

ASOTIN COUNTY FAIRBOARD
October 11, 2017 - Regular Meeting

6:30 p.m. meeting called to order.

Members present: Cindy Harrison, Arlene Mullins, Barb Appleford, Peggy Harrison, Mackenzie Welch, Kelly Longfellow, Shan Bonson.

Junior Fairboard Members: Anna Aarstad, Dylan Pedersen.

Arlene motioned to excuse Byron Harrison, Steve Mullins, and Ron Hostetler. Barb seconded, motion carried.

Mackenzie moved to excuse Tylor Nichols. Barb seconded, motion carried.

Minutes for September 13, 2017 drafted by Mackenzie Welch were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report/Approve Bills: The 2018 budget was approved by commissioners. We have about \$12,000 left in our budget for this year. There are no bills.

Open to the Public:

Kim Bellanger: There is a tree in front of the poultry barn that needs taken out. We need a battery put in the clock in Boyd Hall. Kim was presented a question from a 4-H parent who had a youth that participated in the rodeo- will there be a separate check? Yes, the voucher's have been done and can be expected in maybe three weeks. Kim gave kudos to Asotin County Youth who went to the Washington State Fair Judging. Two of our members took 3rd and 4th place and they will be going to nationals in Denver from January 4th – 7th. Lastly, the lock on Boyd Hall is not working.

Charlotte Tuttle: The Cattlemen changed their meeting date and Charlotte was not able to make it. They stalled on the wall in the beef barn, but she is sure they will help. Barb stated she will get together with her. She noted there is a huge crunch for parking every year and it will be a little bit tighter this next year. People may not be happy about it, but we need to consider separating the rodeo from the fair. It would be more workable to do it separate for three or four years in a row before deciding if it is a failure.

Doug Jones: We need to discuss the swine pens, how we want the back boards, how we want the plumbing, the need to auction off the old pens, and the stocker feeder program.

Stephanie Lathrop: Taking the parking away from the public is a terrible idea.

Ron Carnahan: The previous year we already shrunk the parking lot 20 feet.

Jody Forgey: Would like to know what the rodeo committee has against the youth of this community? The rodeo kids can go park elsewhere and figure out another way to get to the rodeo because it is pointless to have that.

Tammy Galbreath: She is working with SupplyWorks to change out lights to HID lights. They will make the rodeo and other events safer and more secure. Avista offers money in rebate fashion for conversion to LED, again saves money. There are special worksheets we can do. Hubble, the lighting company did a drawing of our arena so we had ideas of what lighting we might need to convert and ideas for LED conversions. Within those options there are \$200 - \$600 per fixture for the rebate. The lights will be great for 20+ years.

Royalty Update: Kelly and Mackenzie arranged for our Royalty to stay for free in Pendleton. We arrived in Pendleton on Thursday; Tess attended the parade on Friday, the royalty luncheon, and the rodeo. They stayed again Friday night and left Saturday.

Supplies – TP & Paper Towels for Halls: Peggy purchased toilet paper and paper towels because we had to get those. They were approved at a prior meeting.

College Rodeo – Vote: Jaime motioned that we wait until the November meeting to vote on whether we sanction as a college rodeo so we have the number of contestants available. Barb seconded. Kelly and Mackenzie opposed. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Handbook: Mackenzie updated about her conversation with Janice Reed and Kim Bellanger regarding the layout of the premium book. The suggestion is to take the 4-H and FFA Rules and put them into their own book to be made available in paper fashion and PDF. Mackenzie motioned for the change. Kelly second, motion carried. Peggy has updated the parade form and will send the PDF version once we have colors picked out for the new royalty.

Royalty Tryouts: October 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Can bring a dessert or salad.

Advertising: Need to confirm with Advantage for advertising. The list of movies coming out at the time frame of advertising at the cinema is on their website. Cindy made a motion we leave out advertising with the cinema, but go with everything else on the proposal. Alrene seconded, motion carried.

Gate Fees: Shan thinks the gate prices need to be raised. Barb says it will create a financial hardship on the community. Peggy opened to the public: *Tammy Galbreath* inquired as to whether we charge for parking. We do it as a fundraiser and Asotin Safe and Sober have been running it. They are allowed to charge around \$3-\$4. Tammy explained how Coeur d' Alene charge with camper and entrance fees. They paid a camper fee and got a band to get into the fair. They then had an option to buy additional kid band. *Stephanie Lathrop* stated that people can't afford higher prices after paying for the camper spots and food while staying out there. Anything we can do to make it cheaper would be awesome. *Ron Carnahan* stated that most parents in 4-H and the leaders are coming and going – paying an entry every day to come in and out is expensive. *Evan Southwick*- in the past the board discussed exploring a credit based on volunteer hours, we do have to be cautious of the gifting of public funds. Peggy suggested we could do a leader price. Shan suggested we charge \$15 for an individual daily pass. Senior and youth we could charge up to \$10. For an adult 3 day pass, a senior/youth 3 day pass, and a family 3 day pass we would go up \$5 on each of those. Reason behind wanting to raise the prices is because the fair and rodeo together. Peggy thinks it's a great idea to do reduce rate for leaders – a 3 day pass would be \$15. Barb motion we process and vote at next meeting. Cindy second, motion carried.

Computers: Mackenzie motioned for the Fairboard to purchase an external hard drive up to \$100. Jaime second, motion carried. Mackenzie will pick up. Computers are not necessary if we go with the Fair Entry Program because it is all online and tablets/Ipad would work perfectly.

Fundraiser: Gene Roth did the fundraiser last weekend for raising money for a new roping chute. The fundraiser consisted of a barrel race and team roping. Gene raised approximately \$920.00, which is half way to the goal the rodeo has set. Gene is looking into putting another one on in February.

Fair Data Entry Program: Mackenzie presented a video. She will ask Mike Cooper to meet with the Fairboard to explain Fair Entry in a more detailed fashion.

Rodeo- Trick R Trunk: Fairboard voted to not put it on in May, but the rodeo board would like to do it. It is scheduled for October 28th 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Evan Southwick has received donations for candy from Winco, Walmart, Albertsons, Bi-Mart, and Highland Grocery. We will know Friday of the event what the places are donating for candy. He currently has 17 people committed to helping including (Port of Clarkston Auditor, City Clerk's of Asotin, City of Asotin Fire Department, City Police, County Sheriff- John Hildebrand, Charlotte Tuttle, rodeo directors, among others). The Fairboard is welcome. Jamie motioned the Fairboard be allowed to purchase up to \$300 worth of candy if we don't have enough donated. Mackenzie second, motion carried. Arlene will work on altering trophies for best costume award.

Christmas Parades: We need to fill out the entry for Clarkston and Asotin Christmas Parades.

Xerox Machine: It was suggested to Mackenzie that we ask the annex to donate the copier in the lobby for a few weeks in April. We could also ask H&H to donate one as they have in the past.

Rodeo Entry Seating: Danny Centenari Jr. mentioned in the rodeo meeting on October 6th that we put seating in front of fence to maybe help keep children off the fence. Kelly moved that we look into this idea further to determine if there is more of an expense and if not then we go ahead with it. Jamie seconded, motion carried.

Rodeo Maintenance: Was the paint for the bleachers already approved? No. We need to look into cost. Mackenzie motioned that we get a cost estimate for painting the bleachers at the rodeo grounds and present it at next meeting. Arlene second, motion carried.

Grand Marshal: Pat Petty was nominated in addition to the two couples nominated at last month's meeting. A correction to last month's minutes needs to be the name change to Mary Lee Frasier. Voting is tabled until next meeting

Paint Buildings: Peggy is still working on getting bids. Alrene called her nieces husband to ask if he would like to do a bid- he said yes and will come out to do that. Peggy and Arlene will take about what exactly needs painted in each building and get bids accordingly.

Parking: Chris Seubert is still working with the city on swapping property, but that will not be available by the next fair/rodeo. Mackenzie and Kelly expressed that the rodeo committee is not against the youth of the committee like is being alleged. The rodeo directors that are also on the Fairboard have gone above and beyond and spend countless hours volunteering just for the kids. The rodeo directors are doing everything in their power to make both the rodeo and fair work. Kelly: Buster Barton, the regional college rodeo coach, is guessing they have 130-150 kids competing. We need room to park horse trailers, pickups, and horses. We are working on getting a sponsor for stalls and will set those up. There will be approximately 120 -130 stalls and we can make approximately \$3600 for the fair. With that many contestants the grandparents, parents, siblings, etc. will have to pay to enter our fair and rodeo. We are guaranteed timed event contestants as well as rough stock. There is a slack and rodeo performance on Friday and slack and rodeo on Saturday. We will be done with the rodeo before the sale. We will still leave handicap parking. Most of the college kids will come in Thursday night and once their trailers are parked they will be there through the Saturday rodeo. We will park them 8-10 ft apart and estimate we need space for approximately 100 horse trailers. We will be sure to free up the parking lot for buyers. We will be losing about 70 spots in gravel parking lot. Cindy question how people will check in their animals on Thursday if contestants are coming in. They are done by 6 and most contestants won't start coming in until that time. The flag girls will still park on

Hostetler's lot once that is approved by him. The back lot will still be available for campers, vendors, judges, superintendents, etc. We can possibly close the road and make it a one-way. We can arrange for a handicap accessible bus. We can ask for additional golf carts to assist with closer transportation. We can ask the Sheriff's Posse if they can assist with golf cart shuttling. Maybe even the Lion's Club. Cindy motioned to table the discussion until the meeting next month. Barb seconded. Discussion ensued. Cindy amended her motion to include that we need to vote on a decision at the next meeting. Barb seconded, motion carried.

Open to the Public:

Jody Forgey: Questioned how we plan on watering 120 horses. Kelly responded we will arrange for a water truck to be on scene. Jody asked if we expected the kids to carry their water buckets. Kelly stated they were tough and could handle it. Jody wants to know if we expect the people from Asotin, up the creek, Anatone, etc. to drive to Clarkston to catch the shuttle bus. The Fairboard explained that wasn't necessary because there are pickup spots in Asotin. She asked where they are in Asotin. It was explained. She stated we are begging for people to go to Dogwood Festival.

Krista Lathrop: Asked if the Fair Date Entry program held information for all years. Yes it does. She pointed out that if the entry program works with smart phones and tablets, then the scanner is built in. Valid point. She suggested we get enough tablets for the different areas. Stated maybe we could include more senior citizen parking, rather than worrying about shuttling.

Callie Harrison: Questioned whether the slack on Friday would interfere with the FFA horse judging on Friday. The answer is no because slack won't start until 1:00 p.m.

Charlotte Tuttle: The 4-H and FFA Boosters will be at the Trick R Trunk with hotdogs, hot cocoa, chips, and coke. Coke has cans to donate if we have dixie cups. Susan Adams with Franz Bakery will donate buns. To Arlene: The cattlemen want to rent Floch Hall for Mother's Day weekend 2019: May 11th and 12th. We need to be careful when painting the inside of the pavilion because the ceiling is acoustic and that requires special paint. She does have a lot she owns that we could park approximately 30-40 cars in there, with someone controlling that. We will have to check on insurance for it. It is located at 1314 4th street.

Stephanie Whittaker: As a representative of the sales committee, Mackenzie asked her if the sales committee would review the Fair Data Entry program with us to see if they would be interested in splitting the cost with us; maybe half. Kim confirmed how great the program would be for the sales committee and us.

Jody Forgey- Would like to know how the bottom of the entry forms for FFA and 4-H will be signed. Electronic will work.

Old Business:

Mackenzie: will work with Doug and the sales committee on the stocker feeder program. Barb will be kept in the loop as she works on the handbook too. The rules and regulations will need included in the handbook. Doug and Mackenzie will meet to look at the old pig pens to determine a plan for building in the new ones. A plan will be presented at the next meeting and then the pens can be removed.

Barb: still has trophy money coming in and handed hers to Shan.

Anna: Suggested parking at boat launch with a shuttle.

New Business:

Arlene: We can no longer charge fuel at the Asotin Market. Will need to apply for charge cards. Peggy is working on that.

Kelly: We need 3 keyed locks for the upper level: saloon, back gate, and an extra. Peggy stated there should be 2 extra in fair office and she will look for them.

Work Day Reminder – October 29th

Next Meeting: November 8, 2017

9:12 p.m. meeting adjourned.