

On Monday, February 8, 2021, Scott Lake called the Albany County Fair Board meeting to order at 6:30. In attendance was Andrea Senior, Katie Ogden, Mark Wade and Brett Moline.

**Public Comment:**

Freda Dixon reported on the RHDV2 and said that there have been more cases found in the summited states and some in the buttes also, the virus is spreading in cheyenne on the 1-25 corridor. The virus has only been found in wild rabbits. Brett asked how it is spread, by touch, respiratory droplets, bodily fluids. The virus is a very hardy virus. Dr. Dana Peterson is doing the research on the virus. Freda reported that there are about 16 members that want to vaccinate their rabbits, which will be very costly. She will be starting rabbit classes soon. The money that was given to the rabbits, will be used for monetary assistance on vaccinations.

Katie moved to add Dressage Club Discussion - making the round pen larger to the end of old business.

Brett moved to approve the meeting minutes from the December meeting as submitted. Andrea seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passes.

**Guest, Committee Reports**

The 4-H Council - Mary Louise Wood - She reported that the council met the first Monday of February, things are happening, and they are trying to plan things. They have to live by the rules of UW and the health department, which poses its own challenges. She booked a southeast 4H leadership conference for April 17. Scott gave Mary Louise an update on the usability of Hansen Arena and the Wool Classroom.

Snowy Range FFA Chapter - Mr. Coxbill - He reported that judging is happening very rapidly, he gave an update on when and where some contests will take place. A session is in the works of happening.

No report from Rock Creek FFA Chapter

The Fairgrounds Foundation- Brett Moline- He reported the Foundation was working on finding a solution to get the footing in the arena replaced to be safer and better health wise.

Sale Committee report - Heather Alexander - She reported the sale committee met last week, the cups and save the date magnets are in and they look very nice. She also said the University of Wyoming was not going to be able to perform the survey and so they will be putting that together and getting everything out in April, cups, magnets, and surveys. The business after hours event is planned for June 16, 2021. Has some ideas on how to make that fun. Everything is going well.

The Shooting Range report was submitted in writing by Roy. Explaining his hours.

Fairgrounds Report - Kirby Hales - Going down the list of task checkoffs, fixing some doors to the runs for the stalls to prevent cribbing also. Kirby also reported on the plumbing issues on the west end of the building, everything should be draining correctly.

Judges Committee Report - Myron Hales - Met last month, Josey is contacting them and there were 3 options for each of the large animals. The judges committee will meet again on February 22nd.

Range Arena - Josey Bailey - She reported that she has received a new bid for the dirt. The waters are put in and working well.

Treasurer's Report - Katie moved to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. Andrea seconded.. No discussion. Motion passed.

### **Office and Staff Reports**

Josey Bailey reported that the building is being rented more and used for 4-H and FFA meetings and contests. Beef weigh-ins went fairly well, only one calf escaped and it was caught. There were 53 market calves tagged 5 were heifers, and there were 12 supreme cow phase one heifers tagged for the Stockgrowers. Andrea asked how many exhibitors tagged animals in, Josey reported that there were approximately 34 exhibitors that tagged animals in. Josey also reported that the regulation document is up on the website and is formatted. We got our rzero sanitizing light and it has been used. We will be opening the grounds position again on February 15th to hopefully have a hire and start date no later than March 15th. The sewer only account was denied by the city because the range arena property is not annexed into city limits. Josey asked for time off on Wednesday and the following week.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Old Business**

Ed Schott Memorial - Andrea said that she still had not heard from the family. Mary Louise said that she had heard from a member of the family, and they thought the idea would be a good idea. Katie moved to dedicate the crowsnest to Ed Schott, Andrea seconded the motion. Brett mentioned that we should wait to have a larger crowd. No further discussion. Motion passes.

Dressage Club- Kaite moved to expand the round pen to accommodate the space they need, so the club can rent the facility but to not extend them any discount. Bret seconded the motion. Katie explained that the dressage club wanted to have their show here and needed certain sizes to

accommodate their sanction requirements. Mark asked Kirby if that would be doable, he explained that the footing may still not be the greatest. Mark asked if the warm up was prepped with the arena for fair too, the answer was no. Motion passes.

### **New Business**

Laramie River Conservation District - Katie moved to approve the proposed \$1,000 annually for storage space rental. Andrea seconded. Brett asked if there was any reason we may need to use their tractor. The answer was no. No further discussion. Motion passes.

Albany County Fairboard Liaisons - Mark moved to have the liaisons continue as they have been. Brett seconded. Andrea stated that she felt that the sale committee was the most important and did the most things. Katie asked which committees liaisons were needed for. Katie also stated that there was not much need to assign the exact roles. After Josey looked at the bylaws and found the only required liaison was on the foundation. Brett volunteered to continue to be the Foundation Liaison. The original motion was voted no. Katie moved to approve Brett as the fairgrounds foundation. Motion passed.

January Expenditures - Katie moved to approve the expenditures, Mark seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

Katie moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on March 8, 2021 at the Dining Room in the Activities Building at the Fairgrounds