

ASOTIN COUNTY FAIRBOARD
November 8, 2017 - Regular Meeting

6:30 p.m. meeting called to order.

Members present: Cindy Harrison, Arlene Mullins, Barb Appleford, Peggy Harrison, Mackenzie Welch, Kelly Longfellow, Shan Bonson, Jamie Renzleman, Ron Hostetler, and Steve Mullins.

Junior Fairboard Members: Tylor Nicols, Dylan Pedersen.

Arlene motioned to excuse Byron Harrison and Anna Aarstad. Shan seconded, motion carried.

Thank you to Steve and Ron for turning off the water and blowing out the pipes.

Minutes for October 11, 2017 drafted by Mackenzie Welch were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report, Approve Bills, 2018-Budget: We received a bill from Blue Ribbon for toilet paper and paper towels for \$147.33. This was already approved to pay. We received a bill from AmeriGas for the yearly tank rental in the amount of \$74.31. We will have a bill coming from Printcraft for Thank You cards. That was approved. The locks on Boyd Hall need fixed. Mackenzie motioned that we fix Boyd Hall locks to match the master and to pay the AmeriGas bill. Kelly seconded, motion carried. Board discussed how we can get check and invoices matched amongst those on Fairboard. It was suggested that a spreadsheet be done. We still need a copy machine. Reminder that the 2018 budget was approved.

Open to the Public:

Kim Bellanger: Asotin County 4-H completed open enrollment on October 1st. We did not lose members, in fact; there is almost the exact same as last year (365 youth). There is also the same number of leaders. The proposed leader's council budget also hasn't really changed. There are 30 clover buds that don't pay a county fee. There will be the same income on 4-H enrollment. Part of that is based on contributions by Mark Heitstuman (\$500) and Math Ubachs (Auto Pro Technologies) (\$250).

Callie Harrison: Asked if we needed more trophies because she has 3 from her daughter she is willing to donate back.

Jody Forgey: If we are going with the new computer program then we need to push the entry deadlines back to the last Friday of March. This will allow for accurate entries and will prevent the waste of cards and labels. We had quit pre-entry in crafts, foods and clothing because of waste. How many scanners are going to be available? The superintendents and other's already volunteer enough so they need to be reimbursed for data used. She spoke with a parent of a college rodeo participant and that person stated there were only 100 spectators in the stands at Ontario and Walla Walla. We are laying out the red carpet for the college rodeo kids and clearly don't care about the 4-H kids. All those horses and kids will make for poor water quality, which the 4-H and FFA kids have worked so hard to address with the City of Asotin, especially if we are housing more than 100 horses. If it is a wet fair, then what are we going to do. Wants to know why every rodeo trailer has to be parked in the main lot. They need to condense into 2 or 3 trailers. If the tax payers have to condense then so should the rodeo people. Will the rodeo be cleared by 3:30 p.m. for a 4:00 p.m. start time? Why doesn't the county purchase the Murray property adjacent to the Fair Grounds upper parking lot? How did the fair arrive at a \$15 entry fee for fair/rodeo? Was there a formula or was that plucked out of the air? Our gate fee already far outpaces surrounding fairs. We are more expensive than the state fair. The amount is pricing a lot of people out of attending. We are testing the public and they will only take so much before they say forget it. The breaker box on the cinder block building needs fixed. According to Todd Clovis, if it fails it will be not be a quick fix and it will take out all the vendors. The Cattlemen's Association should not have to run fans. It needs to be fixed!

Fritz Cervatus, Jody Cervatus, and Warren Benner: They are here to answer any questions asked of them as representatives of the Sales Committee. The three of them watched a preview for Fair Entry. It

appears to handle what is needed with minimal downloads. Also, they need the money that was accidentally deposited into our account instead of theirs. Shan has the check for that.

Debra Ausman: Has thoughts about the rodeo. She is concerned with combining it with fair weekend. There is a danger with sending kids on the shuttle buses to get to their cars parked downtown. Also there will be more horses. Kids and horses are not a good combination. She can only picture the elderly people on the shuttle buses. Her parents won't be able to go because of new hip and no parking. We will likely see a lot of that. Blending kids with a college crowd is not okay and she won't take her kids to one because it is a different crowd.

Dan Anderson: Would like to know what exactly is going on? What are people talking about with a college rodeo?

Doug Jones: Here to answer any questions about the swine barn.

Committee Reports:

Trick r Trunk – The rodeo directors and some fair board members were there to set up rigs. We also had volunteers from the community. The royalty and their families handed out tickets at the front gate so we could count attendance number. We had approximately 2600-2700 people come through the gate. There was a steady stream from the time we opened the gates to 7:30 p.m. The Boosters were there handing out hot dogs and pop donated by Coca Cola (450 cans). Evan Southwick got \$600 donated in candy. Fairboard did purchase some and there is some left over for the parades. There was great feedback from the community and people offered to help out next year. Idea is that we can have a contest for vehicles decorated and public votes. Hoping maybe Aqua Touch will donate a detail, which can be given out to the winner. Street was blocked off, which we will need to work on again for next year with more signage.

Fair Entry Program: We can get strong Wi-Fi to log onto the program. It is \$750 for a year. There was trouble with internet in the sales committee building last year. No service in the metal buildings. Evan mentioned that Todd is more than willing to help us address that issue. Ron motioned we purchase the Fair Entry program. Barb seconded, motion carried.

2018 Royalty: Queen Lyvia Jackson. She is a sophomore at Asotin High School. Princess Racheal Spinelli. She is a sophomore at Clarkston High School. Their first event was the Trick r Trunk. Their colors this year are orange, teal and metallic gold. Mackenzie motioned to hold the coronation on February 3, 2018. Steve seconded, motion carried. Social hour is from 5-6 and dinner starts at 6. Jamie called Angie with Snake River Grounds and is waiting for a call back regarding catering. Cindy motioned we vote on catering at the special meeting. Mackenzie seconded, motion carried. Chaperone- Brenna Southwick presented a letter of interest. Mackenzie motioned we accept Brenna as the chaperone. Ron seconded. Cindy questioned whether she can drive the Toyota pickup. Yes, that was previously mentioned, and she can. Motion carried. Mackenzie motioned we table the schedule of events until the December meeting because we haven't voted on how we are sanctioning the rodeo. Barb seconded, motion carried. The Christmas lights purchased a couple years ago in the amount of \$300 are missing. Cindy stated she believed she had to throw away a lot because they were stepped on and broken. She indicated she will look for them on the fairgrounds because maybe they are missing. Evan searched for 3 hours all over and hadn't seen them. We need some for the Christmas parades. Ron motioned we table the decision to purchase Christmas lights until the special meeting. Kelly seconded, motion carried. The crowns and belt buckles are donated. The commercial will be done and Brenna will assist with that. Grangeville Saddlery can be contacted to see if we can order and then pay.

Handbook Changes: Handbook changes are due to Mackenzie by December 1st. Barb and Kim went through last year's book and corrected some working. Arlene and Barb have to contact people they are trying to get belt buckles from for awards. Arlene is meeting with open class superintendents. Horse leaders will have theirs done by December 1st. The welding class won't get done by Barb because she is behind on stuff.

City of Asotin- Their next meeting is Monday at 5:30. The Fairboard and Rodeo Committee are on the agenda to discuss the possible sale of the lower parking lot. Peggy was told at the last meeting that the lot had been sold. The public is also encouraged to attend.

Entertainment: The pirate from last year, Chris, normally does \$1400 a day. Depending on our budget we can call him back and he will see what he can do. Suggested that if we do the hypnotist, that we not do more than 1 show a day. Cindy suggested maybe we add in a local talent show for the kids. Do we need more than one entertainer? Ron motioned we negotiate with the pirate, Chris, for 3 days. Arlene seconded, motion carried.

Parade: Colors will also be orange, teal and metallic gold. Any kind of flower can be used. The grand entry form will remain the same. Shan motioned that Peggy be allowed to advertise the parade and entries in the newspaper with her budget. Mackenzie seconded. Ron asked to clarify if it was the fair and rodeo's parade or the City's. It is ours. Motion carried.

Sales Committee Changes: They will discuss splitting cost on Fair Entry at their meeting on Monday. Need to vote on the 4 suggested changes the Sales Committee brought to the Fairboard in May 2017. Ron motioned we start the sale at 4:30 p.m. for a 1 year try. Kelly seconded, motion carried. Mackenzie motioned we changed the sale order to be chickens, rabbits, goats, lambs, beef, hogs. Shan seconded, motion carried. Ron motioned that we have an initial weigh in the Saturday 90 days before fair, kids do not have to be present, and hogs cannot weigh more than 125 lbs., with no more than 3 maximum. If they are over 125 lbs., they cannot sell. Barb seconded, motion carried. Barb motioned that we raise the weights of hogs to be 230 lbs. minimum to 290 maximum. They will get credit only up to 280 lbs. Mackenzie seconded. Discussion ensued. Jamie and Shan opposed. Seven others in favor, motion carried. Rodeo committee is working on getting concrete donated to keep diseases down, but the Sales Committee will get back to us if they want that.

Laptop/tablet: We need touch screen. Barb motioned we table a decision until the special meeting so someone else on the board can get a quote of cost, with the final decision being made at the special meeting. Ron seconded, motion carried.

Grand Marshal- Kelly moved we contact John and Mary Lee Frasier first, Pat Petty second, and Jean and Jerry Hendrickson third. Shan seconded, motion carried.

Gate Fees: Barb motioned that we keep the gate fees the same and add in a weekend pass at \$15 for 4-H Leaders and FFA advisors. Kelly seconded, motion carried.

Carnival: Jamie motioned that we go with Rainier Amusements again with the same contract. Arlene seconded, motion carried.

Pig Pens: Doug Jones and Steve will get together to discuss a game plan.

Fundraising Ideas: None at this time.

Supplies Needed: Mackenzie motioned that we purchase 3 new locks. Shan seconded, motion carried. Shan motioned we purchased 10 6" tables at sale price at Costco. Steve seconded, motion carried. We don't need new chairs. If we purchase a wireless microphone we will need to purchase a whole new system. Need to price that out.

Arena/Bennett Building Rental: Rodeo directors were informed they can't rent out the arena when the Bennett Building is rented. Seem to be shooting ourselves in the foot. Discussion ensued. Schedules should be published somewhere. We can compare schedules and work with those renting. Communication is key.

Hall Rental Schedule: Tiger is paying a rental fee per day at \$25.00. Mackenzie motion we leave the fee at \$25 per day. Ron seconded, motion carried.

Feeder Program: This needs to be discussed with the sales committee. Mackenzie motioned that she be allowed to talk to Doug and we can discuss this further at the special meeting. Shan seconded, motion carried.

College Rodeo: Discussion ensued comparing a standard rodeo to college rodeo. Discussion as to what we would save with doing a college rodeo. Discussed stalls and parking issues. Kelly motioned we sanction with a college rodeo. Mackenzie seconded. 2 opposed, 7 in favor, motion carried. Mackenzie will check into insurance for rodeo and parking.

Buildings painted: Arlene moved we table this discussion until December meeting. Ron seconded, motion carried.

2019 Theme: Shan motioned we allow 4-H members to submit ideas for 2019 theme. Arlene seconded, motion carried.

Coca Cola: Looking to see if 3 year contract is up.

Jackets/Shirts for Fairboard: Need to look into what we have.

Parking: Discussion ensued. If use Hostetler's lot, rodeo committee will have to have someone managing lot. Barb motioned we leave the main lot the same as last year. Jamie seconded, motion carried. Arlene moved we close off the road up to the fairgrounds off Cleveland Street. Steve seconded, motion carried. Chris Seubert will check to see if we can use their parking lot from noon on Friday through Sunday.

Shuttle Bus Routes: Mackenzie motioned to leave the shuttle bus routes as is with the ability to amend if we lose the city lot for parking. Ron seconded, motion carried. We will also need a handicap bus this year.

Next Work Day: Will decide at next meeting. Shan will talk to John Hildebrand about getting prisoners to help with repair and maintenance needs.

Special Fairboard meeting: November 13th at 6:30 or immediately following us on the City of Asotin Agenda.

Tourism Tax Funding: Chris Seubert will send us the application to apply for next year. We can use it for maintenance.

Open to the Public:

Krista Lathrop: Concerned with new system running off Wi-Fi because we need to run a test on bandwidth. Fairboard should consider getting a synchronized calendar for rentals.

Heather Jackson: Stated she thinks it's great we are thinking outside of the box for new ideas to make things better. Did have a suggestion for safety and maybe we should consider using different entrances for contestants and spectators.

Evan Southwick: Please go to the City of Asotin meeting

Old Business:

Barb: Still has trophy monies needed from Shan, Peggy and Cindy. Arlene and Barb want to get contracts out to people as soon as possible.

Kelly: What is the state of local rodeo checks? Shan stated they were vouchered out to the county last week.

Peggy: She has emailed vendor contract to 3 people already who are interested - \$5 jewelry paparazzi, Scentsy, t-shirts and hats.

New Business:

None

Next Fairboard meeting:

December 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Mackenzie will be on vacation and unavailable to attend so someone will need to take notes.

Meeting adjourned: 9:41 p.m.