breeding and market should be on different days. It is a lot for one day on birds and showmen. Poultry should be showcased through the week.
  - f. Jackie - Changing the schedule to one long show day causes stresses on the kids and birds with horse and shooting sports. Change would cause more kids to have to pick what they wanted to do.
  - g. Rowen - Intermediate poultry showman. Longer show days would stress birds and may affect how they do.
  - h. Breanna - Started with market sheep, chose to do poultry and has fallen in love with showing birds. She has gained confidence and has learned about hard work and dedication.
  - i. Sandry - She received a message from Ellie about the schedule and believes that if the schedule is changed that the poultry kids do not matter. They liked last year's schedule and would prefer it to go back to that. She feels that we are only into schedule changes for money.
  - j. Jay Talbott - Consider what precedence we are putting on families that have shown here for a while. Jay has been involved for years and got to know the kids. We should consider setting the rule change for the future, not now.
  - k. Monica Hales - She is here for the Sinclair Family. She believes that they feel attacked and it is hurtful to them. They are at all of the activities for 4-H and they are some of the most involved members of Albany County. They work just as hard as our Albany County kids. We need to

consider if it is about adults or kids. This rule change is not what it is supposed to be - Sinclairs have worked hard with us.

- l. Myron Hales - Echo what has already been said and it is an opportunity for them. He would like these options for kids. Consider the kids when making a decision.
  - m. Freda Dixon - If we change the schedule we would have to move the open show due to judges. Where would the show happen? The rabbits that come in for the open show are in a secure building overnight. ARBA judges stay over to judge the youth show. This brings in qualified judges and opportunities for kids to show. Market rabbits come in later in the week.
  - n. Mike Sinclair - He has been in ag most of his life. The challenge is finding labor and people that are qualified. He encourages the board to think of the kids. All businesses will be effected. We need kids. They need to stick with Ag. This change could cause a drastic change.
  - o. Meaghan Stinson - She spoke on behalf of the Sinclair Family. Board Member Senior advised her to refrain from using foul language while in a public meeting. Meaghan spent time addressing the Sinclairs and the support she is giving them for the things they are doing. She urged the board to realize that we will be affecting other families.
  - p. Tiffany Bullock - The kids want to be a part of our program and what will they think if we "kick them out"? Is there a grandfather rule?
  - q. Ellie - She brought letters from parents about the proposed fair schedule that was sent to superintendents to have their suggestions. A same day show causes a long show or no time with the judges. Lots of effort from the past years. Good opportunity for people to see during family night. She appreciates the time we put in. Ellie read the letter from Angie Scasta.
  - r. Kymber Stinson read a letter from Liz Williams - Liz was disheartened to hear of the potential changes. Ellie has put in a lot of time and dedication. A new schedule puts out the small animal kids. All of their children spend as much time as the large animal kids. Poultry doesn't need to have such drastic changes but some changes would be ok.
  - s. Becky Despain - Jonathan sent her with a list of thoughts that he had. It is the responsibility of the fair board to run and manage a county fair and fair grounds. There is no way to police or manage where people are coming from.
  - t. Myron Hales with a second comment - When has ACF been an open show? A member has to be in good standing in order to show anyway.
  - u. Inez Wildenborg - Residency requirements would push them out of Albany County. When she moved here from Texas she felt it surpassed Texas in many ways. The people are great. When they bought their house they saw that it would be in Laramie County and wouldn't give the kids the same opportunities as they have in Albany County. She had talked to MLW and found that she can only participate in one county. They only want to show in Albany County.
  - v. Jana Urschel - Having poultry in one day is very long and will affect the performance of the birds and kids. Having to choose would be devastating.
3. Consideration of Changes to Agenda
    - a. Andrea moved to switch items 3 and 6 so we could address those areas earlier. Brain Seconded. Motion passed.
  4. Review and Approve Minutes from December 13, 2021
    - a. Marked Moved to approve minutes, Andrea seconded, motion carried.
  5. Review and Approve Treasurer's Reports
    - a. Andrea moved to approve the treasurer's report, mark seconded, motion carried.
  6. Guests & Committee Report
    - a. 4-H Council
      - i. The council met on the 4th. Livestock judged and NWSS and Tanner showed her Catch-a-calf. Both did well. Carnival is set and the Southeast Leadership conference is February 26th.

- b. Fairgrounds Foundation Report
  - c. Fairgrounds Report
    - i. Kerry shared what he has been doing around the grounds to keep up with maintenance and snow removal. He has planned to work on some smaller projects indoors while it is cold.
  - d. Judges Committee Report - No Report will meet on January 13
  - e. Rock Creek FFA - No Report
  - f. Snowy Range FFA - Meats will compete at NWSS. Practices will begin next week for teams.
  - g. Sale Committee Report - Worked on by-laws, working on a budget and working to hire a sale clerk to assist on the day of the sale.
  - h. Shooting Range Report
7. Correspondence
- a. Aneesa McDonald - Residency Change

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Discuss and Approve** Regulation Document as presented. Public Comment period ended December 24 excluding Residency Requirements which will end on January 27.
  - a. Andrea moved and Mark seconded, motion carries.
2. **Amend** November Meeting Minutes to reflect the communication that has been received from concerned parents, showmen, and stakeholders about out of county showmen. This will be additional to the already published minutes.
  - a. Mark approved, Brain seconded, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Welcome**, Brian as a Fair Board Member. (Scott)
  - a. Scott welcomed Brian to the board.
2. **Discuss** 4-H Dog Show (Andrea)
  - a. Vicky was concerned that the tent may startle the dogs. Letter from a parent was written to the board and Vicky handed them out to the board members.
3. **Discuss and Take Action** for Linda Lamb Request. See attached email from Linda. (Taylor)
  - a. The board moved to discuss the item and the idea of giving her \$100 off of her rent next year as the only solution. Mark moved to offer the \$100 discount. Andrea seconded. Motion carried.
4. **Approve** Superintendents and superintendent pay schedule as slated (Taylor)
  - a. Mark moved, Andrea seconded, motion carried to slate superintendents as presented.
5. **Discuss and Take Action** on an hourly rate for the roller derby group practice. (Taylor)
  - a. Discussion was held regarding a liabilities waiver from the county Attorney's office. \$30 an hour was a comfortable place for the board members to be for renting the building for a couple hours a week. Mark moved, Andrea seconded, motion carried.
6. **Approval** of 2022 Albany County Fair Schedule prior to the superintendent meeting. (Andrea & Taylor)
  - a. Schedule is tabled for some edits to be made for requested items such as the dog show, the poultry show, weigh off the trailer, start of the pig show and the Supreme female interviews.
7. **Discuss and Take Action** on Laura Sinesh assistance at the Range Arena. See attached proposal. (Taylor)
  - a. Due to lack of action the motion dies due to potential legal issues and concerns about passed opportunities with other individuals.
8. **Discuss and Take Action** on Range Arena Lighting replacements (Katie)
  - a. Mark Wade will work on getting ideas for replacements and costs. This motion was tabled for the next meeting.
9. **Discuss and Take Action** on the Judges Committee. See attached proposal. (Taylor)

- a. Katie moved to approve the proposal, Andrea seconded, No discussion was held, motion carried.
10. **Approve** Judges Pay Spreadsheet for each judging area with the exception of carcass contest. (Taylor)
  - a. Andrea opened discussion with the potential to pay more to less judges and have them stay for more events. Taylor will do research and come back to the board with a new budget for judges' pay.
11. **Discuss and Take Action** on the internet at the Range Arena - cameras do not function properly. (Taylor)
  - a. Katie moved, Mark seconded discussion with the foundation for the purposes of the internet and if it is used currently. Postponed to the next meeting by Brian, Mark Seconded, motion carried.
12. **Discuss and Take Action** on Sale Committee By-Law Amendments (Heather)
  - a. After review of the changes with Heather, Mark moved to approve the amendments, Andrea seconded, motion carried.
13. **Approve** letter to be sent for clarification of audit findings (Taylor)
  - a. Taylor explained what the letter is for. Mark moved to approve the letter, Andrea seconded, motion carried.
14. **Discuss and Approve** board training for Sale Committee members (Jen Curran)
  - a. Jen talked to the board about doing board training. This will be scheduled at the next Sale Committee meeting.
15. **Discuss and Take Action** on the proposal from 7220 Poultry Show to schedule for the next 5 years. Proposal is attached. (Ellie Riske)
  - a. Mark moved to approve the dates as scheduled for the poultry shows. Andrea seconded the motion and it carried.
16. **Discuss and Take Action** on Dog Trial Rental Price. (Taylor)
  - a. Offer Rental rates as listed on the normal form. Brian moved, Mark seconded, motion carried.
17. **Schedule** a Special Meeting for Friday, January 28 to discuss residency public comment.
  - a. Already scheduled.
18. **Approve** vouchers for December/January Payments
  - a. Mark moved, Andrea seconded, motion carried to pay all December and January bills.
19. Executive Session pursuant to W.S. §16-4-405(a)(ii)
  - a. Excusal to Executive Session  
Return to Regular Session Action, if needed, regarding Executive Session

**ADJOURN**