

# Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2016

FAC members present: Wanda McFarland, Tracey Reagles, Mike Egerton, Trampas Stucker, Sam Buchert and Erin White.

FAC members present by phone:

FAC members excused absence: Kris Sims

FAC members absent and unexcused: Kathleen Maltais (Chair was not advised of absence for this meeting but is aware of an upcoming surgery and health issues)

Subcommittee members present: Monte Andrews, and Carol Sivak

Commissioners present:

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Wanda moved to accept the agenda, Sam seconded the motion and there were no opposed.

**MEETING OPENING:** Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm

**MINUTES:** Mike moved to accept the January 7, 2016 minutes, Trampas seconded the motion and there were no opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**QUEEN'S REPORT:** Tracey spoke with Queen Brisa's mother at length and shared with the FAC that Brisa is at college and is also working. Her involvement with fair related activities will be limited until school is out. Tracey let her know that Okanogan County Fair was invited to participate in Founders Day in Cashmere should she desire to go to that parade.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

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**FAIRGROUND OPERATIONS REPORT:** Tracey met with Kathleen Descoteaux and it appears a Fairgrounds Manager will be hired soon.

Regarding livestock judge contracts; The FAC will be sending these and they will be returned to the County. **All** other contracts will be handled by the County.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **FINANCE:**

Expense report: Sam reports that there has been no money spent to date.

Budget review: Tracey met with Kathleen and reviewed the budget. Tracey shared the information she gathered and will change the numbers on our budget to reflect what we have in each category. (attached) Some issues of special note are; according to state guidelines we only need to calibrate the scales once every 2 years, wondering if the county pays for the trustees, and the gate staff.

##### **CAMPING:**

New subcommittee member: Chrissy Talavera (509)449-8764

Sam asked if we could extend the fencing to encompass the south out area. The consensus was that we have been told that when desiring to improve the fairgrounds we need to get all the information and submit it to the commissioners. Sam will get the specifics and estimates for this project. Sam also asked if we couldn't make an area in the southwest corner for oversize RVs. The problem is that people are not truthful on their camping applications. Tracey suggested that we put a separate flyer with the applications that indicates that if someone shows up with a trailer other than what they have indicated on their application, they will be made to park in a different area. It may make for angry campers this first year but campers would have more incentive to be honest in the future. The camping committee needs to meet as the applications should go out very soon.

**VENDING:** Mike has the 2015 contracts that he will go through and get 2016 contracts ready including extras for the north end. (We will have more food vendors and tables and tents set up on the north side of the grandstands).

There was some discussion about the difference between a display like the PUD, and a vendor. Tracey would like to have the WASDOT have a display. And have multiple educational displays. One of the ideas is an apple cider press and let visitors have small samples. Mike will check with the health department to see if we can do this. Tracey expressed her desire to flood the fair with as much agricultural education as possible. We talked about having a farmer's market on one or two days of the fair. Maybe Gamble Sands would do a display and a putting green. Tracey would like to see milking demonstrations and perhaps cheese or soap making demonstrations as well.

Carroll Unruh will meet with the Commissioners on February 23rd at 2 pm to discuss the possibility of providing alcohol at the fair.

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#### **SUPERINTENDANT COORDINATOR:**

Tracey sent an email to all the superintendents asking them to email any changes, additions or corrections in the premium book to Erin. She has also been visiting with the superintendents individually, talking about increasing the educational quality of the fair. Tracey is trying to get the superintendents to think ahead about some of the things they can do within their own barns that is new and ties into the "From Farm to Fork" educational theme.

Last year, the race horses used 10 of the stalls in the horse barn. There will be some discussion about using the horse barn in this way again. The horse barns have not been close to full in the past and it would be nice to utilize our facilities, however, we must evaluate the safety before making any decisions about the use of the barns.

Mike said that there will be another dinner for the superintendents on Wednesday evening of fair again this year.

## **LIVESTOCK:**

Monte Andrews brought a livestock judge contract. (attached) The FAC reviewed it, Trampas moved to accept and use the contract Monte provided. Erin seconded the motion and there were no opposed.

Erin moved to kill the motion originally made on May 21, 2015 concerning the weighing and tagging of market animals. Mike seconded the motion and there were no opposed.

Trampas moved to make the following rule change and this is the first reading.

All market animal exhibitors (except swine) must pick up ear tags at the fair office and submit a picture of the tagged animals for preregistration. Steers-120 days before fair, lambs-90 days before fair, and goats-60 days before fair. Swine exhibitors must submit a photo 90 days before fair and animal will be tagged at weigh in. Each exhibitor may tag 2 animals for fair, siblings may share one tagged animal as their second animal.

## **PARKING:**

## **ADVERTISING:**

Mike feels like he can do the advertising job without the help of Bill Black. Tracey suggested that we make use of social media, and do some unusual things in local parades; like a stilt walker with a sign!

## **RULES:**

Erin has heard from two superintendents about changes for the premium book.

Premium Book:

Monte suggested the rule change that was listed above in reference to weighing and tagging market animals.

Monte is wondering about the Heritage Award as there is no county agent and Ann Fagerlie may not have the time to handle this award. Monte will check with Ann.

Mike moved to make a change to the premium book on page 7 pertaining to the use of alcohol or drugs on fairgrounds.

- a. Public consumption of alcohol on fair property is prohibited except in designated areas.
- b. Public consumption of any drug is not permitted on any fair property.

Erin will compile all changes, corrections and additions to the premium book and bring them to the next FAC meeting for our review. We must give our final changes to the Chronicle by March 29, 2016 and we will get a draft back from them by April 14, 2016 for our final review.

#### **ADMISSION:**

This is the second reading of the change in admission price for the 2016 fair. A season pass, \$10 for a day pass, family pass \$30 (2 adults and 3 kids), senior pass and active military \$8 a day or \$20 for season pass (senior rate available every day, 60 years of age) Jill seconded the motion and there were no opposed. This is the first reading of this change.

We need to speak with the gate keepers about having the south end gate sell tickets. There were multiple problems last year with this gate not selling tickets.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT:**

Erin reports that on Thursday night we will have the Fun Flix, Friday night we are hoping to have trick riders and mini bronc riding. Saturday night will be a bull and barrel event. There was discussion about which stock contractor would provide the bulls for the event. Trampas asked who would be in charge of taking care of the rodeo arena. Mike said that we need to get information on a new sound system for the north end and present it to the Commissioners. Mike is going to

talk to someone from the Tonasket school, who knows a bit about a good sound system. There will not be entertainers on the stage all day as in the past, rather keep the entertainers for times when there are not classes or events that would distract. There will be music (Pandora) being played in the background. We need a stage manager. It was suggested that one of the guys from the Company Band would be a good stage manager. Erin will speak with him and Teresa Good.

**EXECUTIVE:**

Tracey informed the group that Monte Andrews appointment by the Commissioners was delayed due to clerical errors in the office, but his interview will be held soon.

Tracey revised the Policies and Procedures manual, shared the changes with the FAC and got the signatures of those present.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Crab feed canceled

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3rd, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioner's Hearing room.

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