

# OKANOGAN COUNTY FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**12-01-15**

The Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee met in regular session on December 1, 2015, with Commissioner Ray Campbell, Kris Sims, Kathleen Maltais Trampas Stucker, Jill Scott, Wanda McFarland, Erin White, and Tracey Reagles present. Clerk Kathleen Descoteaux was also present.

Not present were: Mike Egerton, Kathleen Maltais, Trampas Stucker and Ila Hall

Ali Thomas resigned from the Fair Advisory Committee between the last meeting and this meeting.

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA
2. OPEN MEETING- Called to order at 6:03
3. MINUTES- No minutes at this time.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT (30 MINUTES MAXIMUM 3 MINUTES PER PERSON)-No public comments
5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. QUEEN
  - b. COMMISSIONERS – No report, although Commissioner Campbell did attend and contribute to discussion.
  - c. 4-H
  - d. FAIR GROUND OPERATIONS REPORT
  - e. STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES
    - i. FINANCE- Sam Buchert went over the final revised budget. Some drawbacks were detailed, given the time restraints of submitting a budget to the Commissioners before the end of the year.

One added budget line item added was for staff to work the grounds and drive the tractors solely to work the Fair. Commissioner Campbell mentioned that a county worker or FAC member would have to be the ones driving county machinery.

The FAC discussed extra bleachers for the north end.

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Tracey Reagles talked about an event called Mounted Shooting, which is horseback shooting.

Jill Scott asked Commissioner Campbell how much the Methow Rodeo made. He said that they have a contract for something like 60% on gate for salary, not stock, and the rest of the money was in donations.

Ila Hall said that their entertainment should target some other population than the white community. Ray Campbell suggested the Hispanic community and the FAC agreed. The Fair had the dancing horses last year, but it was a short show and they need a longer show(s).

The discussion was routed back to Finance and the Entertainment discussion will resume in Entertainment.

Sam Buchert asked why the Fair has to pay the Trustees and why it isn't provided by Facilities. It was explained that they are working to get the show running and to keep it running.

Sam Buchert will call Kathleen Descoteaux to schedule a meeting with the Commissioners to present the budget proposal.

- ii. CAMPING – Nothing, although Sam Buchert complimented the camping committee on the South Out area.

Some discussion was had about following the rules and that FAC should perhaps get extra privileges that other people don't get because they work hard and should get better things.

Dogs are not allowed, so if anyone smuggles a dog onto the Fairgrounds, they should be told they have to camp in the bad spot next year.

Commissioner Campbell said that if the contract says that dogs are not allowed and someone breaks the contract, the person who broke the contract is liable, not the Fairgrounds.

- iii. VENDING – Nothing
- iv. SUPERINTENDENT COORDINATOR – The Agriplex was not full.
- v. LIVESTOCK – Erin White nominated Jill Scott as the Livestock Coordinator. Jill Scott suggested that Monte Andrews be the person

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who do the Livestock Coordinator job.

- vi. PARKING – Not much to report. Paid parking and golf cart rides for the elderly were brought up. Kris Sims wondered where the golf carts would come from and who would drive them. Where is the liability? Ila Hall suggested that the golf course may provide them for advertising. Kris said you have to get carts, man the carts. Sam Buchert asked why businesses couldn't donate carts and drivers.

Everyone likes the idea, but it's a hard thing to figure out.

- vii. ADVERTISING – Ila Hall said that \$7k was limiting. You don't get much for that and they were given half-price on everything. Their posters didn't pop out. She said they need to double the amount of radio ads. The budget proposal is for \$12k for 2016.

Ila wishes to spend less on posters and more on pocket brochures. Commissioner Campbell said the posters and brochures need to be all over the state.

Erin White said they should hire a PR person because that person could solicit funds. Bill Black was reconsidered and the FAC may ask him back to promote himself during the January meeting.

- viii. RULES – Nothing.

- ix. ADMISSION – Nothing.

- x. ENTERTAINMENT – Erin White asked if the FAC needed to vote on calling the beer garden guy. There's a guy who will tour your facility and determine the best spot for a beer garden. He's from Oregon. He would talk to the FAC and then pitch the beer garden to the Commissioners. Commissioner Campbell said the Commissioners would have questions and the Risk Manager would also have to participate in the pitch.

Kris Sims said that Mike Egerton's idea about the beer garden was to use the Annex for the "bar" and the exterior area next to the stage as seating.

Commissioner Campbell said that when he was raising his family, he didn't take them somewhere where he could go have a beer and the kids wait outside. He said he always kept his kids separate from the activity of drinking.

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Kris Sims said that it would be nice if the beer garden guy could promote local breweries and wine cellars. He would like to support the local businesses.

Erin White said that Okanogan County Fair was the only fair in WA that didn't have a beer garden. Commissioner Campbell said Okanogan County stands out for lots of reasons!

xi. EXECUTIVE - Nothing

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

Jill Scott asked Commissioner Campbell if the County Commissioners gave the Cattlemen a set fee and that they don't have to pay the same as everyone else. The Cattlemen donate all of their money to the Cattlemen. It isn't that they shouldn't get a break, but that all of the non-profits should have the same break. Commissioner Campbell said he would look into it and that they made a good point.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

## 8. ELECTIONS –

Nominations:

- a. Chair – Erin nominated Tracey Reagles. Kris Sims nominated Mike Egerton
- b. Vice-Chair – Kris nominated Wanda McFarland. Tracey Reagles nominated Erin White
- c. Secretary – Ila Hall was nominated
- d. Treasurer – Sam Buchert was nominated.

Elections:

- a. Chair – Tracey Reagles: 5 votes for Tracey. 1 vote for Mike.
- b. Vice-Chair – Erin White: 5 votes for Erin White.
- c. Secretary – Ila Hall: 5 votes for Ila Hall
- d. Treasurer – Sam Buchert: 6 votes for Sam Buchert

## e. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. NEXT MEETING JANUARY 07, 2016 6:00 PM COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM
- b. Commissioner Campbell reminded the FAC that the Fair has to support itself and that the FAC needs to keep that in mind.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52

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**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