

Asotin County Fair Board Meeting Minutes February 12th, 2025

Call meeting to order 6:00pm- members in attendance: Peggy, Arlene, Steve, Jamie, Chad, Nathan and Nicole

4-H & FFA Boosters/Cattlemen- Charlotte reports she spoke with Linda and the outlets in the vendor spot that joins the men's booth didn't work. She also says the water that comes out of the faucet is too hot. Charlotte's advice is do not paint the rabbit barn, put metal siding on it.

Asotin Safe & Sober-Parking- Abby Ausman presented they would like to provide services for parking. Friday April 25th, 6am-8pm, Saturday April 23 5am-8pm, Sunday 7am-3pm. \$5 per parking spot.

Conservation District- Megan reports they have secured donations that will provide the playground equipment that will be placed there. Some will not be permanent. Megan presented the conceptual design process for the playground area. Megan said they plan to cover the cost of replacing the sprinkler system.

Superintendents-EJ Pens- EJ will reach out the Nez Perce Co extension office to see if they have extra pens we could borrow. He is also getting a quote on an event tent 35x40 to use as the show arena. After weigh-in on the 22nd he is going to reach out to all the leaders and FFA advisors to see how many non-market sheep and goats we will have for fair. EJ thought Boyd Hall didn't have AC asked if it didn't could we look at applying for some grant money to get AC in the building. Jamie stated Boyd doesn't have AC only heat. EJ stated the leader's council asked if they could put a 20' Carlton container on the back side of the hall by the fence behind the dumpster to house the display shelves/stands in there during the off season. They would also house the floor mats for the dog show mats in there. Peggy said we will need to know exactly where they want to place the container. EJ said they are trying to keep kids under control during 4-H meetings but sometimes the kids crawl on top of them. Chad said as long as the leaders help move the cases if the container is approved.

Nicole- Lisa Thonney for horse show judge, cost \$250, Brianne Neace for Round Robin \$50, Becky Wright junior trail judge \$50. Jamie made a motion that we accept the horse judges at the rates Nicole stated. Chad 2nd. Passed.

Arlene has not been able to have a meeting. She is working on some paperwork and is hoping to have a meeting sometime this next week.

Extension Office- Jeanene has some additions to the handbook. Peggy said she needs them as soon as possible. Jeanene also reminded us that March 23rd is sheep shearing at 8am. Jeanene met with the state vet today and he has some concerns about the avian flu. She has some recommendations for the fair like no water fowl etc. She said there may be some issues with lactating cattle so she will be in contact with the fair board about the thoughts on that. She also stated she still needs a poster superintendent.

Open to Public- Ivy from Anatone asked if the Anatone 4-H group could have 7-8 camper spots as they live 30 minutes away. Lindsey Hagenah presented a petition since Asotin Co. Fair doesn't have enough camper spots which is a problem per Lindsey. They urge the board members to block off 10 sites for Anatone families. Lindsey presented a petition that had signatures from 4-H and previous 4-H families.

Justin Moss asked the board to revisit how the camper selection is completed. He suggested an online option. He stated he arrived at 1am and was 20th in line. He suggested a random online generator.

Approve Minutes from 1/8/2025. Approved as read.

Rodeo- main concern they have now for mutton bustin' is transporting sheep to and from the fairgrounds for the rodeo. Sheep are in St. John and we do not have the capacity to transport and owner will not transport.

Kris Parkins will supply all animals for kid's rodeo for \$800. Steve told her if she wanted to do roping on Tuesday she could, but she would be on her own.

Vendors- Jamie reports we are full.

Jamie read off vendors for this upcoming year. We will need to decline one as it was a second shaved iced vendor. Nicole made a motion to approve the vendors as read, Chad second, passed. Nicole amended her motion to include the 3 late entries Jamie read. Chad second. Passed.

Contracts needing approved- Hells Canyon Heating & Air- bid to replace heating and AC in Floch Hall. At this time, we can only afford to replace one. So we would like to replace the AC is \$15000, trade value \$6,200 they will invoice for the remainder. Work to be done by 4/15/2025. Fair board will need pay around \$8,900. Jamie made a motion to accept the trade, Steve 2nd. Passed.

Wayne Dalton will sponsor both doors on the sheep barn. He is a gold sponsor and will owe a small amount on top of that.

The slab for the stage and pole building cover came in at \$13,400. Canyon Concrete is interested in a bronze sponsorship which would cover \$2500 and that is the price of the slab.

Jamie has the garbage contract and the Asotin wrestling will do set up and tear down.

Handbook-Update-Cost Peggy said that the cost of the handbook will be around \$3000. 250 books is \$2812, and we need more than that. Jamie suggested around 350 handbooks total, since we ran out of handbooks last year.

Carnival- Rainer Amusements is willing to come again if we will have them. Same contract as last year. Peggy is going to the city of Asotin Monday the 24th to ask for permission to use the lot and to do the parade. Jamie made a motion to accept the contract as long as the city approves use of land. Nicole 2nd. Passed.

Camper Spots- nothing new to report

Entertainment & Stage Cost- Peggy has reached out to find a mechanical bull. Out of Seattle \$10472.59 and the one from Tumbleweed \$7788, Peggy would like to change the ticket to \$3/ticket or 2 for \$5. The waiver will be digital. Smiles the clown \$1250 for all 3 days. Circus Luminescence- researching how much room they need. Juggling, stiling, hooping, fire, comedy. Roberto the Magnificent- Comedy stunt show, \$1100 per day plus hotel. Peggy presented multiple entertainment options. Jamie made a motion we accept Smiles the clown and Tumbleweeds mechanical bull with the updated ticket cost. Arlene 2nd. Passed.

Livestock Judges-Beef Nick Nelson \$200/day plus meals and mileage, Rick Perleberg swine at \$200/day plus meals and mileage, Sandy Weishaupt for sheep \$200/day plus hotel, meals, mileage from Asotin to Toppenish. Lisa Baser round robin \$50/day plus one meal and mileage. Jamie made a motion to accept judges, Arlene 2nd. Passed.

Fair Entry: 4-H & FFA Pre-Entry Deadline Saturday April 5th, 2025 - it should open on February 15th for people to start pre-entering.

Security Cameras- recommendation from Chris Kemp, 3 options. Vercada via Eric. It will integrate with the county already has. Con is expensive, 2. Install Vercada system – pro cheaper, con difficult but not impossible to monitor from web. 3. Install non IP based, pro- cheapest, con same option as 2. Chad said we have never really gotten a firm answer if we could use the blink. Peggy will ask to see if Blink was an option. Chris Seubert suggested we get a quote on the blink. Tabled until next meeting.

Buckles-Nicole & Ribbons-Arlene-Nicole said buckles are a total of \$3635.52. Jamie made a motion to accept the quote, Chad 2nd. Passed. Nicole made a motion to reimburse Jamie, Chad 2nd. Passed.

Jeanene mentioned Megan and Tara are looking at doing banners instead of trophies. Nicole said invoices are going out shortly so they need to get with her before next meeting.

Arlene received a book from Jeanene with prices for ribbons. Arlene will work with Jeanene on the prices.

Lodging Grant-Zip Codes- received approval for grant for 2025 awarded \$25000. We must obtain zip codes at gates.

Shuttle Buses-Peggy and Steve met with James Franklin Asotin School bus supervisor, he said we would need our own fuel cards, we could pay drivers out of revolving fund, update on wages. Asotin is checking with drivers to see if they are interested. Peggy has emailed Geo Croft and hasn't heard back yet.

State Fair Funding- 2/15 was the deadline and our request has been sent.

Supplies Needed- envelopes, stamps, printer ink, paper towels, toilet paper, garbage liners, striping paint, white chalk.

Chris Seubert- Nothing to report.

Old Business: Floor Quote, Livestock Building Fund Amount, Canopy Tent Covers, Rabbit Barn- Peggy is meeting with a janitorial company to get a cost to clean, wax and finish floors. Livestock Building Fund has about \$76k in the fund, Canopy tent covers were priced- 20x20 \$215, 10x20 \$249, 10x30 \$299- getting covers is cheaper than buying a new entire pole and tent setup. Steve will review the options and sizes for our tents and report back on which ones should be purchased. Rabbit Barn- siding can be priced but it will be expensive. Peggy will reach out to the group that offered to paint the barn.

Grand Marshal's- Peggy needs a write up and picture. Arlene will get in touch with Tom. Leaders' council talked about doing a bench memorial, Jeanene asked if they need to ask for permission of where it would be on the fairgrounds- Peggy asked them to please reach out for approval before placing it.

New Business: Restroom Cleaning Quote-Peggy has reached out to a church group that may be interested and they will get back to her.

Visiting Royalty Luncheon-Asotin Co doesn't have royalty this year. Peggy will do luncheon after the parade. If anyone knows anyone that will help with the luncheon let her know.

Fair & Rodeo T-shirts/Sweatshirts- need to order more and need to know colors, and if we want to order sweatshirts or just t-shirts. Jamie suggested we do better colors. Need to get cost for next meeting

Breakfast ticket cost- Suggestion for \$10/ticket for breakfast due to rising cost of food. Jamie made a motion to accept the increased price. Chad 2nd. Passed.

Nicole asked EJ if we still had a couple novelty goat classes and if there were additions to classes that she needed to add to the invoices for sponsors. EJ will review and let her know.

The petition from Anatone 4-H to have camper spots will be taken to the county and the attorney and will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

Workdays: tabled to next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42pm

Next Meeting Date: February 26th, 2025, 6:00pm Commissioners Chambers