Ouray County Fair Board Minutes ~ May 16, 2022

Call to order ~ 6:10pm

Attendees ~ Lee, Dale, H, Jaime Goza, Oakley (excused tardy)
Tate (excused absence – available by phone)

April Minutes ~ Discussed, motioned to approve by H second by Dale and passed.

Financial Report ~ Account reviewed, motioned to accept report by H second by Dale and passed.
Total in Ledger $26,523.85 Requests for payments: None

General Business ~ With the resignation of Ashlee Briggs – Tate Rogers was nominated, accepted the nomination and was voted into the Vice Chairperson placement on the Board. Erin will remain as the Secretary.

Chairperson Report – The species weigh in on May 14th. Went well. 8 pigs & 4 sheep were weighed and recorded to add to the already recorded 2 steers. The OC Sheriff is very interested in adding a “Public Safety Fair” to the County Fair. Lee will continue to pursue this and will report back in June. Lee and Erin will meet on Thursday, May 26th. To complete a few small repair projects within the Fair Barn.

Board Member Report – H agreed to meet with Erin and Jaime next week to begin the process of creating/publishing the Fair Book. A discussion with regard to weigh-in schedule and fair schedule was brief and Oakley motioned to approve the schedule created by Erin for public posting – Lee seconded and the motion passed. The Board discussed the Fair Theme entries and choose “Animals & Friends...the Fun Never Ends” as the 2022 Fair Theme. The $50 award for Theme contest will go to Hennessy Discoe.

Extension Officer Report – Jaime confirmed registration for the fair as follows: 8 pigs, 4 sheep, 2 steers, 3 pens of poultry, 2 dogs (to show in Montrose), 1 Vet Science, 1 Cake Decorating, 1 Small Engine Project and 1 Woodwork Project for the Fair. The general projects will show in Montrose on July 22nd (Jaime will be sure to inform those 4H members directly). Official Fair Entries will be due to the Extension Office by Fri, June 24th. Jaime will bring the forms to the 4H Club meeting as necessary. There is no new news involving the Avian Flu.

County Staff Report – Erin will create a sponsorship spread sheet for potential fair sponsors. Those sponsor funds will offset overhead costs related to the operations of the fair and award costs. The Board is hoping to achieve a consistent sponsorship revenue to no longer request funds from the County. Erin will also create a sponsorship solicitation form/letter and share at the June meeting.

New Business ~ A long discussion regarding Fair Awards ensued. The conversation involved the need for awards for each market class, each showmanship class and round robin showmanship classes. The consensus was that buckles, jackets, vests and large rosette ribbons would be awarded by the Fair Board at the 4H Award Night after the completion of Fair. Erin will follow-up on costs – embroidery vendor – availability of these award ideas for the June meeting. It was discussed that Erin would ask Murdoch’s to provide the jackets & vests through an “in-kind” sponsorship. Upon ordering awards for the 2022 Fair, Erin will also order the “missing” buckles from 2020. The Board discussed gifting each 4H member a green, camping chair with the Fair Board logo and 2022 embroidered on it. Erin will look into ordering these chairs and report back to the Board in June with costs.

Next Meeting Date ~ Monday, June 20th, 2022 @ 6pm @ Event Center Meeting Room
Adjourned ~ 7:35pm