

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee
February 17, 2015

The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee met in regular session on February 17, 2015, with Ali Thomas, Jill Scott, Wanda McFarland, Kris Sims, Naomie Boesel, Trampas Stucker, Sam Buchert, Erin White, and Kathleen Maltais present.

Chairman Mike Egerton was absent.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at: 7:01pm.

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Approval of Agenda

Ali Thomas moved and Naomie seconded to approve the agenda. Vote favored approval. Motion carried, agenda was approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. January 20, 2015. Clerk forgot to send them out for approval. They will be approved next month.

5. Correspondence

6. Reports

a. Queen

- i. Poster Review/assign typeset for title

The committee discussed the possibility of using the original artwork instead of getting a new one. Naomie suggested using some other art that has been designed for fair ads. Kris Sims wants to run it. Kathleen thinks the ad is one-sided.

Ali Thomas moved to have a new poster design. Naomie seconded it. 5 in favor, 2 against. Motion carried.

The queen described her trip to Olympia. She met with legislators and answered questions about the county. She thanked Trinity Stucker for helping her set up appointments.

Ali Thomas brought up that Madison Shellenberger has resigned as royalty advisor. Kathleen M. suggested that she could ask Tiana Stevens if she might like to fill the position as a former queen.

- b. *Commissioners*

No commissioners were present.

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c. *4-H*
No 4H

d. *Fair Grounds Operation*
No Fairgrounds Operation.

e. Teams

i. Executive

1. Main Stage Hours Recommendation
Naomie moved the horse race hours on Sunday.

ii. *Finance*
None present

1. *Budget Report*
None present

2. *Rules*
Beef Barn Rule Change Recommendation
Last month's changes were inserted.

3. *Head and Horn Language Recommendation*
Ali Thomas said that Shelby Hendershot is going to be the superintendent. Ali reviewed what would be included in the premium book. Sam Buchert suggested having a guy there that could teach lessons on how to measure.

iii. Livestock

1. Livestock Coordinator report
Ali Thomas described the last meeting. She told the committee that the weigh in and tagging would have to happen on the fairgrounds. The tagging is mandatory and weigh-in is option still, but it will happen on the grounds. If you weigh your animal at the time of the weigh-in, the animal with the greatest weight gain that is eligible for sale will win the Heritage award. Dates and rules have been updated in the premium book. There will be no vet present at the weigh-in.

Also, if avian flu is still a problem as fair nears, there will be no bird barns. This will probably not be an issue in September.

iv. Vending

Vending has not had a meeting. Ali Thomas doesn't think vendors should have full

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hookups. Wanda said they have had it in the past. Jill said if they pay for full hookup, they deserve full hookup. Kris Sims said it was about personal hygiene.

v. *Entertainment*

1. Ambulance – who pays for the ambulance?
2. Stage cover – the entertainment committee would like to have a permanent stage cover. Kris Sims said he thought that they were trying to keep the stage portable. The cover was \$1400 last year and will be \$1800 this year.
3. The Goods – have been hired to be the stage managers. They are going to be hiring talent and said that the \$8k they have for hiring isn't enough. Naomie Boesel says that they can go up to \$10k if they drop off the chainsaw guy. She also said that the logging company might contract to hire the chainsaw guy instead of the FAC paying.
4. Move Carnival – they want to move the carnival to the very north carnival area, not outside the gate. Naomie said there is a lot of pressure to move so that bigger rides can be brought in. The group says that the safety of the kids is an issue and there isn't electricity out there.
5. Kid's Zone – a kid's zone is being set up this year. A digital copy of the map should be attached at the end of these minutes.

Naomie also said that there should be a hand washing zone there, too.

vi. *Camping*

1. Finalized Application and Contract Recommendation
The camping application and contract are finished. They will go out at the same time as the vendor applications. Naomie Boesel asked if the racers and rodeoers would be camping for free or for a lesser price. Jill Scott said that they should stay free. Wanda suggested that if they are in and out, why should they pay the camping fee? Kris Sims said whoever Trampas has taking care of his livestock, that's what they're doing (*not paying*). No action was taken.

vii. *Advertising*

Kathleen M. said that she is not getting all her emails and asked that if email is sent to her that she be called and informed.

1. School Board Meetings – Naomie passed out a printed powerpoint for a presentation she wants to give to schools. She is trying to strengthen the partnership between the FAC and schools in order to get more kids in.

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2. Character for top of Agriplex – Naomi wants to get a big character to strap to the top of the Agriplex that will be lighted at night and easily seen from the highway. There is a giant sun guy she likes. \$600 and the rental guy sets up and takes down.
3. Theme days – Naomi would like to set theme days. Thu is kids' day. Maybe Friday could be vendor special day. Maybe Saturday could be County Strong day. And Sunday could be Fun Day. She would also like to have people advertise during those theme days, which would bring in revenue to the 112* budget.
4. Radio Stations – advertising should be happening now because weigh-ins should be happening soon.

viii. Exhibitor

1. Name home ec. Superintendant. Chelsie McFetridge is recommended for Home Ec. She would like to ask some questions:

She is not prepared to say yes or no yet.

-What are the responsibilities of the home ec superintendent?

She is concerned that there will not be enough help so that she is not in the home ec building 16 hours a day because she has other responsibilities.

(Sam Buchert suggested a sewing club or something that could help out. Wanda remembers that the Gardening Club would sit in there before. Jill said that some of the older poultry kids might be able to help out, too, for community service points. Ali asked if Chelsie would like the FAC to find helpers and organize it so that Chelsie would know when she actually had to be in the Home ec building. Naomi said that she would need to make the schedule. Wanda also said that she would be responsible for opening and closing the building.)

-How many and what kind of judges would she need?

-Chelsie commented on how disappointing the displays were last year, but the committee told her that she would be allowed to set up the displays as she wanted.

7. New Business

- a. Newsletter: Discuss Possible Newsletter to Superintendents and Participants – tabled until Mike's back.
- b. Annual Timeline: Work on Timeline Discussed at Retreat – maybe at the end of March. Ali said she can't come in March, so Jill said she would plan for April.
- c. Review Team Meeting Calendar – Kathleen D. forgot the big calendar at the Fairgrounds.
- d. Approve Kathleen D. to submit an Action report to commissioners.

8. Old Business

- a. Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee Policy and Procedure Approval – tabled until March.

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9. Announcements

- a. 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.
- b. Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2015

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

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

Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee
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Wanda McFarland, Vice Chair

Ali Thomas, member

ATTEST:

Kathleen Descoteaux, FAC Clerk