

ASOTIN COUNTY FAIRBOARD
September 13, 2017 - Regular Meeting

6:33 p.m. meeting called to order.

Members present: Steve Mullins, Ron Hostetler, Kelly Longfellow, Mackenzie Welch, Peggy Hansford, Barb Appleford, Arlene Mullins, Cindy Harrison, Jamie Renzelman.

Honorary Junior Fairboard Member: Dylan Pederson and Tylor Nichol

Members Not Present: Byron Harrison, Shan Bonson, Anna Aarstad. Arlene moved to excuse. Cindy seconded, motion carried.

Minutes for August 9, 2017 drafted by Mackenzie Welch were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Shan was not present and excused from meeting so there was nothing new to report. Already has permission to pay regular bills.

2018 Budget: The proposal for the 2018 budget was presented for overview and discussion. It will be presented to the commissioners on October 9, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Open to the Public:

Charlotte Tuttle: She is meeting tomorrow with the Cattlewomen regarding helping with the beef barn. In discussing estimated costs, with input from Evan Southwick and DR Schneider, it should cost around \$700.00. Advised that the electrical panel in the concrete building needs repair. Ron Hostetler advised that he spoke with Hells Canyon Electric and they are working on addressing the issue. Reiterated that the Fairboard needs to put a cap on the number of pigs entered.

Kim Belanger: Discussed that the new state enrollment fee is finalized and will be implemented. There will be a \$25 mandatory fee; \$20 will go to the state and \$5 will go to the county. The County will be waiving the fee for the clover buds.

Evan Southwick: Evan and Tammy are working together for new lighting on the rodeo grounds. New lights are estimated at \$1200 a fixture with current rebates being \$600 a fixture. They will use 60% less energy and produce 50% more light. Evan will come back to the Fairboard with more options after further meetings with providers.

Royalty Update: They will be attending the Pendleton Roundup and then are done for the year. Tess updated on her year.

State Fair Convention: Peggy has the packet available. For anybody who wishes to attend, they will be responsible for the cost themselves.

Committee Reports:

Kelly: The rodeo is in great need of a new roping chute. The rodeo committee is putting on a fundraiser October 7th to include a barrel race in the morning, followed by a team roping in the afternoon. Rodeo committee is looking into a 4-H group to run the cook shack. Arlene said she didn't know if the fundraiser would be an option because the Bennett building might be rented that night. If a fundraiser is not an option, then the Fairboard will be asked to purchase the roping chute straight out. Rodeo directors had another meeting with Buster Barton regarding the college rodeo. We are a go, but are still working on stall count, where to set them up and parking. It is estimated

that there will be a need for 80-100 stalls. Barb stated we need to figure out the shavings issue and ask ourselves if we need more.

Kelly and Mackenzie: Will be having a meeting with the royalty contestants and their parents to explain the rules and regulations. Fairboard is requested to bring salads and desserts. Starts at 10:00 a.m. on October 15th.

Ron: (Leader's council) – Kim Belanger covered most of it.

Grand Marshall's: Suggested names: Jean and Jerry Hendrickson or John and Mary Lou Frasier.

Handbook Updates: Need to be to Mackenzie no later than December 1st.

Work Days: October 29th at 9:00 a.m. We will shut off water and do a walk through to determine any additional needs. The Fairboard will then meet to make a list of what needs prepped for next year's fair.

Old Business: Mackenzie will look at the copier at her office to see if it is an option for the Fairboard. Kelly asked if we are still purchasing a laptop/computer. We also need to purchase an external hard drive. Jamie and Mackenzie will look into computers.

New Business: The Bennett Building and Floch Hall each need painted inside. Peggy spoke with Shawn Balzer and he is willing to help. Peggy will work on getting quotes so that it can be voted on at next meeting. The unit on top of the Bennett Building needs fixed. Barb stated that since Del's is going out of business we will need to find a \$250 sponsor for trophies.

Advertising: The list of advertising was given out. Discussed whether we still wanted to advertise at the movies. Numbers were up last year and we didn't advertise there. It was suggested that we ask what movies will be playing when the ad's would be ran. Peggy will look into it.

Open to the Public:

Chris Seubert: questioned the 5% commission fee to the City of Asotin that is required off of proceeds received from the gate and breakfast fee. Shan already vouchered that out for this year. Chris is working on gathering more information on this requirement.

Kim Belanger: The leader of the year was Stephanie Lathrop with Muddy Buddies. She was very happy and shocked. The Asotin County Teen Leader of the Year was Kerington Tenwick with Animals Crackers and Cat Wranglers and Goat Wranglers. Had one 4-H leader ask about renting Boyd Hall for a Halloween Fundraiser. Fairboard reminded that they are responsible for paying back 15% of their proceeds.

Charlotte Tuttle: Agrees with the suggestion that the Fairboard purchase the external hard drive. Suggested that we do something for trick or treating this year. She expressed her opinion that it is awful that the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce charges for entries into the Christmas Parade.

Next Meeting: Will discuss parking. October 11, 2017. Any topics to be discussed need to be sent to Peggy the Sunday before so she can put them on the agenda.

8:00 p.m. meeting adjourned.