

Minutes for the Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee meeting May 2, 2024

Meeting called to order: There were not enough members to have a full meeting. Nothing was voted on.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Missing was – Mike Egerton, Rick Hamilton, Wanda McFarland, Carol Sivak, & Mary Hughes.

Approval of the Agenda: stayed until next meeting.

Approval of the Minutes: stayed until next meeting.

FAC Auxiliary Reports:

A. Queens Report: Things are going good. She is reaching out to Queens to attend. Rough head count. Queen Advisor has not been helping, Feel like they are floating out there. Was told to get with Larissa. Tickets are \$25.00. Has 20 Auction Items at this time. Lexis was on the radio, Told to talk to Gary DeVon to get an interview for the Gazette paper. Going to the School to sell tickets and to businesses. Need someone to work the door and checking things in and display items. They have Campbell to auctioneer. Lexis brother and friends to sing.

B. 4-H Report:

C. Fairgrounds operations report –Nick Bates: Working on buildings and everything around fairgrounds. Got the little Beef Barn done so Bobbie can do her stuff. Doing work in hog barn installing fans & electrical. Took aerial photo of the parking lot and fairgrounds and will be numbering the south parking & camping spots before fair time. Possibility changing the water system, straightening it out.

D. Office update-Veronica Cargile: Attached to the Agenda are Non-food vendor applications list, applications for food vending, & Camping applications list. We have 252 camping applications and they are still coming in. For the Queens fund raiser, the Cattle Prod has agreed to come down and do the alcohol, need to know what brand of beer (Coors & Coors Light) \$125.00 for 1 server, \$250.00 for 2 servers. Only need 1 server. \$75.00 for use of the Annex Building. Judges list has 1 new one, and Goat and Poultry has same Judge. Need supply list from Superintendents. Has list from Pigs, Sheep & Goats. Want to do badges for FAC, Volunteers & Superintendents. It will cost \$2.05 per card with a QR tracking code, which would be turn in at the end of fair, to be used next year. Exhibitors would be getting these cards next year to eliminate the arm bands. It will work with Ticket Tomato too. Next year Exhibitor cost would bump up to \$45.00 to cover the cost of the badges. Nick stated that the ribbons have been gone thru and put in groups. We are cutting it close on ribbons this year. Char stated that not all the exhibitors in her barn want ribbons. Brock stated that all the superintendent's boxes are county property & when the fair is over they go back to Jones Hall. Sticker method is the way we may need to go. Boxes need to be in Jones Hall so that the office can check for supplies needed.

E. Commissioner's Report: stayed until next meeting no Commissioner attending.

F. Superintendent's Report: DJ Reynolds trying to get financing for new pens. Has not heard anything back. Market Stock Fund has been asked. They are worried about space. They set 96 inside & 12 outside. Want to build 24 additional pens. Char said keep calling the Market Stock Fund. Jackie in the sheep barn said that a sheet of 4x8 OSB is missing & one is falling down. Nick said they are working on it.

Public Comment: Three potential FAC Members that came to the meeting and introduced themselves. Gene Wehmeyer – Born in Okanogan County, lived in Twisp. Was in the Army, worked in Forest Service, BLM & Law Enforcement all in the Okanogan area. Willing to work with the fair volunteering and helping. Richard Barthol – lived in Okanogan County for about 30 years now. Worked in Law Enforcement for 30 years. Last year volunteered to work security for the concert at the fair and then running errands back and forth bring supplies. Retired and would like to work/volunteer on the FAC and believes he can be useful. Phyllis Laurie – Grew up in the Okanogan county, Army go 40 years doing event production, concerts. Been working on concerts all over such as Burning Man. Retired and believes she can be an asset to the FAC. Have to wait for the Commissioners to appoint, but if we had a full quorum we could have the chair write a letter to the commissioners to expedite the appointment.

Unfinished Business: Fur & Feather Auction – Bobbie said that it was taken care of.

New Business:

- A. **Queen's Fundraiser:** Been discussed earlier.
- B. **Advertising:** Nothing
- C. **Vets for livestock:** Nothing is done now. Any one that can get a vet to commit to the fair is welcome. Reynolds said that they talked to Rick about Rich Michel (hog buyer) and told him about he needs to get with the packer. Rich has not got back to Reynolds.

Subcommittee Reports:

- A. **Finance: Pam Johnson** – There is \$241,593.90 in the fair account. Pam has not heard from anyone about the Ticket Tomato contract. She has made a few suggestions on the contract but not heard back. They added extra stipulations that were not discussed before. 2 year contract, wanted us to do their hotels, we pay for all their food (Pam wants to offer them an \$500.00 buyout for food), they are the only ones to sell tickets. They take their fee out of the money (Pam said no we have to voucher their payment and all monies have to come to the county first). 15,000.00 fee would cover food, & lodging too.
- B. **Camping:** South & South Out and all the lower area is going to be numbered.
- C. **Vending:** Done
- D. **Vending:** Done
- E. **Superintendent Coordinator:** Charlayne is the coordinator now. She sent email out to all the superintendents concerning supplies they need.
- F. **Livestock:** Not present
- G. **Parking:** County is reaching out to Cutter Rains to see if he wants the contract to do the parking. Nothing on that yet.
- H. **Publicity:** Nothing
- I. **Rules:** Nothing
- J. **Admission:** Volunteer list needs turned into the office. If it is not turned in by July 1st there will not be any passes. There is a limit. The volunteer passes are for people not attending the fair. Need to know if they are full weekend or daily volunteers. Also all veterinarians that work at the fair needs to get a weekend pass in appreciation for donating their time. Superintendents put your judge on your volunteer list. Judges will have a pass.
- K. **Entertainment:** Contract has not been signed yet by the Commissioners.
- L. **North End Entertainment Barrels/ Team Roping:** Char has handed it off to Lane.
- M. **North End Entertainment Racing:** Nothing
- N. **Executive/Policy & Procedure:** Nothing
- O. **Facilities Improvement:** Nothing
- P. **Kid's Zone:** Will tractor be available to unload grain? Yes. Have 5 Signs to be put up all over the fairgrounds. There will be a big sign up at the Kids Zone. No climbing wall due to the price increase and demands.

Community Engagement:

Fallon & Alpine Vets need to be checked to see if they will do the fair. Laura will check the vets in Twisp, Winthrop, Brewster, Okanogan & Omak. Grain is good to go. Who is doing the auction, (the good ole boys). DJ Reynolds has a friend that would like to help with the auction.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm