

Asotin County Fair Board Meeting Minutes September 11th, 2024

Call meeting to order 6:00pm

Open to the Public-no one present

Ag West- Presented the Ag West Grant of \$20,000

Cattlemen—No one present

Superintendents-Arlene is still working on getting a meeting together. She said she has a couple that won't be returning.

Extension Office-Jeanene is putting together a report to share how many members we have and how many volunteer hours we logged last year to share with the county and public. The report shows how many animals we sell, the amount of money that comes in from the sale and how many pounds of meat is generated.

She also mentioned she did a survey recently for parents of 4-H children and gave out the report to board members to review.

Another survey had comments she wanted to share with the board: camper sign ups (possibly modernizing it), maybe the fair board could ask for comments or suggestions after the fair. Jeanene said the mention of a 4-day fair was also made as members felt it was too much to do in 3 days.

Jeanene said next Monday she has a meeting with the commissioners and asked if there were any committees the public could join to help the fair board out.

Peggy said we will be implanting an exit plan for the fair next year in collaboration with the sales committee which will be very different than past years.

Chad mentioned the interior of the 4-H Boyd Hall needed painted and a committee could help with that. Jeanene said Nicole mentioned that at the leaders meeting but only 5 leaders were there.

Open enrollment for the 4-H year begins October 1. Shan and Jamie asked if Jeanene would email out the fair theme due dates etc. and the fundraiser auction.

Approve Minutes from 8-14-2024-approved as corrected

Trick R Trunk- altered date as Bennett Building was rented and will now be on Halloween. Jamie suggested letting Janice know the Saturday before, unless Halloween falls on a Saturday, should be a standard block out date. This event is put on by the Lions Club and the fair board.

Royalty & Royalty Tryouts-Jadeyn attended the Horse Heaven Roundup, received 1st Place at Walla Walla Parade, last weekend was Lewiston Roundup and this weekend they are going to Pendleton Roundup. She is going to try out for Chief Joseph Days Royalty.

September 28th, at 11am- Royalty Tryouts if we have applicants. Currently we have had a couple inquiries but no applications.

Nicole asked if we would be open to multiple royalty girls if we had more than one try out. Shan said at this point she would say no, it is not budgeted for, the horse trailer is small, and history with multiple girls has not worked out. Discussion from other board members agreed that at this time multiple girls could not be supported.

Fundraiser Info-will have booze barrel. Everyone needs to get their bottles for the barrel. Jamie asked what our thoughts are for a raise the paddle for a reader board? Discussion was had regarding what we could do to allow for bidders to do a raise the paddle to just donate.

Fundraiser Donation List Updates-email the updates for the donations to Jamie.

Rodeo-Steve got a quote from Clearwater Fence to replace slide gates on chutes and 3 more gates for set up, quote was for \$16,773. Steve said the gates are expensive but they would last years and years. Steve said if we replaced with plywood it would cost us \$6000 and it would need to be replaced time and time again. Jamie and Shan will look into options with Clearwater Fence. Steve said he was given one other quote that didn't have as much work completed and it was a little over \$15,000.

Chad made motion that Jamie and Shan have approval to negotiate with Clearwater Fence as long as the board pays no more than half the price, Shan 2nd. Passed. Jamie said she will call them next week.

Lodging Grant Apply for new year due by Sept 30th, 2024. We received the \$25,000 from the County for 2024 and it has been deposited.

Handbook Changes are needed by November 1st.

Chris Seubert- he asked if we got a shared calendar yet from Janice on the building rentals, no we have not. Chris will follow up again on it.

Old Business: Fair board member to join- Nathan Rupp: Chad and Jamie met with him and described the expectations on of the board. Chad said they recommend moving forward and accepting him. Jamie made a motion to accept Nathan, Steve 2nd. Passed

Peggy said she & Jamie met with the sales committee and had a great discussion. We are waiting on them for the contract. Also discussed the exit plan for the fair to remove the cluster of vehicles and people loading small animals. Peggy mentioned that we will need to send a family a letter regarding the repeated loading animals not during the designated time frame. We will draft the letter and when complete send it to the family certified mail. Chris said the county can help with the signage for the exit plan.

Janice reached out to Steve regarding the Bennett Building AC units and payment. Steve told Janice she needed to reach out to Peggy as he knew nothing about it. Peggy said she gave her all the information and asked her to voucher it out. Peggy has not heard from Janice to date.

Jamie asked the status of the prisoners helping with the bleachers. Steve said in reviewing the bleachers status it appears they need replaced and not just painted. Steve said we need to find a grant or something to help offset the cost of replacement. Chad said normally grants are very specific on the verbiage used for the grants. Shan asked Peggy to pull the previous grant for Chad to review the verbiage used.

Chris mentioned looking into getting a huge grant and/or a sponsor for the arena and bleachers. Lewiston Roundup now has the ICCU arena.

New Business: Roper Reynolds has expressed interest in joining and Jamie and Chad are meeting with him next week.

Nicole said the Lewis Clark Saddle Club would like to rent the hall again on November 23rd at the non-profit rate: Jamie made a motion that once we receive their letter request with their non-profit we allow the discounted rate, Shan 2nd. Passed. Nicole will contact them and have them email the information to Peggy.

There were people camping on the upper level last weekend and they did not have reservations. Steve said we need to have signs up with contact information. Nicole mentioned signs to put on the electrical plug in boxes. Jamie suggested stickers. Shan said if we have signs we won't need stickers. On the signs it was suggested the extension office phone number be listed and Steve's. Steve said we also need to have another drop box on the upper level. Shan suggested we install a drop box like at campgrounds where they fill out the form, put the form and money in the envelope provided and drop it off in the drop box.

Nicole asked where we were with the cameras for the fairgrounds? Chad said he answered the question for Chris Kemp, but hasn't heard back.

Work Day: Rabbit barn needs worked on, paint needs scraped etc. Shan said this would be good for committees to do. Peggy needs a pathway to the reader board made for her.

Steve said painting the buildings can be done anytime and a project committee can do it.

No work day scheduled as of now.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17pm.

Next Meeting Date: October 9th, 2024, 6:00pm Commissioners Chambers