

Fair Board Meeting Minutes March 22, 2023

Call to order at 6:00pm

Jamie made a motion to excuse absent fair board members- Courtney, Barb and Shan. Arlene 2nd. Motion Passed

Open to the public- Melinda Schmadeka expressed concern about how the camper reservations are completed. Melinda asked that the people who live out of town (Cloverland, Anatone etc) receive priority for camper spots. Melinda said she was in line by 6am and they are 11th on the wait list. She stated that back when she showed the people from out of town received priority spots as they have further to drive each day of fair. Brandi Crawford also expressed her concerns and also lives out of town. Jamie said that it is currently a first come first serve basis and people even spent the night in their cars in line to make sure they got a spot. Peggy said the board will take the request into consideration, but unfortunately cannot do anything for this year. Arlene and Steve both mentioned that they have mentioned this issue in the past years and think moving forward we need to look at better ways to help the out-of-town people obtain a few spots. Chad said we can change the way we do the camper reservations, and we need to discuss it again before next year.

Malisa Isley asked what the rules were on the fairgrounds for mobility devices? Malisa said her husband will be having a lower extremity amputation after fair and currently cannot walk the distance from the camper to the fairgrounds. She asked if she could bring a golf cart or a mobility cart. The board replied that a mobility cart inside the fairgrounds gates would be allowed but a golf cart could not be accommodated inside the gates. Peggy said her side by side would be on the grounds and we could help transport him if needed.

Boosters/Cattlewomen- Charlotte stated the Boosters are on hold until May, but the Cattlewomen have everything coming along for fair.

Superintendents- Mike Cooper announced that this will be his last year as a leader and superintendent. He said he has a couple of people in mind for his replacement and they will be at fair. Jamie asked that he let the board know who the individuals are that would be shadowing so the board was aware in case of any comments or complaints. Mike told Nicole that his club will still do the horse show cook shack.

Extension office- Nicole reported that Jeanene had a sick child and wasn't able to attend. Jeanene asked about the handbook and had a couple requests from concerned people with camper reservations. She also had a request from a parent on if their child could have another 4-H member show their market steer so the child could attend a JROTC event. The person requesting was not at the meeting.

Royalty- waiting on the chaps to be paid. Peggy said the county has to voucher out the invoice and then it has to be presented to the Commissioners for approval then it will be mail to Hickman's, this should be completed by Tuesday. Peggy confirmed she received the Riggins parade application. Amber reported the Horseman's Ball went well and Kenzie took some group pictures and went around and sold beads.

Minutes from 3/15/2023- stand approved as read.

Rodeo- Shan and Jamie took Kenzie out last week. This past Saturday Kenzie did pictures with some of the major sponsors. Steve and Chad reported there is a lot of work to do to the rodeo grounds. They need to pick up the rest of the panels and put some more posts in.

Advanced Fire Estimate- Chad said the Bennett Building kitchen fire suppression system is no longer in compliance and has to be brought to compliance before it can be used. Advanced fire quoted \$2036.34 to complete the update. Board will have to pay \$678.78 as a down payment and the rest when completed to satisfaction. Jamie made a motion to accept the bid, Steve 2nd. Motion passed.

Steve reported he was very impressed and a big thank you to Jason Clovis as he came and updated all the exit lights as they were found to be dead, and the backup batteries were also dead. All buildings now have updated exit lights.

Vendors- Jamie reported that there isn't anything new. Jamie asked Nicole to confirm that Tracy Hanger was going to be our Ag display. Nicole confirmed.

Love Shack needs a camper spot on the upper level so they can prep for food. Chad made a motion they obtain spot #31, Steve 2nd, motion passed. Discussion was held that Love Shack had asked the board to purchase BBQ tickets and sell them. Jamie explained that the board is not receiving any of the profit from the BBQ. Nicole said it didn't make sense for us to sell tickets to the BBQ. Nicole stated that they can bring someone to handle the money when people line up for food. Nicole said most the fair board have kids that will be showing on Friday and the board members do not have the time to sell tickets for something that doesn't really benefit the board. Nicole stated, yes they are providing a service, but they are providing a service that has no financial gain to the board and have received items basically for free or discounted and they need to handle their own money process. Steve said he would follow up with them. Chad said that they just wanted to know how much food to get as it is higher risk for them. Nicole said that, that is how it is for all food vendors, you never know exactly how much is going to be needed and it is a risk they all take.

Handbook- Steve Ellison at the tribune let Peggy know that they have had someone out sick and that has delayed the updating of the book. Steve Ellison said that maybe by next Friday the final draft will be completed and then the next week it could go to publishing. Nicole said we need to look at other options for next year, the past two years it has been a trial to get the handbook out and at this rate it may come out the week of fair. Peggy presented the updated handbook cover and items were still needing fixed.

Carnival- Kings thrones quoted \$1688.00 for toilets and Naslund Disposal quoted about \$400 for a 30-yard container which included delivery, day usage, pickup and dumping. Jamie made a motion to accept the quotes, Steve 2nd. Motion passed.

Parking Contract- Peggy will add verbiage that states and/or to parking lots needing attended so if needed the lots that are manned can be changed or updated.

State Fair Judge- We will have a state fair judge again this year. Peggy has not received any paperwork yet. Jamie asked Nicole if she had any open class animals she could bring as we get points. Nicole stated she did not, but EJ confirmed he had an extra lamb he could bring.

Advertising- Peggy presented JEDA Media's idea for the billboard. Gini Roberge is the official photographer of the rodeo and Shan would like to get a banner made that says "to purchase pictures" and direct fans to Gini's website. Jamie made a motion to purchase the banner, Steve 2nd. Motion passed.

Chris Seubert- Chris stated that Rick Robinson has offered to come and help at the rodeo. Chris also said the Lewiston Roundup has also offered to come and help. Jamie said that P9 stated they were bringing all the help. Steve said that it would make him feel better if we had people onsite as well to help out, especially for the kids rodeo.

Chris also said that he has heard good things about the arena being membership only. He did say that one thing he was aware of that is not allowed is that there is a member using the arena to give private lessons. Since it is a county arena individuals cannot use the arena to obtain any sort of payment for service without renting the arena. He said we may need to update the membership to reflect this rule. Jamie stated Shan can reach out to the person and let them know the reason why they cannot use the arena in this way.

Chris said he saw where the board obtained the truck and asked if the board did want to do a cost share with the county. The board said yes. Chris asked how many months a year did the board think they needed the truck? Steve said probably 4 months out of the year.

Jamie asked if Chris could follow up to see where the county was at on the Facebook page.

Old Business- Arlene said she priced bordette and needs 8 rolls. Arlene said she thought the cost would be around \$60. Nicole made a motion to reimburse Arlene up to \$80, Jamie 2nd. Motion passed.

Arlene also reported the grand marshals picked out their jackets and those will be ordered.

Arlene mentioned that for the April 1 & 2 event the main bathrooms will need to be opened and cleaned. She said she didn't mind cleaning them but may need help. Jamie said to reach out to Courtney as she had said she had time next week due to spring break and she could help.

Steve said he needed to make sure we were good to go with having Dan insulate the announcer booth. Board confirmed they already voted to go with Dan and Steve could contact him to start work.

Chad said that Moonlight updated us on the PA system saying a lot of the materials were in. Moonlight would like to start the install the first week of April. Nicole asked if she needed to let any arena people know of any interruption? Chad said no that all of the work should be done outside of the arena.

New Business- Nicole asked the rodeo members to make sure they get Jeff Hammrich an arena schedule so that he knows when he will need to work the arena up for the fair events. Steve said he will work with Jeff to get him all needed information.

Peggy presented an email from Copper Blount which was asking for the board to approve Zade, her son, to have one of his 4-H siblings show his steer in market class so he could attend a JROTC event. The email from Kopper stated that the event had been previously cancelled due to COVID. The board discussed what has been allowed in the past and what the fair rules were. It was decided that the board was unable to accommodate the request since the rules are that all exhibitors have to show their animals to qualify for the sale. The board discussed that the only exceptions have been when kids have broken bones, or are mobility declined for a medical reason and the exhibitor is required to be in the arena while another exhibitor is showing their animal. Peggy asked that a letter be drafted and sent out to Kopper. Nicole said she could draft the letter and said it should be cc'd to Warren, Colby and the extension office so that everyone is aware.

Chad mentioned that the Rotary would like to purchase an underweight pig. Nicole said that Fritz is normally a good person to contact for information regarding underweight fair hogs.

Meeting adjourned 7:57pm