

Minutes for the Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee meeting August 1, 2024

1. Meeting called to order:

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

3. **Roll Call:** Absent is Carol Sivak. Brock made a motion to excuse Carol, Charlayne seconded the motion, all vote and passed.

4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Amended Agenda – under New Business – B. Bulls & C. Wild Horse Racing. Under Old Business- B. Shavings motion made by Laura to approve agenda change, seconded by Charlayne, voted and passed.

5. Approval of the Minutes:

A. June regular minutes - Rick motion that the minutes of the last meeting be approved, Mary seconded, voted and passed.

6. FAC Auxiliary Reports:

A. **Queens Report:** Becka the Queen advisor was present and gave a report. Lexis attended the horse barn fund raiser, working on finishing her fair project with FFA team. She will be at the Omak Stampede.

B. **4-H Report:** No One Attended. Discussed why the 4-H person is not allowing the kids to put their projects in the 4-H building. She wants the kids to focus too narrow. The Kids are not allowed in their Barn.

Fairgrounds operations report: Nicholis Bates - he gave us a copy of 2025 budget, which came out after last month's meeting. He talked to Mike and told Nick where he wants to be, so he tried to stay within that, except for professional service. If we stay with Ticket Tomato, Nick raised that up to cover the Ticket Tomato cost next year. He put everything else where it has to be. Professional services were the only major change. Nick needs to know if this is where we want to be. He has to have it in by the Aug. 13, 2024. Motion was made by Brock to approve the 2025 Budget that Nick proposed, Laura seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed. (shavings) Tom Fancher has retired, but he probably wouldn't haul for the fair, because he never got a thank you from anyone at the fair. That was all he cared about, not the cost, just a thank you for what he had done. He did work with Reman Reload and there will be some truckloads of shaving coming out of Canadian. Hey have to deliver straight from Canada to the Fairgrounds. The horse barn is under construction, stay away from it if you are at the fairgrounds. They are putting sonate tubes & brackets in under the existing beams and walls. It should be done in the next couple of weeks. The water line that needed straighten is done.

E. Commissioner's Report: Jon had nothing to add tonight.

F. **Superintendent's Report:** Charlayne will have a superintendent's meeting for Showworks on Aug 14th at 6 pm at the AgPlex. Arts & Craft lady has not responded.

G. **Office Updates Veronica Cargile:** Badges for the Superintendent's & FAC, she needs pictures either emailed to her with you standing against a white background or go to the Emergency Management and get them done. Do not photo shop your picture. Need to know what the Superintendent's want done with the pictures of the animals that have been sent into the office. Do they want them printed or what? Are these pictures needed? Jackie said she uses hers'. The Event Schedule has been done. Everyone was given a deadline to have all changes into me, and was told if changes did not arrive, it was going on the same schedule as last years. Laura will get a digital copy to the fair office.

7. **Public Comment:** Lloyd Caton assumes that they are doing the auction. Wants to go with the same company as last year for the online auction, and wants to know if that is acceptable to the FAC. Mike said that Eric is already busy so if they go with the people they had last year that would be good. Lloyd will bring a itemized cost of what the auction cost so that the FAC/County can see where it stands and where it wants to go next year. Motion was made by Charlayne that Lloyd Caton goes with the same company as last year for the online auction. Laura seconded, was voted on and passed. Market stock sale committee has financed the Hog Barn on pens. DJ has been working on the pens at his house. They are now working on getting them painted. The show ring to show the steers has been sold, so they are going to have to buy one and it will cost about \$5000.00. The hog barn extension will shift everything down 12 ft. towards the beef barn so they plan on having bleachers out there. Jackie was wondering about lowering the sheep weight due to the heat and the animals not putting on weight. No one has called in about pigs yet.

7. Unfinished Business:

8. A. Parking – Cutter told Nick he would not do it. There is a potential group of kids to park the cars. Still need to get the posts put in and the string and setting of concrete blocks. Check with the FFA club in Okanogan. Can be done anytime after the 17th of August.

9. B. Shavings – already talked about, except but what is the cost to get the shavings hauled down to the fair.

New Business:

A. Concert preparations: Brock may or may not be at the Fair. He has provided a list of things that has to be done for the concert. Scaffolding is needed. Rick Barthol said he would donate 2. Need skid steer & front end loader from county to unload tour bus. Need 4 Eco-blocks with tie down loops. Need Porta-Potty with hand washing station under announcers stand. Check with Sunrise RV for 2 trailers with generators and fresh water in tanks. Laura will do that. Rick made a motion to give Sunrise RV 4 passes, Laura seconded. It was voted on and passed.

Need someone to do lunch on Thursday and Friday about \$15-\$18 a plate. Mike will do dinner on Thursday. Transportation, needs to accommodate 11 people. Possibly Oroville school district. Shopping list that needs bought.

B. Bulls: Shawn Best came to talk about doing Bull riding, Ranch Broncs & Kids Steer Riding. How the stock contractor got paid was discussed. Charlayne told him how it has been done in the past. Mike said that with it being 5 weeks before fair, we have the schedules set, and it would not work to put it in at this time. It would be willing to look at it for next year. Rick said that there is too many if's to do this right now. Miriam Ives mentioned Patrick McLaughlin from the coast. He would want 3 years. Miriam said that it would cost \$6500.00 for the rodeo. Entries will pay when they get here. Nick had several questions about the rodeo and what it will cost the County & Fair. He stated that Richard Rawson was on board with this. Shamrock Rodeo does Springdale, Republic. He would do a flat rate of \$6500.00. Charlayne got a text from the person that was going to do the barrel racing & team roping. NDHA Barrel Racing, had a problem with how the track was done, and then they wanted to do it themselves, then didn't like the way things turned out. Rick made a motion to set this rodeo off till after the fair. Laura seconded it. Vote was taken and passed.

C. Wild Horse Racing: This is set to go.

Nick said that there were people who ask to be on the fair board several months ago and the county does not have their names. Jon said if he gets the name he will look into it. Laura said that she would give Jon the names before he left tonight.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance – Pam Johnson -\$260,351.26 ordering money for gates. Have our link for Ticket Tomato. Make sure events calendar gets to ticket tomato.

B. Camping – Wanda McFarland – full and over full

C. Vending – Mike Egerton/Mary Hughes – (food court) Food court is full. We have no beer garden planned.

D. Vending – Mary Hughes (craft vendors) is all set. Just need to mark it out for each vendor.

E. Superintendents Coordinator – Charlayne Knapp – Having a meeting Aug 14th at 6 pm. Totes will be done closer to September.

F. Livestock – Rick Hamilton- Vets we have is Cody Ames, and Denise at Alpine Veterinary Clinic. Double S thinks that the packers should bid on market animals so that the best price is given to the kids. Wait till after the fair to look at this bid proposal & invite them to come to the November meeting. We have no packer for the lambs and goats at this time. Round robin Trampus & Jackie did it last year. Need a large animal round robin coordinator.

G. Parking – vacant

H. Publicity – Community liaison – Carol Sivak

I. Rules – Wanda McFarland

J. Admission – all of us

K. Entertainment – Brock Hires

L. North end Entertainment/Rodeo – Barrels & Team Roping

M. North End Entertainment/Racing – Carol Sivak

N. Executive/Policy and Procedure – Mike Egerton/Brock Hires

O. Facilities Improvements – All of us

P. Kid's zone – Laura Sorenson – Have banner for sponsors for Mutton Bustin, and banner with Mutton Bustin rules. Also a banner with the map of the Fairgrounds.

Brock Hires announced that he was resigning from the FAC effective Sept. 9, 2024.

Wanda would like to move the FAC Meetings off of Thursday night.

Next Meeting will be Aug 15, 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 pm