

# Okanogan County Fair Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2016

FAC members present: Wanda McFarland, Tracey Reagles, Kris Sims, Kathleen Maltais, Jill Scott, Monte Andrews and Erin White.

FAC members present by phone:

FAC members excused absence: Mike Egerton, Sam Buchert

FAC members absent and unexcused: Trampas Stucker

Subcommittee members present: Carol Sivak

## **Commissioners present:**

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

**MEETING OPENING:** Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm

**MINUTES:** Erin moved to accept the February 4, 2016 minutes, Jill seconded the motion and there were no opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Kathleen Maltais would like us to send a sympathy card to Ben Akins, his father passed away. Wanda will try to get an address and get it in the mail.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **QUEEN'S REPORT:**

#### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

#### **4-H:**

#### **FAIRGROUND OPERATIONS REPORT:**

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** We have some questions about the trustees. How long do we have them? Days? Hours? Why do we pay for them? If we are paying for them can't we choose a group to do the work? We would like all of the garbage/waste emptied earlier in the day, perhaps around 6 or 7 am.

### **CAMPING:**

The camping committee will work on the application and put extra notice as to the necessity of honesty in RV size.

Sam not present to update fencing proposal.

**VENDING:** Carroll Unrah presented his beer garden vending service to the commissioners. Tracey and Erin were in attendance. Tracey and Erin believe Mr. Unrah to be a very legitimate representative to work with. There was discussion, and we need to have a vote by the FAC to determine if we want to continue to pursue a beer garden. Each of us, needs to talk to people out in the community and get a feel for how a beer garden would be received and report back at the next meeting.

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### **SUPERINTENDANT COORDINATOR:**

Tracey wondered what we have in our premium book to prevent a marijuana dealer from coming to the fair as a vendor. We will table this until Mike is present.

There was discussion about having a carcass trailer on display in the market animal area. If not a carcass trailer, maybe a large cooler with cuts of meat on display as education for our "from farm to fork theme". Monte will check into some options for us.

## **LIVESTOCK:**

This is the second reading of the rule change concerning weighing and tagging of market animals.

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.

Monte will talk to Kathleen Descoteaux about purchasing ear tags and they will be available for pick up at Ag Tech.

## **PARKING:**

## **ADVERTISING:**

**Publicity:** Kathleen Maltais has an idea to start newspaper articles promoting the idea of beginning now to prepare for the fair in the fall.

## **RULES:**

Changes for the premium book need to be submitted by March 29, 2016. We should have it back for proofing by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Carol Sivak will write a notice about horse games for kids to be added to the premium book.

Mike moved to make a change to the premium book on page 7 pertaining to the use of alcohol or drugs on fairgrounds at the February meeting. This is the second reading.

- 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 asked if we could bump the livestock market sale up one hour to two o'clock on Saturday. Monte explained that there is simply not enough time to move the bleachers and arena around any sooner than it is.

**ADMISSION:**

This is the third 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).

Kris moved to accept the rule change in the admission price for the 2016 fair, Jill seconded the motion and there were no opposed.

**ENTERTAINMENT:**

We need to acquire ambulance service for Friday and Saturday evening in the rodeo area.

**EXECUTIVE:**

Monte Andrews is now officially on the Fair Advisory Committee with full voting privileges.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7th, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioner's Hearing room.

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