

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee
August 06, 2015

The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee met in regular session on August 6, 2015, with Chairman, Mike Egerton, Sam Buchert, Kris Sims, Kathleen Maltais Trampas Stucker, Jill Scott, Wanda McFarland, and Tracey Reagles present. Clerk Kathleen Descoteaux was also present.

Not present were Ali Thomas, Jill Scott, and Erin White.

Call to Order

Meeting began at 6:08.

Chairperson Mike Egerton statement: He wants to keep things laid back, but there has to be a certain amount of decorum. He takes responsibility for the disorder, but everyone has to take their turn speaking. Don't talk over each other and keep it as civil as possible. He doesn't want things to deteriorate. He really enjoys the people on the FAC and this is a big job so he doesn't want anyone to leave.

1. 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.

2. Approval of Agenda

Additions to the Agenda:

- a. August 23 work party discussion – Fairground Operation
- b. Gate Times

Trampas moved to accept the agenda as amended. Wanda seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 4. Trampas moved to accept the minutes from June and July. Wanda seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

5. Correspondence

- a. There was no correspondence.

The clerk gave the FAC members a copy of the WSFA newsletter, which contains the registration form for their convention. Mike Egerton gave an overview of the convention, as he attended the year before.

6. New Business

- a. No new business

7. Reports

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a. Queen

The queen went to the Pateros Apple Jamboree Parade. She missed the Chesaw rodeo. She had a nice photo shoot. Working on figuring out repainting the fairgrounds wall in front of the grandstands. Plans to have that work done by Aug 31. She also has been keeping books and posters stocked in the local businesses around her home. Ila told the queen that the Gazette wants to do an article about the queen.

Barn superintendents should let the queen know if they want her help with anything during the Fair.

Mike Egerton asked the queen and her mom how the process of being elected queen goes. They are judged and earn points.

There is a young lady who wants to run for queen but missed the date to be old enough by 10 days.

Trampas made a motion to not allow contestants who miss the deadline to run early. Ila seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

b. Commissioners

No Commissioners attended.

c. Fair Grounds Operation

August 23 work party discussion – Fairground Operation

Gate Times – Fairground Operation

New role for Kathleen Descoteaux

Budget discussion, quick note

Commissioners' appreciation

Order more premium books?

-Trampas has a report. Roger Sawyer is going to pave with rocks the south access road. All supplies and labor are being donated. All he would like in return is 12 season passes for his people to the Fair. The FAC and clerk believe those can be given in lieu of payment. Trampas will get the names of the people who will be receiving the name tags. Or the passes will be

Trampas Stucker moved to give 12 season passes to Roger Sawyer in lieu of payment for donating the improved road. Kris Sims seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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Some discussion was had about the road that's being improved and why it will be that road.

-Some Search and Rescue discussion was had in terms of camping places. The clerk told the FAC that she would mail the contract to them so they would have a clearer picture of the responsibilities of the gate people.

-The clerk asked if more premium books needed to be ordered. The clerk will call and find out how much it would cost to reorder. The FAC thinks they should.

-Aug 23 work party. Trampas has been to the grounds twice. He has found that many of the areas are in really bad shape. He is going to replace a metal pipe on the rail. There are many repairs that have to be made. The clerk said she would include any plan turned in by Trampas in these minutes. The work party is scheduled to start at 8:00am. Various improvements that have been made were discussed.

d. Team

i. Executive
None

ii. Finance
1. Budgets were discussed. Many supplies have been donated or sold at cost to improve the grounds.

iii. Rules
1.

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

Wanda wants to decorate with the old straw. The shavings are ordered and the straw is taken care of. Trampas would like to line the beef barn with the straw for people to sit on. The old straw will be moved into the beef barn from the small beef barn to make room for the new straw and to make the old straw available to Wanda and Trampas.

A contract is not going to be written for the market stock sale this year. After the Fair, the FAC will make contact with them and work out the details of how the contract should be written.

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v. Vending

Everything is set with Vending.

-Kris Sims asked if the PUD is going to be involved this year at the Fair.

vi. Entertainment

1. contracts
2. stage cover

Lowriders would like to do their races somewhere else. Wanda will call her tomorrow.

Erin asked about longhorns but they don't exist, according to Tracey. The caricature artist Sam thought of earlier this year won't be coming.

Trampas moved to make Ila responsible for the daily schedules for the Fair to give to the papers. Wanda seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Kris Sims moved to accept an addendum donation from Friends of the Fair to fund the Lowrider races. Wanda seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Erin expressed concern that there are major gaps in the entertainment schedule. Trampas is going to call the Company Band and another band to see if they will donate a performance.

Kathleen Maltais has been doing some work with the Fort Okanogan museum. She mentioned a blacksmith. She thinks the person who runs the museum really wants to help the Fair out in return for primo parking during the Fair. She spoke at length about various interesting possible opportunities and will elaborate with Erin later.

The entire FAC will be working to fill empty time slots in the entertainment schedule.

vii. Camping

viii. Advertising

Ila gave an update for advertising. Most of the advertising is going to hit hard after the Stampede, so as not to compete.

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ix. Parking
Kris is doing his preliminary run to the Fairgrounds in preparation.

- x. Exhibitor
- 1 logging/mining
 - 2. Head and Horns
 - 3. Home ec building – Update

Trampas contacted Roger Sawyer. He is going to get rocks down to the Fairgrounds for that southern egress road.

8. Old Business

Handicapped parking – the Fairgrounds office has arranged to put in new handicapped parking along the east side of the Agriplex.

9. Announcements

- a. Next meeting is August 20, 2015.

10. Adjournment at 8:05pm.

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

Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee
OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Mike Egerton, Member

FAC Clerk, Kathleen Descoteaux

Wanda McFarland, Member