

Asotin County Fairboard Meeting Minutes May 19th, 2022

Meeting called to order 6:00pm

Motion to excuse absent member, Barb. Nicole motioned to excuse Barb from the meeting, Chad seconded. Motion passed.

4-H/FFA Boosters: Charlotte enjoyed fair. The fan hood in Bud's cook shack is leaking on top of the grill. Rain has rusted the grill. Charlotte has cleaned the rust off, but if it rains, it will get rusty again. The grease catch is hard to get to and she cannot empty it. Steve will look at it. If we haven't sold the old trail ride cook shack, Charlotte said we should take the small grill out of it.

Superintendents: EJ would like a meeting with select fairboard members to go over concerns and thoughts for next year's fair.

Nicole-Horse Committee request we share the cost of the judge with Nez Perce Fair. Cost will be no more than \$100.00 – the fairboard would pay.

Elaine Nagle reported that fair entry in the superintendents' books was confusing for people. Egg entries were great, but she wishes the young exhibitors could have been there when the judge was judging them to see how they are judged. Demonstrations at fair time need to be on Sunday, because most of the youth giving demonstrations show animals on Friday & Saturday. Eggs also need entries so judge can write comments on the entry cards. Arlene & Cindy were great helpers. Elaine said the state judge did ask about the memorial the fair had on display.

Arlene reported that we had great compliments on everything in the halls, but that the hall entries were down a little. Arlene would have liked the state judge to spend a little more time in the halls looking at exhibits.

Shan said the state judge did mention the jeopardy game that was being played in the hall was great educational information, and that our grounds were some of the cleanest grounds.

Letters to the Fairboard: Chole Renzelman turned in a letter of intent to become a Junior Fairboard Member.

Margaret Baker (Grace Yoder's Grandmother) turned in a letter of intent to become a Fairboard Member.

Jim Jeffries also turned in a letter of intent to join the fairboard that Peggy will read at the next meeting in June.

Extension Office-No Report.

Treasurer's Report: Shan reported everything has been vouchered out. We are waiting on payment from Toyota-\$6000.00, Odom-\$1500.00. Gate income was the biggest we've had in a long time. \$42,569.00

Local rodeo pay-out checks have all been done. Waiting to voucher out meal reimbursements, and \$289.00 to Elaine for judging. We did not pay Happy Day Catering. Breakfast button money was deposited in the bank.

Shan will look into the reimbursement for Arlene. Shan reported Janice submitted \$50.00 to reimburse Arlene, but there should have been \$125.00. Shan reported Janice paid Han Rental instead of reimbursing Arlene for the coffee pots.

Shan reported that there is a stack of receipts in her office that she doesn't know where they came from? Courtney said they are her receipts from the royalty luncheon that she needs to be reimbursed for.

Arlene said there is sausage and juice leftover from the breakfast for sale if anybody wants to buy.

Out Total fair balance as of right now is \$102,000, but we still have bills to pay and premium checks to write.

Executive Session: 6:26pm-6:45pm

Regular Meeting resumed

Shan made a motion to remove Cindy Harrison from the fairboard. Jamie seconded. Show of hand vote. 7- votes to remove, two votes to not remove. Cindy is dismissed from the fairboard. Peggy told Cindy she had to return her key today and turn in the \$100.00 fair money from sponsors within 24-hours.

Approve Minutes: From 3/2, 3/9, 3/23, and 3/30. Motion to approve minutes as corrected and read.

Rodeo Recap: Shan thanked everyone that helped with the rodeo. It was a great rodeo. Contractors were great to work with. Shan will be scheduling a rodeo committee meeting within the next few weeks hopefully. Friday had well over 1000 people in attendance at the rodeo. Saturday and Sunday were packed as well. Chris Seubert said the rough stock event was definitely the way to go. Maybe we can do timed events next year on Wednesday and Thursday. Shan states that the rodeo board will stay small and will still have volunteers to help. Chad reported that the flag director was giving alcoholic beverages to the flag girls during the kid's rodeo.

Fair Recap: Peggy apologized for getting really sick on Thursday and Friday and for missing Friday of fair. Kudos to Courtney for manning the fair office. Shan states that the fair office can be closed at certain times during fair so that no one has to miss watching their kids or grandkids showing. Jaime reported everyone loved Tumbleweed crossing but their location just wasn't the best. Jamie has ideas for next year.

Premium Points: Jamie motioned that we should pay more this year, since we got more state funding this year, 10 cents a point. Arlene seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Floch Hall Leak: EJ reported to Jamie that when he rented the hall it rained the day before and it flooded inside the hall. Issue needs to be addressed right away. Our next Ag Grant we apply for should be fix safety & flooding issue and also retro fit all doors and windows in the exhibit halls and buildings.

Cook Shack: Peggy has a handout of information on how to sell the cook shack. Chris Seubert says we need to check on the max value that we can sell the cook shack ourselves instead of going through county surplus.

Lodging Grant Update: Zip code paperwork is in the fair office for Chad. Chad requests any other zip code paperwork be emailed to him so he can get the report finished.

Department of Ag Grant: Chad and Peggy need to get together and write up the bid information for the bid walk throughs. Chad said Peggy can write them up and then send to him for edits. All of the Grant work and paperwork has to be finished by May 2023.

Trick r Trunk: Will be Saturday October 29th from 4pm-7pm. Courtney and Jamie will not be able to be there. Peggy & Chad will get together and start planning. Budget is \$3000.00.

Fairboard Officers for 2022-2023: We Usually vote in June for Officers. Peggy asked if any one is interested in being an officer? No one responded. Peggy asked if current Officers were ok to be voted in for 2023? All said yes. Jamie made a motion to vote in current officers for next year also. Arlene seconded.

Motion passed. Officers for 2022-2023 will be President: Peggy Hansford, Vice President: Chad Hendrickson, Secretary: Courtney Baker, and Treasurer: Shan Bonson.

Fundraiser/Coronation Date: Peggy suggests we have the fundraiser on October 22, 2022. Royalty tryouts are on August 28th, 2022. If we do not have anyone tryout it will just be the fundraiser. Social hour from 5pm-6pm, then 6pm dinner, coronation, dancing, live, and silent auctions. Shan said we will need the Bennett building from October 10th through to the end of October 31st. so we can set up and sore donations and get ready for fundraiser and Trick r Trunk. Jamie said she will need help from the all the fairboard members to go out and get donations. Charlotte suggests just advertising as a fundraiser only and not the royalty coronation.

Royalty Tryouts: August 28th at 2pm. Parent/Contestant meeting August 21st at 2pm.

Chris Seubert: Jamie asked Chris when the fairboard could start working on 2023 sponsorships? Jamie asked if we needed to set up a meeting with rodeo board, Chris Kem, Chris Seubert, and Peggy? Chris Seubert says yes. Shan said we can write up a mock contract and run it by Ben. Shan says new contracts usually go out in December. If we want sponsors earlier than December, we need to write up a contract and take to the commissioners. Peggy asked Chris about the advertisement that Toyota and a radio station was doing that was heard at fair time, the Fairboard had no knowledge of and wasn't asked for permission to advertise for the fair. Some of the information that was advertised was wrong. Peggy wanted to know if they could advertise without our permission. Chris said he didn't think so, but we would have to ask Ben about it.

Charlotte said she thought the FCC said anyone can do free 15 second spots.

Jamie said they were more around 30 second spots with wrong information being advertised.

Old Business: The Sound System first quote Nicole got before fair was only around \$12,000.00. The current quote that they gave us the cost is now around \$24,000.00. Or a non-waterproof system would be around \$8,500.00. The sound system would have to be waterproof. Shan stated the rodeo brought in enough to amend our original budget to include the difference that the sound system will cost now. Sound system vote will be tabled until the next meeting.

State Fair Report, Peggy handed out the judging paperwork we got back from the state fair judge.

Carnival info, Courtney reported she has not been able to book a carnival company for 2023 yet. All of the carnival companies she has contacted are booked.

Arlene feels we need to look at our rental fees that we are charging for the buildings again. If we are going to charge the fees, we voted on then we need to do maintenance and repairs on the buildings. We need to do some landscaping and get rock for in front of the Bennett Building.

Arlene said why did Jamie make the decision to send out invoices to have trophies paid for each year. Jamie said it was not her decision to do that, the board voted to send out invoices each year even if the trophies were not handed out because the board was still charged for them, and the money helped pay for the ribbons we need each year.

New Business: Peggy read an email from a WSU Author looking for photos from April 28th, 1979, specifically parade photos.

Chad mentioned we need to solicit bids to have the hall floors cleaned and resurfaced. Peggy will get bids for this.

Chad asked Jamie and Shan to seek out a big sponsor that would spend \$30k-50K to fully sponsor a LCD reader board. We would put the sponsor's name on it for a 10-year term. Chad has preliminary bids and items that he can provide to Shan to present to any potential sponsor. Chad and Shan will work on it, possibly reach out to Avista.

Workday: May 22nd and 9am.

Next meeting June 8th at 6pm

Meeting Adjourned 8:27pm