

Asotin County Fair Board Meeting October 11th, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6pm

Excuse absent fair board members- Jamie, Shan, Courtney, Bar. , Arlene made a motion to excuse, Steve 2nd. Motion passed.

Asotin High School Safe & Sober-Asotin Juniors presented their proposal for coordinating the parking at the 2024 Asotin County Fair. Peggy let them know since all the fair board members weren't at the meeting we would discuss it and get back to them.

Lewis-Clark Saddle Club would like to rent Floch hall on November 19th and ask they receive the non-profit rate. Chad made motion, Arlene 2nd. Passed

Clarkston High School Safe & Sober-no one here to report

4-H & FFA Boosters/Cattlemen-Charlotte not present

Superintendents-Arlene hasn't gotten a meeting together yet for her superintendents. Mike Cooper-discussed the biosecurity that was done on the hog tagging last year on the healthy side and said even though the sales committee was given all the tools they didn't utilize them. He reports that first hog weigh ins are not the standard any longer. EJ and Mike said they would be willing to go to people's houses to tag animals to eliminate the first weigh in. Chad said instead of waiting for the next outbreak why don't we implement a more bio-secure way of taking on the pig tagging. Mark Heistuman mentioned that the tagging process can be easily done and the extension office can help facilitate the tagging process. He asked that a decision be made so they are not in the middle of anything like last year.

EJ wasn't present but Nicole reported that he is looking into backdrops for kids to be able to take their pictures in front of and banners for the grand and reserve champion.

Extension Office- Field Day Change to March 23rd- Motion made by Nicole, Steve 2nd. Passed. Clarkston FFA planning to do a showmanship clinic November 5th at the fairgrounds. Motion to approve by Nicole, Chad 2nd. Passed. 4-H enrollment is open now and closes November 17th and you can pay your fees online.

Royalty 2024-Peggy reported we will do the Veterans Day Parade on 11/11/2023.

Approve minutes from 9/13/23-approved as read.

Rodeo-nothing to report. Chris said Denny Jones said Lewiston Roundup is willing to help again this year, but would like more notice if they are needed.

Web page updates-let Peggy know if see anything that needs updated.

Need Flatbed trailer-for Xmas parade-Peggy asked Chris if she can use the flatbed trailer from the county and needs to know who she can contact. She stated she will need it by November 15th so we can start decorating it.

Lodging grant-we applied for that and we have received confirmation they received it. We are waiting to hear back on if it is approved or not.

Dept of Ag grant-all went in and they had a question about the #2 choice, Peggy let them know choice #2 was a scaled down version of choice 1.

Laptop Update-we received one laptop from the county for Nicole to do meeting minutes on. County rules are no downloads allowed, temp files then delete. A second laptop is in the works for the rodeo committee.

Need Handbook Changes--Nicole reported EJ had some changes for the sheep/goat schedule and he will get them to Peggy. Peggy said if you have any names for Memorial Page let her know.

Grand Marshall's-2024 please bring names to the next meeting.

Trick r Trunk- Lion's Club Update- not here to report. Peggy has questions about if we need vehicles or candy for the event. Steve will reach out to the Lions Club and find out the details.

Sales Committee Contract-Mike and EJ suggested edits to the sales committee contract to include the edit "swine tagging to be completed by 4-H/FFA leader". Mike discussed that hogs are just more susceptible to diseases and a lot of people have voiced concern surrounding first hog weigh in. Nicole mentioned that if the first weigh in is discontinued that also discontinues the rate of gain contest for the species, but she felt people would be ok with that. Chad asked if we should change and remove first weigh in from all species? Mark said steer and sheep/goat weigh in can be easily done and we should keep them in place especially since steer weigh in is just a couple months away. Mike stated that steers and sheep/goats are not as susceptible to viruses as swine. Mike stated that with swine they are removed from their heated pens at the breeders, put out in the elements and sometime they develop respiratory issues. Mike said he felt that in discussion with the sales committee the superintendents, FFA advisor and extension office gave them all the updated information about how the genetics of the pigs have changed over the years, but felt they were not interested in hearing it. Peggy asked Nicole to make the requested edits to the sales committee contract and email it to her and she will send it out to county attorney for approval.

Fundraiser Spreadsheet updates-Arlene has dropped some off at the fairgrounds today. She is working on the rest of hers. Chad asked if there is someone to take him to pick up the U-Haul. Steve said he can take Chad. Nicole reminded that we need to give Chad money to pay for the U-Haul. Help is needed to load the U-Haul next Thursday at 6pm.

Chris Seubert-Steve said the appreciation dinner for LRA was excellent. Steve said we should do something like that after fair.

Steve mentioned the washed away pavement on the back road to the back parking lot. Chris said the county is aware and is looking at it to fix it. Steve mentioned that ever since Avista fixed the one pole the drainage has been altered and goes under the ticket booth straight into the back parking lot and flows down the hill.

Old Business-Asotin FFA enchilada will be October 25/26th at Bennett Building.

Peggy states if Courtney resigns she is not sure what will happen with Ryder.

New Business-Budget meeting yesterday and our budget was approved at budget committee and will go on for final approval. We added \$2000 for city of Asotin amusement tax to our budget. Had one item changed as it was an error \$15000 was changed to \$1500 for fuel costs.

Steve said the Bennett building flooded last weekend due to toilets being clogged. He said they reported the brick bathroom also flooded on the upper lot, but when he got there, there wasn't any flooding. He did say it appeared that in the women's bathroom there were large items put down the toilet. Steve said he will need to remove two toilets to fix them.

Peggy said Allied Supply sold his business and so we may need to find someone new to clean restrooms during fair.

Nicole said Amber reported there was issues with her receipts and had concerns of the type of communication she was getting from the extension office. Peggy said she received a package from Janice about the issues in question and is working with Chris Kemp to get it taken care of.

Arlene said Janice got ahold of her that someone is using our dumpsters at the fairgrounds. Arlene suggested to place locks on the dumpsters. Steve will check into the cost for locks for the dumpsters.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm

Next meeting November 8th, 2023 at 6pm.