

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee
January 20, 2015

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1. Adjustments to Agenda
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The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee met in regular session on December 16, 2014, with Chairman Mike Egerton, Lonnie Dixon, Ali Thomas, Jill Scott, Wanda McFarland, Kris Sims, Naomie Boesel, Jenell Kruse and Trampas Stucker

Kathleen Maltais was absent.

Call to Order

The committee convened at 7:04 pm.

Public Comment

Mike Egerton explained the rules for public comment. An audience member asked if they could comment during the meeting. He also explained that public comment was for amending the agenda.

No public comment.

Approval of Agenda

Ali Thomas moved to approve agenda. Trampas Stucker seconded.

Mike Egerton asked to amend the annual agenda/ new business / to move the election of officers to October.

Added the mandatory training for FAC members to the agenda.

Ali Thomas moved, Trampas seconded. There was no discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

October 21, 2014 – not approved (check

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November 1, 2014 – Jenny wants to amend the minutes to say that it was not the Parks and Rec Board but the Fair Advisory Committee. Motion seconded, motion carried.

December 16, 2014 – approved

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Subcommittee (Team) Reports

a. Queen

Lexi Howell

Poster review

Lexi showed a banner that she put on the back of a tractor and the poster that is being worked on was shown unfinished/in process.

Outhouse Races in Conconully – participated and watched

Tonasket Chamber of Commerce Auction – attended

Spokane Interstate Coronation – attended

Crab Feed – will attend

Olympia Fair Day at the Capitol, Jan 29 – might attend

There was a short discussion about how fairs were removed by the Governor from the budget. Maurice said we could look into it tomorrow and what portions of the trip would be covered by the Fair.

Mike asked if she wanted to go. She said okay. Mom said okay. Mike said he guessed what they needed was to make a motion to approve the Queen's trip. There was some math done to see if it would fit in the budget. Kris Sims said they should send her to represent Okanogan. Kris made the motion, Jill seconded. Motion carried.

b. Commissioners

Jim DeTro, Ray Campbell, Sheilah Kennedy

No Commissioners attended.

c. 4-H

Ann Fagerlie

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Ann Fagerlie wanted to bring up that there was a state meeting with Ferry Colville and Okanogan county 4-H. The state has said that the Reservation Office can let the kids enroll in either Ferry or Okanogan Counties. They can open their own extension offices.

In the part of the Premium Book that says kids have to be a part of Okanogan County, the committee said that the kids who enroll from an area that don't have a fair must declare on a form that they intend to attend one fair or the other.

Lona Fritts said she needed to talk to the people in Nespelem and let them know that they need to say which county fair they are going to participate in when they sign up for 4-H.

Horse division: In 4-H, horse members are required to wear approved protective headgear. Ann Fagerlie wants to know if the headgear may be considered for every contestant. She said she checked with other fairs and no one enters the arena without headgear.

Lona Fritts said that we can require helmets for games and flat classes For the performance and halter classes, they aren't required but are strongly recommended. She said that as horse superintendent, she doesn't think kids should be excluded from fair just because they don't have a helmet.

Lonnie Dixon asked if someone gets injured, who's going to get sued? Lona Fritts said no one. State law says they cannot sue. Jenny Kruse had the RCW and handed it out. Lonnie Dixon argued that helmets are important, but Lona Fritts said she thought they should not be mandatory.

d. Fairgrounds Operations Report

Maurice Goodall

e. Standing Subcommittees (Teams)

i. Executive

Mike Egerton (CH), Wanda McFarland, Kathleen Maltais, Jenny Kruse

Main stage hours recommendation: Ali Thomas motioned to discuss the stage hours.

Wanda McFarland seconded.

Naomie Boesel stated that the entertainment team would like these stage hours:

Thu-noon to nine

Fri-noon to 11

Sat-noon to midnight

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Jill Scott asked what the stage hours used to be – they were shorter. Jenny Kruse said she thought this should have been in the entertainment team’s section of the agenda. Wanda McFarland amended the motion to accept the hours that the entertainment team recommended. Jill Scott seconded. There was no discussion, the vote was unanimously in favor. Motion carried.

ii. Finance

Wanda McFarland (CH), Kris Sims, Jill Scott, Ali Thomas

Budget report: Jenny Kruse provided a budget. The finance team met. One thing that wasn’t included in the budget was for supplies – copies, etc., the Clerk met with commissioners. Commissioners said the FAC needed to absorb the cost and add a new BARS line item in the budget.

She just wanted them to keep in mind that their supplies cost money. She mentioned my suggestion of paying for the lease partially in order to cover their copier costs. We will project many things during the meetings instead of providing copies for everyone.

And that the budget will get a new line. Some of the details of budget rearranging were discussed to make everyone more aware.

The other thing the Commissioners talked with Jenny Kruse about was keeping everyone abreast of expenditures was important. Jenny would like a motion to approve the budget report each month. Trampas Stucker moved to approve. Ali Thomas seconded. A vote carried the motion.

iii. Rules

Jill Scott (CH), Mike Egerton, Wanda McFarland

1. Wanda McFarland said they need a superintendent for the Home Ec building. Chelsie McFetridge has been suggested. Wanda McFarland asked who was in charge of calling. Kris Sims volunteered to call her. Mike Egerton asked Kris Sims to report her response to the Executive committee.

2. She also announced that all the changes have to be approved tonight. Trampas Stucker asked what changes her team wanted to make. Major changes that were made are: whether the exhibitor is a permanent resident of this county, Adult and youth premium points – the grand, reserve, and callbacks will now get premium

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points for youth, not adults, adding wording into the poultry section that they have to be deloused before check-in, all animals that don't pass the vet check are out.

3. Head and Horns show. Mike Egerton was voted to be superintendent. Junior, intermediate, senior, and adult. Okanogan County, North American, Exotic, small game. Jenny Kruse asked if they can exhibit their head and horse entry every year. Because everyone may like to enter their entry annually, there shouldn't be premium points; it should be a display only. Lonnie Dixon said this year it should be an exhibit, see what happens, and review after the fair. They asked if there were enough ribbons – yes, there are. Maurice Goodall asked if they were going to use the Danish system until it was time to award the Grand Reserve. Mike said that the details will be figured out, but they are very interested in filling a building with beautiful exhibits. Special awards were brought up. Jill Scott would like them to be judged. Lonnie Dixon moved that they judge and pay premium points for youth and adults at the head and horns show. Kris Sims asked if there was a superintendent for the head and horns. It's Shelby Hendershaw. Motion was then seconded, voted upon, motion carried (two were opposed).
4. White ribbon exhibits will not sell. Lonnie Dixon moved to say that white ribbon exhibits will not be allowed to sell. Jenny Kruse seconded. Jill Scott disagreed and said you never know why an animal would be a white ribbon animal. Jill Scott also said that they have never seen evidence of white ribbon steer bringing down the general buyer price. An audience member, Scott Vejraska, said that the buyers set the prices based on the quality of the animals. Jill Scott said it hurts the kids who have white ribbon animals. Jill Scott and Scott Vejraska don't think judges should give white ribbons.
5. Voted on White ribbon animals will not sell – two opposed. Motion was carried.
6. Parade of Champions needs a superintendent. Also, will the Parade be at the north end or on the stage this year? Lona Fritts agreed to discuss the Parade stuff with the new superintendent.
7. Jenny Kruse asked to move on whether or not exhibitors had to be permanent residents. Jenny Kruse said that she had heard that the visitors could display but not exhibit. The team recommended that they could show but not sell. You must be a permanent county resident to sell, but not to show. The vote was 8-1 in favor. Motion carried.

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iv. Livestock

Ali Thomas (CH), Lonnie Dixon, Jenny Kruse, Marty Robbins, Gomer Gage, Lona Fritts, Bill White

1. The chair of the FAC appoints the livestock coordinator, but the livestock coordinator position was redundant. Possibly the livestock team chair should be the coordinator, but no recommendation was made. Mike Egerton clarified that he could appoint anyone he wanted to, but they wanted someone who is attending the meetings who will enforce the will of the team they represent. Mike said his choice for livestock coordinator would be Ali Thomas because she is the Chair of the livestock team. Wanda McFarland asked what the livestock coordinator does. Mike Egerton said it's like a super-superintendent. Lonnie Dixon said that it was usually someone who wasn't on the Committee so they could put all their effort into the one job. Mike Egerton asked if Ali Thomas was capable of assuming all those extra duties. Jenny Kruse read Bill White's list of coordinator duties. Mike Egerton asked Ali Thomas once again if she could do the job with enough assistance. She said yes. Trampas Stucker made a motion to appoint Ali Thomas as livestock coordinator, but it was established that the motion wouldn't be necessary until later. Mike Egerton said that for now Ali Thomas will be coordinator because she comes to all the meetings and is qualified to do the job. No motion necessary. Ali Thomas was appointed as livestock coordinator.
2. Ali Thomas recommends tagging required and weight is optional in North County, Okanogan, South County, and Twisp area. A dollar amount would be awarded to the highest daily weight gain as an incentive to have animal weighed in. It is different than Producer of Merit because it is based on the date of weigh-in, not from purchase. Trampas Stucker made a motion to make tagging required and weighing optional at four locations. Kris Sims seconded. Discussion: Jenny Kruse said that liability factors had been brought to her attention – do we have a good enough facility to safely weigh in all the animals. They aren't leadable and she's worried about the liability factor. What happens when someone is injured at distant weigh-ins, because the county won't cover it? The Commissioners are very concerned about the liability issue. The vote was 5 to 2 in favor. Motion carried.

v. Vending

Ali Thomas (CH), Lon Dixon, Jenny Kruse

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1. Mike Egerton submitted the adjusted vending application to the committee. Trampas Stucker moved to accept the application. Everyone seconded, everyone voted in favor. Motion carried.

vi. Entertainment

Kris Sims (CH), Jill Scott, Wanda McFarland, Jenny Kruse

1. Entertainment team will meet the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room. Dave Fletcher, Marnee Cleveland and Brock Hires were added to the team from the public.
2. They recommend that they hire the Goods for stage management and hiring bands for \$4,800.00. Trampas Stucker moved to hire the Goods for light, sound and promotion. Jill Scott seconded. Discussion: Jill Scott said they need help and if the County won't get them more help, they need to hire help. Votes were 4-0 in favor. The motion was carried. The Goods will be hired.
3. Horse races. The horse race and rodeo bid proposals will go out next. Naomie Boesel is asking for approval to ask for bids. Mike Egerton recommended that Naomie Boesel run the bid by their attorney. Trampas Stucker moved to approve the bid requests once they come back from the attorney. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

vii. Camping

Kathleen Maltais (CH), Emily Buzzard, Naomie Boesel

1. Kris Sims said all they wanted tonight was to go over the fair book, application, and contract to make sure they all said the same thing. Trampas Stucker asked why there are both an application and a contract. Ali Thomas explained that some details and requests came in the applications, agreements were made in contracts. Wanda McFarland will meet with the Clerk to publish the agreed upon changes.
2. Mike Egerton requested that a hand-drawn map of camping be made up for out-of-towners. Kris said he supposed they could do it.

viii. Advertising

Mike Egerton (CH), Ali Thomas, Lon Dixon

1. Mike Egerton said that if we use our own posters with a schedule of the events attached, it's legal. We just can't make posters for individual contractors.
2. Recommendation is to move forward to get designs for a potential fair t-shirt or hat. Have heatstroke and local design companies compete. Naomie will bring it back next meeting with more professional presentation.

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3. Advertising is discussing visiting all districts to increase school involvement.
4. A thank you note with an invitation to next fair was discussed. Jenny Kruse made a motion that the thank you letter motion be rescinded. Seconded by Jill Scott. Vote was all in favor. Motion carried.

ix. Exhibitor

Trampas Stucker (CH), Mike Egerton, Kathleen Maltais

Did not meet.

x. Admissions

Naomie Boesel (CH), Trampas Stucker, Kathleen Maltais, Emily Buzzard

1. Did not meet. Trampas Stucker said their meeting will be done before April. Trampas Stucker recommended that no changes be made. Naomie Boesel moved. Trampas Stucker seconded. Vote was unanimous: Gate prices will stay the same as 2014.

xi. Parking

Lon Dixon (CH), Mike Egerton, Kathleen Maltais, Emily Buzzard

1. Kris Sims said they wanted to do some signage. Right in front of the Agriplex should be developed into handicapped parking. No overnight parking in the Agriplex parking lot. Kris Sims is going to look into towing. Trampas Stucker suggested that if handicapped people are camping, they need to park in the regular parking, too. No overnight parking.

New Business

1. A Website address. Okanogancounty.org/fair or okfair.org – tabled for a month. Ali Thomas moved, Jill Scott seconded. Vote was all in favor, Motion carried. www.okfair.org is now the official Fair web address.
2. Newsletter: Discuss possible newsletter to Superintendents and Participants. Since we already have everyone's email addresses, we should do a monthly newsletter to the superintendents and participants.
3. Annual Timeline: Work on timeline discussed at Retreat – Jill Scott would like to schedule other retreats (which are still open, public meetings). Scott Vejraska stated that you can have the meetings as long as you are not making decisions. Mike Egerton added election of officers in October. Jenny Kruse bought a desk calendar

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and Mike Egerton would like all meetings to be entered on it and the calendar brought to each meeting.

4. Open Public Meeting Act Training.

Old Business

- a. Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee Policy and Procedure Approval – the final draft is being submitted to the Commissioners for approval and addition of their language.
- b. Saddle Numbers: Committee Member in charge (Storage, checkout, cleaning) – Naomie Boesel was voted to be the person in charge of the Saddle Numbers.

Announcements

1. There was some discussion about having a quilt show. Kris Sims said if they can have space in the Agriplex and materials to show them properly, there would be a quilting show. Sue Ellen White specifically said it must be in the Agriplex to protect the quilts. Mike Egerton suggested that the quilt display idea be submitted to the new Home Ec superintendent.
2. The Fair Premium book updates need to be submitted to the Fair office no later than Monday, February 9, 2015. This will be on the Agenda for final approval at the February 17, 2015 meeting.
3. Crab Feed is scheduled for Saturday, February 14, 2015
4. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 9:35pm.

Dated at Okanogan, Washington this ____ day of December 2015.

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Mike Egerton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Wanda McFarland, Vice Chair

Kathleen Descoteaux, FAC Clerk