

Asotin County Fair Board Meeting Minutes

February 1st, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Jamie made a motion to excuse absent fair board members Courtney and Barb. Chad 2nd. Passed

Hall Rental Request- Clarkston High School Prom would like to rent the Bennett Building on 4/8/2023. CHS rep reported they can set up, have event, and tear down all in the same night. Arlene said we normally do not rent any buildings in April. Peggy said we normally do not rent in April, but there isn't really anything going on that day. Jamie made a motion to allow CHS to host their prom at the Bennett Building on 4/8/2023. Shan 2nd. Vote Passed.

Shan then mentioned that CHS would receive the youth discount. Motion amended and passed.

4-H Enrollment Request- Cammie Jackson apologized that she missed open enrollment for her kids. She said she sat down to enroll them and was distracted and ended up not enrolling her kids in time. They did purchase their pigs and did have them tagged at the Swine weigh in tagging. Cammie said she understood there are rules and will accept any decision the board makes and respect it. Charlie Jackson, Cammie's daughter, gave a speech asking to allow her to be enrolled in 4-H and her livestock project but understood the rules if she wasn't allowed to. Clay Jackson, Cammie's son, also stood up and gave a speech stating it was an accident that he wasn't enrolled and asked if he could please be enrolled.

Shan made a motion to allow both kids to enroll and enroll in their livestock projects and be able to show at fair. Nicole 2nd. Passed.

Antique Power Club- Bruce Petty is asking if the Branch 54 Antique Power Club could start packing up and leaving at 1pm on Sunday of fair. Bruce stated that it would probably take from 1-3pm on Sunday to remove all the exhibits. Bruce said last year with all the horse trailers lining up to haul off animals it took a long time for the antique club to be able to get their cars in to load up their exhibit and leave. Bruce stated that when it used to be one semi-truck to load up animals, it wasn't an issue since there was ample space to drive in and remove their exhibit. Chad mentioned we must understand if we allow one then other vendors will want to start packing up and leaving as well

Jamie made a motion to allow the antique club to start packing up at 1pm and 1 fair board member will be there to man the gate. Nicole 2nd. Passed.

Cattlemen/Boosters- Charlotte reported the 4-H/FFA boosters are dissolving. Charlotte said they cannot keep afloat with only 3 people. Charlotte said the cattlemen are still in business and would like to have a coat rack installed in the booth for people to hang their coats and purses. Peggy said for Charlotte to get with Steve Mullins and he can help install the coat rack. Shan asked if the boosters could hold off on dissolving as she and Jamie know of 3 people that would like to join. Jamie offered to pay the \$10 to renew the 501c3 in March. Chris Seubert said if we can get him a memo about the need for members for the 4-H/FFA boosters, he will help get the info out at his next county meeting.

Superintendent- Colby Witters talked about Beef Barn area proposal changes which included an updated fence line. Colby said this is all at no cost due to the Ag Grant and Valley Fence will be doing the work. Peggy requested everything in writing for the fencing and the updated meter and a timeframe in which he plans to have it completed. Item was table until the next fair board meeting in two weeks.

Arlene- no updates from her superintendents

Horse Superintendent- Nicole reported that Brad Alboucq will not be able to judge the gaming day on Sunday and so they are searching for a new judge. Nicole also said they are still looking for a horse round robin judge. Nicole reported that she received a phone call from a very upset cloverbud 4-H member's mother, Heather Jackson. Nicole said Heather was upset that her daughter was not allowed to ride with the horse 4-H group she chose. Nicole said she tried to explain to Heather that Cloverbuds can only enroll in horseless horse as they are not covered by 4-H insurance. Heather told Nicole she should have kept her nose out of it and turned her head the other way. Colby said cloverbuds can't enroll in any large animal livestock project. Nicole said the phone conversation was not appropriate and that the 4-H extension office had informed the leaders of the group Heather's daughter was riding in and it was reviewed in the horse leaders meeting with all leaders. Amber Hatley stated that if the cloverbud rode in a 4-H lesson and was injured it puts the entire program at risk and rules apply to everyone. Peggy said yes, it is a 4-H rule and cloverbuds cannot ride horses.

EJ said that there are still sick pigs out there. He believes the area has gone about 7 days since the last pig has died. EJ said tagging went well there were only a few parents that felt the tagging in the healthy side could have been handled better.

Extension Office- Mark presented the list of judges. Meagan Wootton submitted as the large animal round robin judge. She is a U of I student.

Jamie made a motion to accept the judge, Shan 2nd. Approved.

Mark reminded everyone that on 3/11/23-sheep and goat field day and 3/26/23 is sheep rough shearing from 8-10am. Cost of shearing is \$10.

Treasurer's report- Bills to approve to pay: Reimburse for vet bill on donated pig that came down with illness \$101.32, copy paper, to be reimbursed to Peggy \$211.95. Chad made motion, Arlene 2nd. Passed

Approve Minutes from previous meeting: Chad would like the "Steve's" clarified in the notes. Nicole said the "contact" needs to be changed to contract when speaking about the sales committee contract.

Royalty- Kenzie reported last Tuesday she had her pictures taken by Jessie Frost and they picked one. She said this Saturday she will be going to Coeur d' Alene to attend Miss Gem State's coronation. Kenzie also said she needed Chad's phone number to stay in touch regarding the rotary. Kenzie said Bob finally got all the leather in for her chaps and can start building them. Peggy said Bob needs to call her and give her a price first before he starts making the chaps. Peggy said she will call him in the morning. Emily emailed Bentley's write up and picture to Peggy.

Rodeo- Jamie and Shan are wrapping up sponsorships. Some are delayed as the "boards" do not meet until the end of February. Shan said we have about \$69k in cash sponsorship and about \$21k in trade sponsorship, this is a record. Shan reported that we are bringing ladies and mens night back this year. The fairboard and rodeo are not putting it on, but there will be the roping and barrel race again. Details of which event on which day is still being worked out. Shan said that the sheep for mutton bustin' were acquired as well as goats for the rodeo. Saturday mutton bustin' will be limited to 50 participants and the top 10 will come back for Sundays performance. Goats are capped at 30 participants. Jamie reported that they are working on the contract and the stipulations surrounding the beer garden. There will not be a beer garden for ladies and mens night. The Lion's Club will be doing the beer garden for the rodeo. This year we have to use a WA state non-profit and workers have to be a member of the non-profit. Steve secured the Love Shack to do the BBQ on Friday for the fair. Love shack will also do food for

ladies and mens night. BBQ at fair will consist of 16hr smoked brisket, garlic butter roll, herb coleslaw, mac and cheese. \$18 adult, \$16 veterans/seniors, and \$14 for 12 and under.

Coletrain Reloaded will be playing Friday night 1 hour before the rodeo and then again right after the rodeo in the beer garden. Adults only.

Shan said for entertainments she has been discussing a mechanical bull and wild western shootout from the same company that had Tumbleweed Crossing. Shan said the mechanical bull is free to ride but we could sell tickets for it. Cost for both items together is \$8500. Mechanical bull by itself is \$8000. Mechanical bull would need a 20'x20' space, two chairs, 110amp hookup, and a cover. The hours would be Friday 11am-7pm, Saturday 11am-7pm, and Sunday 11am-3pm. The shoot out was discussed and due to space and cost only the mechanical bull was wanted. Chad made a motion for the mechanical bull, and we sell tickets for \$2/ticket or 3 for \$5. Jamie 2nd. Passed.

Carnival and City of Asotin- We do have a carnival secured. The issue is the city declined the request to rent out the park to allow the carnival operators to park their campers there. The city said due to erosion the carnival workers cannot park in the marina area behind the carnival like previous year. The city suggested the Annex. Chris said there is a hydrant in the annex lot where they could fill their campers but they cannot leave them hooked up. Charlotte said she was at the last city meeting and the way it was presented to the city council was the fair wanted to use the park at no cost when indeed the fair offered to rent it from the city. Jamie will go to the next city council meeting on Monday and make the request again with all the information.

Discussion of parking for royalty and others- safety issues were brought up with having small kids ride horses from blocks away to the fairgrounds. The Nez Perce Tribe land lot was discussed. Jamie was going to reach out to Nikko again and see about using that lot. We will need to walk it to see how many trailers we will be able to fit in the lot and the barriers will need to be moved back and forth to allow trailers through. Chad made motion to approve up to \$800, Shan 2nd. Passed

Handbook- Peggy said all changes are needed. Peggy asked Nicole to make any changes to the horse part. Peggy received items from the extension office. Peggy heard back from EJ but is waiting to hear back from Mike Cooper. Peggy said as soon as she has the approved version, she will get the 4-H portion to the extension office to place on their website.

Contracts- Security for the fair: Search and Rescue offered again to do it this year. 2 people from 9pm-7am each night, Thursday April 27th, 28th, & 29th. Cost is \$1500. Chad made motion to approve, Steve 2nd. Passed

Shuttlebus- Asotin School submitted a multi-page proposal. Tabled until next meeting after everyone has had time to review it.

Fair Entry- Peggy hopes to have everything entered and fair entry open on 2/7/2023.

Chris Seubert- It was requested to have Matt look at the sink hole in the main parking lot again. Chris said he will have someone go out and look at it again. Chris said if their maintenance guy Matt needs to do any mowing or anything to get ahold of Chris.

Hotels- Jerry Harris and Paul Isaak need rooms. 4 rooms for P9.

PA System- has been ordered. Invoiced the county to send 50% deposit so items can be ordered.

Old Business-Boyd Hall is being left dirty. Groups have complained that when they go to use it - it is dirty. Peggy said Janice should have a list of who used it. Jamie suggested having Janice check it after each use.

Arlene wanted to know if the breakfast is going to be the same as last year? Peggy said no, there will be Breakfast ticket booth again as people will pay to get into the fair and pay to get into the breakfast. Arlene asked for clarification of the cost of the breakfast. Last year it was \$10 as they got into the fair too. Chad suggested \$7. Chad made motion for \$7, Jamie 2nd. Passed. Arlene said she will talk with Josh about coffee otherwise if he doesn't have the pots we will have to rent pots again this year. Arlene also took colors to Printcraft and they are working up drafts for the bull buttons. Last year she purchased 600 buttons and 600 tickets. Arlene said she had 204 buttons left and 221 tickets. Last year it was \$325 for 600 buttons. Chad suggested 500 buttons. Arlene will get pricing on 500 buttons and bring it and the demo button to the next meeting.

Lions Club- Wes Vaughn- since they are doing the beer garden they have a contract for us to review and have back to them by 2/14/2023. We cannot have a band on Saturday as the Lion's Club will have a band that night downtown. For Friday a \$5 cover charge for our live music, which is split 50/50 with the lions club and fair/rodeo. We must provide 2 security guards and cover for the band. We will not be providing cover for the audience but will have our heaters out in the beer garden. Beer garden hours Friday 2pm-2am, Saturday 11am-530pm, Sunday 11am-4pm.

Jamie asked Steve if she had spoken with Mitch Dimke about using his tractor. Jamie said when she was talking with Diesel & Machine they offered their tractor if they could display one on the fairgrounds during the fair. The issue with that is if we use their tractor we will have to borrow the Roundups arena groomer. If we use Mitch's tractor we can use his groomer. Steve will get ahold of Mitch tomorrow and let Jamie know.

New Business- Peggy said we need to increase the revolving fund from \$800 to \$1500. Chad made a motion, Jamie 2nd. Passed

Peggy said there are a couple edits that need to be made to the arena contract. Nicole will send the contracts to Chris Kemp for changes.

Steve asked Chad about the hall door thresh-holds. Chad suggested we replace all the doors. We will look into a Grant as those doors are super heavy. Steve will contact his brother Corey about how to fix and what parts we need.

Bennett Building upright freezer is no longer functioning. Steve will get measurements and a quote on a new one from Home Depot. Chad made a motion we spend up to \$1500 on new freezer, Steve 2nd. Passed. Steve will get with Chris Kemp as the county has a home depot account.

Work days were discussed- Nicole asked if there was a list of items that needed worked on. Peggy said the trailer is on the list and Saturday there will be a walk through to see all that is needed to be done.

Next meeting in 2 weeks February 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.