

Asotin County Fair Board Meeting 5/10/2023

Call to order: 6pm

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

Open to the public: Tami Heath thanked the fair board for a wonderful fair. She asked that the animal removal on Sunday be looked at for next year. Tami expressed concerns surrounding kids being kicked out of the barns before 4:00pm by sales committee members. Tami also stated that she asked if she could get her breeding stock and take them home and was told she would have to get in line like everyone else. Tami suggested closing the fair an hour earlier and allowing small animals and breeding stock animals to be removed from the fairgrounds before market animals are shipped out. Peggy said it is in the handbook that the fair closes at 4:00pm and market animals are not to be removed until 4:30pm so that the kids can get out of the barns. Peggy said she would touch base with the sales committee to see if they can give the 30min for non-market animals to be removed first before market animals.

4-H/FFA Boosters/Cattlemen: Charlotte thanked the board for the flowers. She said the Cattlemen said they did ok at the fair. Steve told Charlotte he will get her a list of the members that want to join the boosters.

Superintendents: Mike Cooper said it was a great fair. He did order parts for the microphone that is used in the sales arena and would like to be reimbursed for those. He also said he would like approval to buy snow fencing and place it on the entries to the barns to keep pigeons out. Chad made a motion to reimburse Mike for the microphone invoice and approve up to \$300 to be reimbursed to Mike for the fencing. Jamie 2nd. Passed.

Jamie asked Mike if he had a replacement superintendent since this was Mike's last year. Mike said that Ian Owens is in training and Jake Miller said he would be willing to help as well. Mike will still be around to help.

Arlene reported that the halls exhibit entries were up and Floch Hall was excited to win the State Fair Black & White Ribbon.

Nicole reported that this upcoming weekend is the horse fair. Nicole reported she had already moved the ribbons and prizes to the announcer booth and has everything ready for the show.

Extension office: Jeanene couldn't make it but sent Peggy a list of items to address for next year's fair.

Next year can we print in the handbook a limit on the number of entries for each exhibit?

Reminder that the tiny tots class for sheep award is not a medal. Medals are donated for 4-H kids.

Can the break-even price be posted inside the sales arena? Nicole said this came up at the leaders meeting because there were some issues with the goat kids. Nicole said that the Reserve champion goat was sold first and was sold as an auction and the grand champion goat was sold second and per pound. Nicole said that there were some goat kids that lost money on their species, and it would be nice to have the break-even prices either listed in the sale catalog or listed in the arena. Shan said that the sales committee does send out the break-even prices in their invitations. Nicole said that it would just be a nice reminder to buyers at the sale if it was in the sale book or posted somewhere in the arena.

Royalty- Kenzie reported that she thought the rodeo went well, especially when she was feeling well. She said the luncheon went well and she asked everyone to introduce themselves and something they like about their horse. Kenzie said the cupcakes and selfie station were a hit. Kenzie also said that the visiting royalty liked their goodie bags. Kenzie reported that last Sunday she attended the Riggins Rodeo and parade. Kenzie said she got a lot of compliments on her horse and parade outfit and that she won 1st place in the royalty division at the parade. Kenzie said her bust out was probably the best looking bust out and she was 3rd out. Next event is Waitsburg and Theon Memorial Day.

Approve minutes from 4/12/2023- stand approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Shan reported that preliminary gate fees were close to \$44,000. Breakfast went really well with close to 400 people. Mechanical bull ride gave around 900 rides. Our account is close to \$124,000. \$59,000 grant money left to voucher out, \$45,000 in a loan to the county and Hells Canyon Electric \$45,000. Only thing coming out of the \$124,000 is the \$45,000. Shan also reported that there is still around \$9,000 in sponsor money still due to come in.

Chad asked that he be reimbursed for his doctor bill from his injury he received. \$342.06. Jamie made a motion to reimburse Chad, Steve 2nd Passed.

Jamie asked to be reimbursed for the feed bill for our feeder pig of \$384.90. Chad made a motion to reimburse Jamie, Steve 2nd. Passed.

Herdsmanship judge and Judy Floch- the extension office is asking if we would pay the herdsmanship judge for judging all weekend and Judy Floch for helping. Discussion included all judges would need to have a contract so that everyone is treated the same. In the past the herdsmanship judge has always been volunteer and if we needed to pay someone that would have needed to be discussed and voted on before the fair. Shan made a motion to not pay for the herdsmanship judge, Jamie 2nd. Passed.

Judy Floch- Nicole asked if we ask Judy to come and help out. Peggy said we do and she comes and helps the fair & extension office. Shan asked why we would need to pay Judy and not the extension office since she is helping them. Jamie and Chad said it falls under the same as the herdsmanship judge, it would need to have been approved beforehand.

Fair recap- Paul Isaac did really well. Most people seemed to enjoy him. Jamie reported just a couple complaints that he grabbed too many people to involve them in his show as they were walking by. Jerry Harris did not do well as in the past, not as many attended his shows. The fair had great attendance this year. Nicole said it was helpful that Art Under the Elms was not the same weekend.

Rodeo Recap- All 3 days went well. The kids rodeo went extremely well. P9 was a huge help and Tina gave Shan a lot of tip sheets for future reference. The only glitches were a few flags ran incorrectly. Shan said in the future no matter who the flag director is there may need to be two of them. One on the ground lining everyone out and another riding.

Carnival recap- Carnival is already booked for next year. \$13,016.39 in sales brought in for the fair from the carnival.

Fair Theme 2024- Superintendents get to pick the theme. Themes needs to be turned in by August 9th and fair board will vote on the September 13th.

Job duties- duty list was handed out and Peggy asked that we review and bring any changes to the next meeting. Nicole asked that next year there be a line item in the budget for horse show awards that are not trophies. Shan will add that when the budget is made for next year.

Royalty tryouts- August 2nd at 6pm Parent meeting July 24th at 6pm

Fundraiser- October 21st at Elks Lodge in Lewiston. Peggy would like permission to get 6 signs of the corrugated boards made. Jamie made a motion to approve up to \$1000 to get boards, Nicole 2nd. Pass

Board officers- Jamie made a motion to maintain officers except replace Courtney who is secretary with Nicole. Chad 2nd, passed.

Convention- October 19th and 20th in Pasco.

Old Business- Allied supply can redo floors in the halls and Bennett building. Halls need to be painted as well. Since one hall is the 4-H hall it was suggested that the 4-H leaders maintain that hall and the fair board can help. Nicole will bring it up at the next leaders' council meeting.

Peggy said to send her a list of items we need painted or worked on that the inmates could do for us. Chad is working on the list.

Parade- the city of Asotin received some complaints from residents along 3rd street. The residents complained the horse manure from the parade was next to their vehicle. Peggy went and looked and took pictures and it appeared to be dried manure in the pavement and not sitting on top where anyone could step in it. Amber asked why the street sweeper for Asotin didn't go through and just clean it up? Amber said that at Lewiston after the parade two sweepers go down the street side by side and clean the streets.

New Business- Fair ground keys need to be returned from Crystal, EJ, Mike, Elaine, Cattlemen and Cattlewomen.

Chad said we need to get bids for a new stripping chute and sound system for the lower level.

Poultry tent- there was not a 10x10 tent for the poultry area and the board had to borrow Nicole and Gavin's. Chad made a motion to purchase a 10x10 tent from Costco. Shan 2nd. Passed.

Complaining in Public- Peggy mentioned that Chris Seubert wanted to remind the board to be aware of your surroundings when complaining about something in public. At the fair Chris witnessed someone on the fairboard complaining about new technology and dissatisfaction with how things were going. Peggy reminded everyone to be aware and to have private conversations and not conversations with the general public if you have an issue.

Jamie said that she was approached by a sales committee member that the beef barn liaison yelled at a sales committee member as they were asking kids to leave the barn. The board member told the sales committee member that she was the fair board and they needed to listen to her. Nicole said that that was disheartening as we have worked really hard to help mend that fence with the sales committee, and it needs to be addressed with the individual. Nicole said this goes back to earlier conversations about expectations and our behaviors outlined in the by-laws.

Nicole said that she feels the Wednesday and Thursday meetings of fair week with exhibitors need to be revamped so some of this information is reiterated to the parents and leaders surrounding animals being removed and marked for hauling.

Jamie suggested that the board and the sales committee get together and have a meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm