

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**  
**Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee**  
**July 9, 2015**

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The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee met in regular session on July 9, 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

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting began at 6:08.

**2. 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.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Shelby Hendershot wants to add a comment about Head and Horns to the budget.

Sam moved to approve the agenda. Tracey seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- a. The clerk did not bring minutes to approve.

**5. Correspondence**

- a. There was no correspondence.

The letter to the school is the same as last year's. A letter to senior centers and nursing homes was read and the FAC was pleased to have it.

**6. New Business**

- a. Letters to the schools and senior centers

**7. Reports**

- a. Queen (do we have a royalty advisor)  
The queen was not present and did not email a report.

- b. Commissioners

- c. Fair Grounds Operation

Volunteer rules were discussed. The plan to install the correct handicapped parking was discussed. The tree removal operation was discussed.

The Fair is usually in charge of getting the outhouses, but this year they don't have a budget line for the expense. The fairgrounds need to secure a contract for that. Also, the septic tanks need to be emptied before and during fair.

The list of things to get done before Fair was gone over. Each item was gone over to determine what's already been done.

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Trampas said he would contact area businesses to loan tractors for the Fair.

Shag also said he would help procure a tractor.

d. Team

- i. Executive  
None

- ii. Finance

- 1. Budget Report-Sam

Advertising is within budget.

Entertainment is within budget.

- iii. Rules

- 1. Tagging/weighing 3<sup>rd</sup> reading/vote

The third reading of the weighing and tagging rule change was had. Discussion commenced.

Jill Scott is for weighing and tagging. Ila asked to be educated about weighing and tagging and why it was important.

Tracey said she was for getting rid of weighing and tagging but she came to understand that there are many kids who are not in a club and there is nothing to make them do more than just buy the animal and sell it. She changed her opinion after learning about all of the kids who do not belong to a club and enter exhibits as junior open.

Erin said that it sets a standard. As a person who comes to Fair and buys an animal, it's nice to know there were things that had to be done. It's a rule and it's setting a standard. She compared it to sports in which children have to follow rules in order to compete. She thinks it's okay to set standards.

Ali asked how it helps a kid if the grandparents bring the animal to be weighed. Jill Scott and Erin White said it is a family event that is good for the whole family.

Trampas mentioned that the pigs are not weighed and tagged because of a disease. Jill and Wanda said they would be back in as soon as the danger is passed. Trampas also said that it's very hard for some families.

It was much easier to do weighing and tagging when it could be done remotely.

Sam said he doesn't know anyone who likes weighing and tagging and if it's a hassle they should get rid of it.

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Kris Sims said they have the Heritage Award. When we brought in weighing and tagging, the FAC was able to go out to weigh remotely. He thinks everyone should acknowledge that it has become a huge hassle because the Commissioners have disallowed the privilege. He has suggested that they examine a different program.

Jill said the hassle is loading the animal, not the driving. And the animals have to be loaded in any event.

How do you set standards and make sure they are met by the people, Erin asked.

Kris said that was something to be examined.

A side-discussion was had about when you should follow the rule and when it's appropriate to disallow them. The FAC should operate as a whole, Mike said, so when it comes to a big issue, the whole group has to vote.

Tracey mentioned that there hadn't been enough communication between the members when the vote had been discussed.

Trampas suggested that the FAC table the rule vote until after the Fair so that the FAC can research other fairs and what they do.

Erin suggested that those members who are against weighing and tagging develop another way to set standards for those who are bringing animals.

Kris motioned to table. Jill seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

iv. Livestock

1. Livestock Coordinator report
2. Straw and shavings for the fair
3. Beef gate

The beef superintendents say that they need new beef gates. The blue gate and the green gate that meet? No, the gate at the north end. The clerk was asked to make sure maintenance fixed the gate. The clerk reminded the FAC to call her and remind her about all the jobs that need to get done.

Straw is completely covered by Monte at livestock market fund. Shavings are being covered between Maurice and Mike.

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Ali has contacted many vets. She has the vets covered for the Fair.

v. Vending

Vending is going well. Mike discussed a couple of new vendors who signed on. He said that they are at 90-95% covered for fair. Vending is sitting very, very well.

Kathleen M. discussed that some vendors who are charities are not coming because of the cost.

vi. Entertainment

1. contracts
2. stage cover

The FAC wants access to the emergency sound system to make announcements during the Fair. The clerk will try to get the code and get trained in order to help them.

Erin wants to do a movie and dancing horses. She wondered if she needed permission from the FAC. They told her that if it's within her budget, she could do whatever.

She wanted a horse drawn carriage. Mike suggested that they try to have it and give the matter over to the Commissioner. The clerk told them he would be considered high risk and would need a larger insurance policy. Donor money to cover the price of the insurance was discussed because the wagon guy will work for free.

Erin has a long list of things Naomie said she needed to do. The clerk told her to give it to the clerk to work on. The clerk also told the FAC that there are only two maintenance guys who will not be able to cover every possible avenue during fair.

The queen will decorate the stage.

How the acts will be paid was discussed. Mike said he would give checks out to the acts that finish after the office closes.

vii. Camping

Camping is going great.

viii. Advertising

Ila Hall – Advertising Update  
Schedule  
Vote

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The split between publicity and advertising was discussed. Mike appointed Ila to do advertising and Kathleen to publicity. Kathleen will handle all of the publicity and some of the advertising. Ila will do most of the advertising.

Kathleen M. discussed her ideas about publicity and advertising. Ila interrupted Kathleen and said she was insulted by Kathleen insinuating that no one else knows how to do that job when in reality Ila has a masters in marketing. Wanda wanted to smooth the waters. Kathleen said that she would withdraw from advertising and that she hadn't insulted anyone and her husband would not work for any other jobs for the Fair. Mike interrupted to say they are both good at their jobs and the FAC needs both of them and doesn't want Kathleen's husband to not work. Mike said that he made the decision to put them together because he needed them to do what they were best at to make sure everyone knows where and when this fair is going to be.

Kathleen said she would not accept being verbally abused and that Ila owed her an apology. Ila apologized to Kathleen for raising her voice and Kathleen accepted.

Ila has called 16 radio stations and several other outlets to make sure that the news gets out. She asked for a volunteer to pick up the posters from Inprint printing. Several options were discussed. The clerk asked that whomever is picking up the posters call the office so they can alert Inprint about who is coming in.

- ix. Exhibitor
  - 1 logging/mining
  - 2. Head and Horns
  - 3. Home ec building

**Logging and Mining**

Getting a truck for logging parked at the Fair. Trampas said that he would contact people. Make told Tracey that the Fair needs a huge educational display to satisfy the AG points.

**Head & Horns**

Shelby said she has an empty building. She was concerned about a fire exit. There will be one. She will make the signs herself. Tables – she will need some of the tables out of the Agriplex. Mike said he would help her and how many would she need. Also, she needs to turn in how much plywood she will need. Storage for the mounting boards was discussed. She also needs to put some type of barrier to keep small children away from the mounted exhibits. She discussed the type of materials she will need for that. A price was discussed and the clerk may have to discuss it with the Commissioners. She also discussed a possible touchable display for the kids. The FAC liked that idea. She doesn't think she will have any workshop type things.

**8. Old Business**

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**9. Announcements**

- a. Next Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2015.
- b. Other pre- Fair meeting dates are: Aug 6 and Aug 20

**10. Adjournment at 8:55**

**Dated** at Okanogan, Washington this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.

**Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee**  
**OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**

**ATTEST:**

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Mike Egerton, Member

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FAC Clerk, Kathleen Descoteaux

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Wanda McFarland, Member