

# MIDDLE PARK FAIR & RODEO

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**Minutes from: Monday, September 9, 2019, @ CSU Extension Hall**

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting for the Middle Park Fair & Rodeo was called to order at 6:29 PM by the President Janet Engel.

**Fair Board Members Present:** Janet Engel, Carol Culbreath, Dakota Docheff, Tonya French, Holly Hester and Christy Horn.

**Others in Attendance:** Jeremy Salyards, Pat Pryor, Ed Moyer, Tish Linke, Mari Miller and Kim Cameron.

**Approval of Minutes:** Carol made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Holly made the second. MINUTES APPROVED.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**President's Report:** Janet expressed how much fun she had and heard from other people how much fun they had in the 10 days of a successful fair! Many others in attendance echoed this as well. Janet also read the written resignation received from board member Tara Sharp, citing a conflict of interest with her position at the Chamber.

**Treasurer's Report:** The financials are in good shape & the fair is up about \$18,000 from this point last year! There is \$3,004.00 in the savings/scholarship account. Janet will present the commissioners with a \$40,000 check at tomorrow's BOCC meeting as it was not needed to cover concert expenses. The Derby had about 2,400 people in attendance and returned about \$29,000 in profit back to the fair! After all expenditures from fair week were paid it left us with around \$14,000 in profit. There are still some misc expenditures that have not been paid (Ultrasounds, misc office expenses, concert expenses) that will need to be accounted for & reconciled over the coming weeks. We had a surplus in food vendors this year. Overall, the financials are in the positive after everything!

**CSU Extension Update:** Travis Hoesli has moved therefore there was no report for this meeting.

**Superintendents:** There was one minor issue during the pig weigh in during fair. The electric pig scale would not lock on a weight, and this caused a problem when a heavy pig was a couple pounds away from making the heavy-weight class. The superintendent, extension agent and president were all present to make the official decision to not let the pig into the show as it was too heavy. The scale failed inspection earlier in the year, and the base had to be re-built, as well as some software was reset and adjusted. The scale was then inspected again and successfully passed. Pat thinks the company that fixed the scale changed a software setting to make the scale not lock on a weight. She will get this fixed this fall. Another suggestion was made that the poultry barn could use a new scale as it is difficult to weigh turkeys and larger birds in the current one. The poultry barn also needs new rabbit cages, the current ones are falling apart, and can't make it through another fair. On the same note the swine barn needs more pen panels, a new style will be purchased through a five year plan to try to replace all current panels.

The superintendents that were present would like to have a workshop to figure out logistics for the following issues that came up during fair this year:

- Meat Quality    -Sale Procedures    -Show Rules    -Class Sizes    -Premium Limits
- Carcass Contest Scheduling    -Meat Processors (Cutting Instructions, Pick-Up Dates)

**Concert Committee Report:** Concert recap and reconciliation is underway & invoices are still coming in. To date there were 1,200 Tickets sold with an attendance of about 650. Some suggestions were made to have the concert be the kick-off event for the fair (Saturday night first weekend of fair.) There were multiple complaints about the beer lines being too long, and suggestions of in stand sales were made. It was also a complaint that concert signs need to be taken down the night of the event, as the paid parking signs were left up and may have discouraged rodeo attendance the next day.

**Derby Report:** Best year yet! Attendance was huge! The front gate could still use a quicker system to be able to process credit cards quickly as the line backed up multiple times. The Vendini system was working better but was unable to keep up with demand with the low wifi signal it had available. Unfortunately this was Will & Becca's last year, and Janet will give them a call to thank them for their service for all the past years. The board would like to put out an RFQ to try and find new help for next year's derby. It was great to have WiFi at the back gate, front gate and crows nest. It would be fantastic to have full grounds coverage next year. A faster cash sales system with full accountability would be fantastic for accounting purposes as well.

**Airbound Colorado:** As a whole the midway entertainment rented from Airbound Colorado was fun for many but the cost was not recuperated through wristband sales. Complaints were (too expensive for what was offered, teen age only, and no young kid activities, no one day passes.) A different vendor with other activities will be reviewed for next year.

#### **Next Year Notes:**

- Horse Show: Judges pattern needs to be Level I or II for Juniors. This year was way too hard!
- Trash cans need to be put in every barn, and in multiple areas on midway. People were walking around with trash in pockets, and throwing in pickup beds due to lack of trash cans.
- Pioneers luncheon and Ranch Rodeo had a sound conflict. The rodeo announcer was way too loud, and pioneers could not hear their event.
- Beef Show: Too hot, bleachers need some sort of shade and a new coat of paint. It was noted that Travis has purchased "sail shades" to go over this area last spring; Pat will look into this.
- Porta Potties: Need to be cleaned after each major event (ie. concert, derby, rodeos), need to have some porta potties set outside entrance gate if we close gates until a certain time for events.

**Open Superintendent Events: Need new superintendents for these events**

Cookie Contest/Mayor's Pie – Susan (?)

Kid's Games –

Open Horse Show/Queen's Barrel Race/Jr Rodeo –

Pioneers Luncheon – Merritt Linke (?)

Exhibit Hall –

Fairbook Ads – 4-H Clubs (?)

**Adjournment:** Christy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol came back with the second. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm. MEETING ADJOURNED.