

November FAC Meeting Minutes Commissioner's Hearing Room

November 8, 2021 6:00 PM

I. Call to order

Mike Egerton called to order the regular meeting of the Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee at 6:03 PM on 11/08/2021 at the Commissioner's Hearing Room.

II. Attendance

Secretary NameThe following persons were present: Commissioner Chris Branch, Mike Egerton, Wanda McFarland, Lori Caswell, Bonny Theis, Brock Hires, Rick Hamilton, Chantry Leslie, JR Leslie, Charlayne Knapp, Pam Johnson, Naomie Peasley, and Community Members – Bobby Wilson, Becky Theis, Marty Robbins, Billie Timm, Katlenia Vejraska, Scott Vejraska, and Chris McCuen.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Rick made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted, Lori 2nd the motion. The Agenda was approved as submitted.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Wanda made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Charlayne 2nd the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

V. FAC Auxiliary Reports

- a) Addey was not present and no report was submitted. Chris McCuen said she attended the Tonasket Comanchero's Queen Coronation and the Wenatchee Appellation's Queen Try-outs.
- b) No 4-H Report was given.
- c) Fairgrounds Maintenance/Operations Report: Naomie said that Kyle was no longer at the Fairgrounds and she is looking for a new employee and he will be hard to replace. The Capital Improvement Grant has been submitted and just waiting to hear back on it.

VI. New business

- a) Budget: Mike Egerton, Bonny Theis, Lori Caswell, Brock Hires, and Naomie Peasley met with the Commissioner's, Treasurer, and Auditor's Office for the annual budget workshop. Mike reported that it went well and that the Commissioner's were supportive in the fact that we were asking for more money for next year to add a top performer concert and a carnival. Brock asked for another \$40,000. Brock is supposed to get some hard numbers to the Commissioner's ASAP. We will have a follow up meeting late November. Bonny and Mike will go over the budget and make sheets for each department so that we can see what each one has and if it needs to be adjusted up or down. There will be a special meeting on 11/29/2021 at 6:00 PM to work on the budget in the Commissioner's hearing room.
- b) Auction Checks: All the Auctions checks have been mailed for the Market Stock Sale and the Fur and Feather Auction. The Market Stock sale was \$433,725 with 216 animals sold and the Fur and Feather Auction was \$25,000 with 40 kids. The Fair Youth Foundation talked about how they would like to highlight different youth as they begin their projects for the coming year. Katlenia brought up the question of how do we promote or try to get more money for the Grand and Reserve kids moving forward in the auction.
- c) Policy & Procedure changes/Premium Book Edits: Wanda and Chantry are going to get together to go over the Premium book and make changes that make sense and then bring them back to us at the next meeting to be voted on. The time to close the barns was brought up and we decided on 10 PM closing for all barns. Brock moved to adjust the closing time to 10 PM and Bonny 2nd, the second vote will be at the next meeting. Chantry brought up the idea of having a Code of Conduct for all exhibitors, we can add the wording but ultimately if a FAC member sees fit that a kid needs to be removed we have that authority. It needs to be put out there for everyone.
- d) Maintenance Request Forms: They were approved for the Commissioner's to go ahead with what they saw as safety and priority.
- e) After Fair List Review: Table to next meeting due to the length of it. Each Department should look over their area to report on next meeting. Lori did mention that the reason the Fur and Feather barn didn't have a Vet is due to the fact that they weren't happy that the vet was not placed in their barn, so they wouldn't bring their kids out to the vet check location between the fur and feather, lamb, and goat barn.

- f) 4-H Ribbons: A bill was submitted to the FAC for 4-H ribbons that we have not paid for previously or authorized. Bonny moved that we not pay the bill and Rick 2nd it. It was approved that we would not cover the bill for the 4-H ribbons.

VII. Subcommittee Assignments

- a) There were no reports from the subcommittees for this meeting

VIII. Old Business

- a) Refund Requests: The only one tabled from last meeting was the bill submitted by Rebecca Schroeder for the Arts & Crafts building. We had agreed on \$400 for her to spend and we received a bill for \$1900, after further discussion and not setting a precedent and being over budget Bonny moved to pay her the original \$400 only, JR 2nd it and the motion was approved.
- b) Premium Points: Beef Barn: Billie and Marty said that none of the beef barn kids received their premium check, but Lori stated that some had. They stated that it wasn't their fault they did everything correctly. There is no data in the iPad to confirm that. Scott Vejraska said that he would cover the costs for premium points for the kids in the beef barn if it could be figured out. The FAC mentioned that they have things in the works for next year to help remedy the situation such as presenting each barn superintendent with a print out before the checks go out to make sure they entered all ribbons. It was suggested that maybe have Eric wait a week to verify the data before printing the checks. His contract is up on Sunday of Fair, Mike said he would talk with Eric about possibly changing his contract to include the following Saturday. We will follow up on it at the next meeting in December.
- c) Carnival on the other side of the tracks: Commissioner Branch is still waiting for a response but is checking on it.
- d) Ribbons: Emails were sent to all Superintendents to get their ribbon orders in to Naomie and only three have been received. If they don't get theirs in they won't have them available. The cost has already gone up 21%.
- e) Spider Boxes: The FAC agreed and voted on letting the Fairgrounds use the Spider Boxes that we purchased for use at the Fairgrounds. It was passed unanimously.

- f) Concert: Brock is working on firm numbers to present to the Commissioner's.

IX. Bottle Babies Discussion

- a) Billie and Marty asked that the FAC move the Bottle Babies back to their barn since it was for a one year trial and they created and grew the program. After some discussion Mike asked that we table it to another time so that there was more time to discuss it. Billie and Marty also stated at the end that they wouldn't fight it any longer and to just leave it the way it was and Marty left the meeting. We will make a decision at a later date. Whitney was not there to add to the discussion.

X. Adjournment

Mike Egerton adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM