

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee
June 4, 2015

The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee met in regular session on June 4, 2015, with Chairman, Mike Egerton, Ali Thomas, Jill Scott, Wanda McFarland, Erin White, and Tracey Reagles present. Clerk Kathleen Descoteaux was also present.

Not present were Sam Buchert, Kris Sims, Kathleen Maltais and Trampas Stucker

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm.

Public Comment

Anyone wishing to comment needs to state their name and address for the record. They will be given up to 3 minutes to speak. Note: This is not a time for discussion. It is an opportunity for the Fair Advisory Committee to listen to the public's comments.

Approval of Agenda

- Market stock fund contract
- Nicole Unser and LFW Dance Troupe contract (doing one??) (same group, or separate?) (amount?)
- Rodeo contract (\$5000)
- Horse Races contract (\$5000)
- Truck & Tractor Pull contract (\$1000?)
- Low Rider Races contract (\$500?)
- Photographers?
- Videographers?
- Need a beef judge
- Need a poultry judge
- Need a sheep judge

Please add under Old Business:

Should a response be sent to the person who wrote the letter about weighing and tagging?

Home ec building

Emily Buzzard would like the student nurses come to take blood pressure checks.

Mike Egerton moved to approve the agenda. Wanda McFarland seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

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Tracey Reagles moved to approve the minutes. Jill Scott seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence

None.

New Business

How to allocate the donation - Home Ec Building (Jean Berney)

Lona Fritts commented that Jean donated the money in order to make a memorial to her mother. Wanda McFarland said the Home Ec superintendents need a stove that works, a fridge that works and a counter. Mike Egerton suggested the Home Ec sup't contact the donors and work together to figure out what should be done in the Home ec building. Lona Fritts suggested that might be the best tack to take. Mike Egerton asked the clerk to keep Mrs. Berney in the loop as to what is done using her money. Wanda McFarland asked the clerk how to get the new appliances for the Home Ec building. The clerk suggested that three or four examples of what she would like to purchase would need to be provided to the Commissioners in a meeting and get approval from the Commissioners to purchase. Erin White asked if the FAC knows a plumber who would buy sinks at cost.

Erin White asked the clerk to check to see if the FAC is tax exempt. (UPDATE: The FAC is not tax exempt.)

Subcommittee (Team) Reports

a. Queen

Lexi Howell – Katie Maclean is the new royalty advisor.

The Queen reported that she went to the Tonasket easter egg hunt, the Tonasket jr rodeo, Senior Project will be to paint the wall on the grandstand. She attended Tonasket founder's day. She went to Brewster elementary and talked to a class. She will be attending Okanogan days. She also distributed Fair books. (10 bundles)

b. Commissioners

Jim Detro, Ray Campbell, Sheilah Kennedy
The Commissioners did not attend.

c. Fairgrounds Operation

The clerk gave a Fairgrounds update.

d. 4-H

Ann Fagerlie

Ann Fagerlie did not attend.

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e. Team

i. Finance

Sam Buchert
Budget Report

ii. Camping

Jill Scott (CH), Kris Sims, Ali Thomas, Wanda McFarland
Are spaces assigned and contracts out? (apps due May 15)
Many have been and they are still working on it. They hope to get the contracts out after this weekend. The office sends out the contracts.

iii. Vending

Jill Scott (CH), Mike Egerton, Wanda McFarland, Trampas Stucker, *Heather Carrington*
How many applications received so far? (due June 15th) – 41

Real estate pricing – Mike submitted this information to the Fairgrounds Office. He explained the pricing methodology to the FAC in terms of price per square foot and taking all other factors into account. According to last year's numbers, the income generated from vendors should be up \$1000 from last Fair.

Spaces in the Agriplex need to be planned out and numbered –

iv. Exhibitor

Tracey Reagles (CH), Trampas Stucker
Home Ec building-
Emily Buzzard student nurses (WVC) would like to come take free blood pressure screening and ed.

v. Livestock

Ali Thomas (CH), Wanda McFarland, Sam Buchert
Livestock coordinator report – Ali talked to Eva Martin. She wants to bring in some alpacas. If we have to and we don't have room for them, they will be put in the Goat Barn because that is where they were put before. The little barn was suggested, but the hay and stuff is stored in there. Eva will be her own superintendent. She lives in Crumbacher.

Cora is going to be going to a wedding on Saturday of the Fair. She brings goats. She wants to show her goats Thursday and Friday. Karen Kochmeier said she would feed the goat after Cora leaves. And it won't be allowed to be auction and won't be able to do

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Round Robin. Jessica said they didn't have an issue with that as long as the FAC backed her up. Lona reminded the FAC that all exhibitors have to do Fitting and Showing. If she is allowed to Fit and Show before Saturday, there shouldn't be a problem.

It was suggested that another child clean the stall for the girl and not an adult. It says it isn't allowed somewhere in the premium book.

Erin White moved to allow Cora to show her animal Thursday and Friday, but leave on Saturday to attend her sister's wedding. She will not be allowed to do Round Robin and will not be allowed to auction the animal. Jill Scott seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mike asked clerk to create a document for the Goat barn confirming this motion in the event that angry parents complain.

Straw and shavings for the fair (market stock fund)? –

Stock fund contract – the Fairgrounds office will work with the FAC to create a contract for the Market Stock Sale. Tracey Reagles suggested that the woman in charge of the Fur and Feather auction has some special needs and should be consulted when the new contract is created.

vi. Parking

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

vii. Advertising

Kathleen Maltais (CH), Naomie Boesel, Jill Scott, Sam Buchert, Erin White
Advertising will start about now. NOW. All of the advertising for fair and exhibitors and all that stuff needs to start now.

Erin White moved to meet with Bill Black to discuss advertising. Ali Thomas seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Erin White moved to have the clerk meet with Mr. Black and disseminate the information to the FAC in an email quorum. Sam Buchert may attend. A motion about how to advertise will be made in email. Wanda seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

viii. Rules

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

Tickets for radio station – Mike Egerton said the radio station comes in and does live broadcasts through the Fair. He said the radio station doesn't want to purchase tickets to get in to provide that service. Wanda is going to call them. She said that they probably only want four tickets. The general consensus is that the tickets are worth the advertising. The clerk suggested creating press passes.

Jill Scott motioned developing press passes. Erin White seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Tagging/weighing 2nd reading - **Sam Buchert moved to eliminate mandatory weighing and tagging from the 2016 Fair; this is a rule change. Naomie seconded. Jill Scott and Kathleen Maltais opposed. Motion carried.***

***The motion isn't really carried because it has to be read three times and it will be voted on next meeting.**

Wanda moved to discuss the policy change. Erin White seconded.

Discussion: Erin White asked if they were the only Fair in the state that doesn't require weighing. Ali has been talking to other Fairs. They are not doing pig weigh ins but it's for a medical reason. Mike Egerton mentioned a time when horses couldn't be transported. Erin said it's about setting a standard (weighing). She said it might be a pain, but it's worth it. Ali said that getting the animals in during sports season is difficult. Jill said that's when you get the guys involved. Jill said they only had one or two steer had an attitude. Erin said our Fair does a lot of things that other Fairs don't do. She thinks that we are the only Fair that lets Jr open sell their animals. The stipulation is that everyone has to have their animals weighed and tagged. Jill Scott said that Jr Open is important because FFA and 4-H aren't available county-wide. Erin suggested that if you want to sell you animal, the stipulation is that you put the effort in to have the animal weighed and tagged. Mike Egerton said he believes the standard is important and Erin has a good point, but on the other hand, if there isn't enough manpower during the weigh ins, there will be a problem. Jill Scott said there was enough help. There is one other weigh in scheduled next Saturday and Jackie Pryor is the only person who might be able to make it. Mike says he thinks they should keep the weighing and tagging even though the whole event is a pain. If we are going to do this, we need to enforce the rules. If a tag comes out of an ear, what do we do about it? If we are going to do this, he would like to have them have a separate category (like the Heritage Award).

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Jill Scot would like to have a maximum weight for steer. We are getting a huge difference of age, weigh in. Some have already maxed out at 1300 pounds in April.

Mike returned to weighing and tagging. The opposition says it's a pain. The other side says let's keep it and have standards. He said he doesn't think it's that big of a deal to have them tagged AND weighed because they are already on the grounds.

Erin said that if we keep it, we have to strictly enforce it because it's not fair to have people showing up and selling at the last minute and haven't followed the same rules as everyone else.

ix. Admission

Trampas Stucker (CH), Mike Egerton, Kathleen Maltais

x. Entertainment

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

All of the entertainment items added by the clerk are going to be fielded between the Fairgrounds office and the Entertainment committee. Nicole Unser and LFW are separate contracts.

Erin White brought up the issue that the races and rodeo are paid the same when the rodeo works harder, sets up more and brings in their animals and should be paid more. The issue will be revisited during the budget meeting in the fall.

xi. Executive

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

Old Business

Should a response be sent to the person who wrote the letter about weighing and tagging? –

Announcements

Next meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2015? Holiday weekend.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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

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ATTEST:

Mike Egerton, Member

FAC Clerk, Kathleen Descoteaux

Wanda McFarland, Member