

Asotin County Fairboard Meeting March 31st, 2021

Meeting called to order 6:30pm

Glen Landrus communicated with Jamie about having the FFA & 4-H livestock judging contest on Friday of fair. Would cancel meats evaluation and horse judging as well. Have one beef and swine class in ring instead of two, could have another swine class in sheep/goat ring and have sheep and goat outside. Other options to consider: Outside schools would only bring in one team to compete, or no Idaho schools, or only Asotin County Compete.

Moses Lake had judging competition of 23-teams from 15-schools.

Swine needs to start showing earlier with smaller classes to move through quicker on Friday. Mike Cooper concurs due to smaller numbers that can be in the classes due to COVID restrictions of how many people can be around each other we will have to have more classes.

Safety top priority.

Jamie asked before 3-ft how did Moses Lake social distance? More outside than normal, four outside in open air barn, 4-H and FFA separate. 120 students in five classes.

Smaller classes so we do not have 100 kids just sitting around and waiting. Do a schedule so they know time to come in. Then they can show and go.

FFA Judging-Public speaking helps kids with future for college.

Chad thinks we should cancel the Livestock judging on Friday due to concerns from the superintendents on timing.

Mike is concerned about body count on the fairgrounds.

Brady said that 400 max is allowed at the event. Can we make it two venues? Upper and Lower? That would help add amount of people allowed on fairgrounds.

Assigned seating gives you more people than 400. 400 people at a time per venue, not a day.

Must be approved by Governors office and Dr. Lutz. Brady said they are still seeking guidance from the Governors office on rules.

A detailed plan must be put together for all sections. Brady is willing to help with plan, just need to schedule a time with him.

Shan had already put in two fair plan proposals addressing issues: gates, gate counting, social distancing, wearing masks, showing animals, etc. but never heard anything back from the Health Department about the proposals.

Brady said it was only two pages and did not have enough detail and the hold harmless is not legally binding. Fair plan needs a lot more details for Dr. Lutz to be able to approve it.

Parameters to be held to guidelines for vendors, animals and food. For food vendors we need to process where they will be and how it will work for social distancing, and cone off areas, mark lines on grounds, etc.

Need detail on how to encourage openly wearing of masks. Chris found social distancing numbers OK to have 600 people where does this fit in?

Kim mentioned that Skagit Valley Tulip Festival is all based on timing, 400 people at a time in the fields.

Carlie and Nicole offered to work with Brady from the Health Department to write up the fair plan to present to the board and Dr. Lutz.

Chris said that Dr. Lutz wants the fair to happen, we just need to get the fair plan done and approved.

Tammy made a motion to have Carlie and Nicole work with the Brandy and the Health Department on making a fair plan, was seconded. Motion Passed.

Brady will look into allowing out of state vendors and get back to us.

300-325 kids between 4-H and FFA. Glen said for the livestock judging the kids are already going to be on the grounds so why not do the livestock judging.

We have three areas for campers. Camper is family unit.

We have four areas Bennett building, arena, exhibit halls, & fairgrounds.

Livestock judging could start at 8:00am and be done by 9:15am then swine showing could start at 9:30am and would take about 5 to 6 hours to complete showing. Should be done by 3pm or 4pm. Classes would be limited to about 10-kids.

We have lost 5 out of 196 pigs that have died.

We should have local kids and Clarkston & Asotin FFA doing the livestock judging only.

Jamie made a motion to rescind the no vote from the previous meeting to not have the livestock judging contest at the fair this year, to Have the livestock judging contest on Friday of fair at 8:00am with local kids only. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

Keith from the Cattlemen attended the meeting and had questions about their vendor booth for fair. How many people will be allowed on grounds so they know how much food to buy? Chris told them to do what they normally do.

Peggy met with Nils from Coca Cola on Monday. They will do the gate fee banners, wear mask and social distancing banners, and schedule of events posters. Coca Cola will donate pop and water for the judges luncheon, kids rodeo, fair office, and cooler for the decorated cakes. Contract will only be for 1-year.

Contract Presented from Allied Supply & Janitorial to clean & stock restrooms & buildings. Need clarification on cost to pay to have this done for horse and fair weekend. Table and bring cost to next meeting.

Chris is working on a loan from the county to give to us to help with operating expenses for fair.

Sales Committee Warren: Buyers letters are going out on Monday, sending out 400 sales letters. Brady is at a disadvantage never been to fair & has no guidelines.

Sale will start at 4:30pm. Will not have a hospitality tent this year.

Beef Superintendent Warren: they could use so more room for tack if there is space available if we have less pigs this year. Warren and Mike will work together on this.

Royalty: They will be going to get their chaps on Friday, Josh Sheppard will make the Queen name tag for the serape. Tim will take the horse trailer to Les Schwab for maintenance & tire check. Need to take Grace's name off the back and put on Kendall's, Precision Sign usually does this but maybe donated this year by Tim & Darby.

Extension Office: Kim said they have 160 exhibitors approved, 60-80 incomplete on fair entry. Is it OK for them to upload the hold harmless agreement to fair entry so those signing up can just sign the agreement then? Yes it is OK to do that.

Superintendents: Mike said the Fire Department cleaned out the barns and they look great, and will be getting the swine barn painted.

Sandy wants to know if it is OK to use last years handbook as a sample for entry forms for clothing, and can she put up a sign that maybe not have premium money available this year. Yes it is OK.

Barb volunteered to make 20 poster/signs about the no premium money available to put in all areas.

Shawn Balzer painting parking lots on Monday, will paint rodeo parking area and Seagroves area. Need to find our line painter, think it is in one of the storage units.

Minutes from March 10th approved as corrected. Minutes from March 24th approved as corrected.

Treasurers Report: None

Building Repair List: From Janice. Need to change filters in Bennett building, fixed toilets not working.

Air/heating Unit not working in Bennett building. Janice has reached out to the county for help.

Carlie made a motion to buy two toilets from Ziggy's if the county won't cover them, Neil will install them. Jaime seconded, Motion passed.

Fair Advertising: City of Lewiston has room available on the community board signs, but we need three more signs made to put up since not having rodeo. Ask Coca Cola if they will make 3 banners for us. Peggy needs help to put the signs up on April 14th. Tim & Chad volunteered to help.

Fair Parade advertising will be in the Lewiston Morning Tribune, cost was donated.

Peggy reached out to Advantage Advertising. The cost to do radio ads 15 spots, 45 matching is \$450.00. Carlie will work on advertising with sponsors.

Carlie will check with Royal Embroidery on flags. Chad made a motion to spend up to \$2000.00 on signs & flags. Tim Seconded. Motion passed.

Need to get rodeo insurance. Shan made a motion to get the insurance for \$1000.00 or under. If it is substantially less for a one day event to get that instead. Seconded and motion passed.

Shan made a motion to accept Diesel & Machine trade contract. Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

Fundraiser Donation List update: Cheyenne Rodeo not this year but check back again next year. Walmart we do not qualify for donation from them. Peggy reached out to the Aquatic Center, Benton Franklin, Camp Cabin & Home, Walla Walla, Joann Fabrics, Lewiston Roundup, Pendleton Roundup.

Peggy will send out donation update and forms to everyone.

The Parade is a go!! 10:00am on Saturday April 24th. Have 10 entries so far. Went out in the paper today. The parade entry form is on the web page. We will not have a royalty luncheon. Peggy to print parade entry forms for Heidi to take to Walla Walla queens clinic to hand out.

Entertainment: Shan presented having Smiles the Clown at fair on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday for \$750.00. Jamie made a motion to have Smiles the Clown, Tim seconded. Motion passed. Palouse Discovery Center cost is free to us no charge, we would need to provide tables and a spot for them, could put them on the upper level.

Barb said the Lewiston Roundup Board offered to help if needed.

Grant: Colvico Inc still working on the electrical, should be done by May 31st.

Chris Kemp said the board cannot go out and get grants without the county's approval first, must go to the County Commissioners first. The Department of Ag grant is always a go, is OK to get.

Charlotte announced the Lions Club Easter egg hunt is Saturday 1:00pm for special needs kids, and 12:00pm for all other kids. If the Methodist Church gives up the concrete building concessions stand this year the Cattle women would like to use it.

Music & Beer garden will be on Friday & Saturday. Need someone to run Bud's cook shack. Jamie made a motion to have the boosters run Bud's cook shack, Tim seconded. Motion passed.

Vendor contracts are coming in. But need to know what is going on with out of state vendors being allowed to come to fair. Haven't heard back from Brady.

Port a Potty cost from Hahn Rental is \$1144.84. Shan made a motion to contract with Hahn Rental for port a potty's, Chad seconded. Motion passed.

Reimbursements: Barb envelopes & stamps, Peggy paint for parking lot stripes, Steve for parts, Chad for wash rack parts.

Tim made a motion to reimburse Barb, Peggy, Steve and Chad. Tammy seconded. Motion passes.

Shan made a motion to allow to spend up to \$200.00 on plumbing supplies to get the wash rack up and running again. Can buy parts at Schurman's or Early Bird on accounts. Barb seconded. Motion Passed.

Shan made a motion to allow board members to go out and get parts as needed to get the grounds in working condition for the next month. Chad seconded. Motion passed.

Talked about the sink hole on the upper level. The board thinks it is getting worse. Chris said Glen has measured it and it has not changed but will continue to watch it.

Barb said for Raise the Building sign we have 3 sponsorship that we need to get plaques for. She will get the cost for the plaques and present at the next meeting.

Work Day: April 3rd at 9:00am.

New Business: We have 720-bottles of hand sanitizer that was donated and was picked up by Jamie's dad.

PPE from Brady do they have pumps?

Camper spots needed by sponsors to Jamie by April 14th.

Need a metal detector to find metal stakes for camper parking spot lines.

Charlotte recommended keeping handicap parking in main lots, is much easier on them.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm