

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee
April 2, 2015

The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee met in regular session on April 2, 2015, with Chairman Mike Egerton, Kathleen Maltais, Ali Thomas, Jill Scott, Wanda McFarland, Sam Buchert, Kris Sims, Naomie Boesel, Erin White, Trampas Stucker and Tracey Reagles present. Clerk Kathleen Descoteaux was also present.

The board convened at 6:05pm.

Call to Order

6:05pm.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of Agenda

The Clerk made a change to the agenda to add Superintendent Support under New Business.

Trampas Stucker made a motion to move new business to right after Correspondence. Sam Buchert seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

All previous minutes were approved.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

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New Business

- a. Superintendents need to provide names and fees for judges
- b. Annual Timeline: work on timeline discussed at retreat
- c. Review team meeting calendar
- d. Superintendent Support

Judges: The Fairgrounds office needs the names, contact information and judging fees of all judges, so Mike Egerton is going to send out an email to all superintendents to get that information and determine the fees.

Annual Timeline: Mike moved on to the weighing and tagging. Mike asked Ali when the dates are. She told them (they are also listed in the Premium Book). April 11 & May 2 is for beef. May 30 and June 13 is lambs. There will be no swine weighing for health reasons.

Superintendent Support: Suggested contact, but Tracey Reagles is on top of it all and is going to be working on it.

Subcommittee (Team) Reports

a. Queen

Lexi Howell

Lexi did not attend the meeting. Katie Ferguson has been suggested to be the new Royalty Advisor. Trampas Stucker has been asked by Mike Egerton to ask Katie if she is interested in filling in the role of Royalty Advisor.

An option for the poster was discussed, but nothing was decided. An email quorum will have to be used to approve the Premium Book cover.

b. Commissioners

Jim Detro, Ray Campbell, Sheilah Kennedy

The Commissioners did not attend.

c. Fairgrounds Operation

Kim Goodall and Joe Campbell were hired to work fulltime at the Fairgrounds until after the Fair. They will be doing most of the office and grounds work.

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Mike Egerton asked the Clerk to mail out maintenance request forms to the Committee members.

Mike Egerton said that the Superintendents need to tour their barns and aim for whatever upkeep they want to do early. Kris Sims said that July is too late to do the work. Mike Egerton suggested going for a tour during the next meeting, but then it was decided that people could go on their own time now that Kim Goodall is working the office full-time.

d. 4-H

Ann Fagerlie

Ann Fagerlie was not present.

e. Team

i. Finance

Sam Buchert (CH), Mike Egerton, Kathleen Maltais

Sam Buchert asked the Committee if he would ever need to cut checks as the Treasurer.

Mike Egerton explained the bill paying process. Sam Buchert said that he may not be allowed to be the Treasurer of the Committee because it might be a conflict with his work. Maurice Goodall explained how the Revolving Fund works so that Sam Buchert would have more information to report to his job.

Jill Scott volunteered to be the person assigned to the Revolving Account to sign checks. That way Sam Buchert is relieved of the conflict of handling funds.

Budget Report

The Clerk provided the Committee with a copy of the Fair expenditure report so that everyone could look at the budget as it exists. Sam asked what role he would have to play in reference to the budget. It was explained that he would be in charge of knowing what monies have been promised and to make sure each team was not going over budget.

Mike Egerton explained that Entertainment and Advertising were the budget lines that really needed to be watched.

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ii. Camping

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

The camping applications are going to be emailed out tomorrow by the Clerk. There are 14 campers from last year who will be snail mailed their applications. Jill Scott hated to email them but mailing was too expensive.

Wanda McFarland explained that there is no first-come-first-served system for determining who gets to camp where within the group of people who get their applications in by the deadline. Those applications that come in after the deadline are considered after those who met the deadline.

Erin White heard complaints about people who made bad decisions at the fair and wondered if there was a system in place to make sure the people who break the rules at their camp space do not get to camp again. Jill Scott said there are rules in Premium Book and they need to enforce them. No one gets blacklisted, but changes can be made.

iii. Vending

Jill Scott (CH), Mike Egerton, Wanda McFarland, Trampas Stucker, *Heather Carrington*

Vendors may camp on site or get a motel room, but they can't sleep in their vending site. They do not have to remain on the grounds throughout the entire Fair.

Mike Egerton said that he realized too late that the deadline for the vendor apps is different than the camping app.

iv. Exhibitor

Tracey Reagles (CH), Trampas Stucker

They are working on this still. Tracey is new and still learning.

v. Livestock

Ali Thomas (CH), Wanda McFarland, Sam Buchert

Ali Thomas reported that they discussed the pig weigh in and that the WSDA does not recommend pig weigh ins because of PEDv. Wanda McFarland asked the Clerk to put it on the website so that people do not show up for swine weigh-ins. Also to attached the State form that was sent to the Fairgrounds.

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Ali Thomas explained that last year people had to fill in a form, but no one checked it for pigs. The Clerk asked about the pictures, but Ali Thomas said their team did not discuss it. Maurice Goodall said that the issue is they got the pig, took a picture of it and sent it in with their registration. That allowed the pig people to know how many pigs would come. It worked really well for the superintendents at the last Fair. The picture just verified that they brought the right pig to the Fair.

Jill Scott asked why the FFA person can't go tag the pigs. Someone said liability. Erin White said no one would want to go to 30 people's houses to tag pigs.

Pigs must be registered by June 1st using the same form that was used last year.

Kris Sims suggested that the website say: Due to WSDA requirements, swine weigh-ins will not be required.

The Heritage Award will not be done for Swine. The Clerk will have it taken out of the Premium Book before it goes to print.

Naomie Boesel said that she didn't want to micromanage anything, but if the Superintendents weren't doing their job fairly or well in terms of how awards were handed out by Superintendents, perhaps the Committee should become involved. Mike Egerton asked Tracey Reagles to reach out to the Superintendents to find out what their individual standards for judging were so that the Committee would have a better idea of what's going on. She will report to the Committee at the next meeting. Some members are concerned that some Superintendents play favorites and give better awards to favorites, not to the exhibitors who deserve them.

Sam Buchert suggested that all complaints be submitted to the Finance team.

vi. Parking

Kris Sims (CH), Jill Scott, Trampas Stucker, *Scott Reagles*

vii. Advertising

Kathleen Malthis (CH), Naomie Boesel, Jill Scott, Sam Buchert, Erin White

School board meetings – Mike Egerton spoke at the Oroville schools and has a POC for Kathleen. He said that the suggestion that kids do their projects for fair early went over well, but that the Fair needs to come up with an exhibit form.

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Shelby Hendershot suggested opening up online registration early for the students. The Clerk will look into it. The reason they want to draw in students' school projects is to showcase their talent in the fair.

Kathleen Maltais made a joke that students would not want to store their pet rabbits over the summer. She also suggested that the new Boys and Girls club in Brewster or a place in the Methow called the Cub Club might also buy in on the idea of saving exhibits from spring to enter into the fall fair.

Shirts – Naomie is concerned about having a book, poster and shirts with different pictures on them. Mike Egerton says he's sure that he can get one of the business owners who sells clothing to sell Fair shirts at their own cost and give the proceeds to the Fair. Kathleen Maltais said she would like someone else to assume the financial risk. Mike Egerton said the idea is to make a collectible shirt that people will want and wear to advertise the Fair. **Kris Sims made a motion to table the shirt talk until next year. Sam Buchert seconded it. All were in favor. Motion passed. The shirt idea is tabled until next fair.**

Kathleen Maltais started contacting many newspapers to drum up some publicity, starting with an article about Maurice Goodall and his contribution to the Fair. There was also an article about the Fair on the cover of the Sunday Chronicle. She also talked about having stories at least once a month, perhaps twice a month about the Fair. She believes they should be focusing on the weighing of the animals, especially pictures showing the children with their animals. She would also like an article about what one would need to become queen. She wants to highlight various parts of the Fair to encourage attendance and exhibitorship. She is also suggesting that people who have too many of any type of small animal, that they bring them in to donate to children as care projects.

viii. Rules

Wanda McFarland (CH), Ali Thomas, Kris Sims, *Lona Fritts*

The Committee read the new meeting date and time for the second time. At the next meeting, the policy will be officially changed.

ix. Admission

Trampas Stucker (CH), Mike Egerton, Kathleen Maltais

Search and Rescue will not be manning the gates this year. Mike Egerton has asked the Committee to keep in mind any group that may be willing to man the gates

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x. Entertainment

Naomie Boesel (CH), Jill Scott, Wanda McFarland, Erin White, Tracey Reagles, *Marnee Cleveland, Brock Hires, David Fletcher*

Ambulance – Mike Egerton is going to make some phone calls.

Chainsaw Guy – He's available, but costs \$3K. He supplies the logs, but we would keep whatever he makes. Naomie Boesel is looking for sponsors to try and hire him for the Fair. Erin White asked if he is also allowed to sell other things during Fair. Naomie Boesel said she didn't know. He is an exhibition only, not a vendor.

Tribal Fish Tank – they need a place that is cool and in shade. They can't do it this year, but they want to come do a demonstration about salmon and fishing to get the word out. They want to educate the community. They will come this year, but not bring the fish. The fish will come next year because the fish only do 5 gigs a year and they're already booked.

The Tribal Casino is only donating \$2k to the horse racing. Naomie is going to the Tribal Council to try to sell it.

Sam Buchert knows a professional artist. He asked if he did caricatures and he does.

Sam Buchert asked him if he'd be willing to do it for three hours. The artist said he'd do it for \$30-40 an hour for a few hours. Mike Egerton asked Sam Buchert to get that artist's contact information to Naomie Boesel to add him to the Fair.

A joke about a background check was made and a small discussion about how it would cost \$80 per person to do background checks on everyone.

xi. Executive

Mike Egerton (CH), Wanda McFarland (VC), Sam Buchert (T), Kathleen Maltais (S)

Old Business

Kris Sims introduced Shelby Hendershot as the Head and Horns Superintendent. That she will need many updates to her barn, Mike Egerton suggested that she hunt up plywood displays that can be borrowed for her barn. There are a few to contact. A discussion about where the money would come from was had by the Committee. The Clerk will check to see if the funds would come out of the Fair budget or the Fairgrounds budget.

Announcements

a. Next meeting: May 7, 2015; 6:00pm; Commissioners' Hearing Room

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b. Kathleen Maltais apologized to Naomie Boesel for saying she had never gotten Naomie's emails. She had gotten them but had missed them because of her poor eyesight. Naomie accepted Kathleen's apology.

Adjournment

Trampas Stucker moved to adjourn the meeting. Ali Thomas seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Adjournment at 8:05

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

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ATTEST:

Mike Egerton, Member

FAC Clerk, Kathleen Descoteaux

Wanda McFarland, Member