

Asotin County Fair Board Meeting Minutes February 28th, 2024

Call meeting to order 6:00pm

Excuse Any Absent Fair Board Members- Barb, Arlene, & Shan- Steve made a motion, Chad 2nd, passed.

Asotin County Conservation District- Megan Stewart presented and states the Community Wildlife Engagement is partnering with DNR, the County and Blue Mountain Fire to have a Brush Truck on site on display for the fair. She said it will stay on the fairgrounds the entire weekend unless there is a disaster, and it is called into action. Megan stated since conservation is tied to Ag Display, they hope to also have their manure spreader onsite as well, to engage with small landowners. Megan said they would like to take over Keri Lynn Johnson Park and restore it into a usable area for kids during the fair and conservation would maintain the park at no cost to the fair board year-round. Discussion was had surrounding playground equipment and flowers. Jamie made a motion to accept a 10-year contract from the conservation district, Steve 2nd passed.

4-H/FFA Boosters/Cattlemen- Cattlemen will do burgers again. Jamie reported in her conversations with Charlotte that the 4-H/FFA Boosters will no longer be a group. Going to start "friends of the boosters" 501c3.

Superintendents-Colby reported next Friday Shawn Wilks will be coming by to look at continuing to make improvements to the breeding barn. Colby discussed how the breeding barns roof only covers part of the space provided for the breeding stock and with additional entries we may need to look at extending that roof line.

Peggy reported that the barns will be sprayed out by the fire department on March 28th. Discussion was had on whether it could be pushed closer to fair, and Peggy was going to speak to Mike, but at this time everyone should plan on March 28th.

Extension Office-Jeanene reported Nez Perce County said we could borrow their scanners again for entries. Demonstrations during the fair need to be added to the handbook for Sunday. Jeanene said MaryKate Meyers has offered to be the herdsmanship judge and asked if we could pay her and give her a gate pass and parking pass. Jamie made a motion to pay MaryKate the hourly rate, gate, and parking pass, Chad 2nd. Passed.

Jeanene also stated that last year Mark's parking pass was for the upper level, and he would like a parking pass for the lower lot. She said if they could get her pass, Mark's and one for Janice if she comes to the fair, that they all be in the back parking lot that would be great.

Approve Minutes from 2/14/2024- stand approved as read.

Royalty 2024-Jadeyn stated her rump flowers are done and she will send pictures of them. She also stated she will be attending a queen clinic March 1st & 2nd Peggy stated that Jadeyn would be using the horse stall at the fairgrounds a lot due to her traveling from Joseph.

Rodeo- 3 additional port-a-potties were identified being needed. Two behind the chutes and one by the stripping chute. Chad and Steve started tearing out the rotted boards on the bleachers. Clearwater fence is coming out to rebuild the stripping chute. Adam is coming out to review all the fencing that needs to be repaired.

Chad reported that Gary at Moonlight is ready to go to work on sound once it is approved. Chad said we will need another laptop and mixing program to run sound for rodeo grounds.

Stock is all lined up and there will be a QR code for visiting royalty to use to sign in. Ladies' night will be on Tuesday and Men's night on Wednesday. Kris is bringing her own help this year.

Chris asked that Steve and Chad check with EJ on if he needs mutton bustin' sheep.

Shuttle Buses- Peggy reached out to Asotin School District and none of the drivers are interested in providing the shuttle buses this year. Jamie will contact Clarkston and see if they are interested.

Vendors-Jamie reported that she is getting so many vendors' applications with money sent in we need to take the application off the website asap.

Applications needing approved are, pony rides, trail blazing nut roasters, paper pie, Jeremy Westmorlan Footlongs, Bradway Family Farms, Suicide Prevention Inland NW, Sky High Café, Bibbi Booth, Wilson Banner Ranch, Heights Butcher, Asotin Co. Republican Party, Citizen for Preservation Fish & Dams, County Veterans Advisory Board. Steve made a motion to accept all these vendors, Chad 2nd, passed.

Contracts needing approved-nothing currently. Need a new janitorial service. Jamie reported Asotin wrestling accepted the contract for setup and tear down.

Clean up Day-Needs Done by: April 14th, 2024.

Handbook-Last Call for Updates is 3/6/24.

Carnival-Ask to use property-Commissioners have approved.

Camper Spots-March 24th is line up day for spots. Jamie reported spaces are limited this year.

Fair Entry-Open from March 1st through April 8th.

Pictures-February 29th 5:30pm – Wear Maroon Polo, Jessie Frost Mom's House in Asotin

Chris Seubert-reported signs will be going up on gates showing they are evacuation locations. Steve let him know we will need the county truck and trailer again for the parade.

Old Business- Deep Fat Fryers will be donated by Happy Day Corp, Peggy will contact Mike with all the specifics.

Jamie reported they felt they needed more entertainment besides Tumbleweed, mechanical bull and the magician that comes with Tumbleweed. They would like to bring Cap'n Arrr. Captain Arrr is 1k per day and will provide shows on the grounds. Chad made a motion, Steve 2nd, passed. 4-in favor, 1 Against.

Banners- Quotes 24x18, grand and reserve champion (these replace wood signs) \$20, Big backdrops we keep year to year 8x10 \$320, 8x8 \$256, 6x6 \$144, all have \$50 design fee. EJ thought sheep and swine could fit an 8x10 or 8x8, and small animals could use a 6x6. Colby said he could use 8x10 or larger. Colby said with 8x10 once you get the animal and the kid, if the producer or family want in the picture not much of the backdrop shows. Jamie said she would ask what the cost would be for the next size up from the 8x10. Chad made a motion to approve the banners and backdrops, Steve 2nd, Passed.

New Business-Peggy stated she spoke to Warren about the sales committee contract, and he will discuss it with them at their next meeting March 4th.

Moonlight bid for the lower sound system. \$2412.86, Jamie made motion to accept, Nicole 2nd. Passed.

Chad reported he submitted an offer tonight to a sponsor to see if they wanted to sponsor a LCD sign. Chad said on the lower end the signs are 50k, 60k higher end. He said bids are due for grants March 9th.

Jamie said we will need to add the pirate to the hotel bill. Currently the hotel bill is \$4160.16. Chad made a motion to approve up to \$5000.000, Steve 2nd. Passed.

Workday March 9th-Upper Level-9am-Potluck, (Lower Level-is Beef Field Day.)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:33pm

Next Meeting Date: March 6th , 2024, 6:00pm Commissioners Chambers

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