



Board of Directors
92937 Walluski Loop
Astoria, OR 97103

Board Meeting Minutes

December 3rd, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Autio, Chair
Kallie Linder, Vice Chair
Jack Ficken
Brittany Israel
Jack Edwards

In attendance:

John Lewis, Fair & Expo General Manager
Colleen Larson, Fair & Expo Administrative Coordinator
Mark Kujala, County Commissioner

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair, Mike Autio

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Consideration of Agenda & August Meeting Minutes

Jack Ficken made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Brittany Israel, second. Motion passed.

Old Business

Report from John Lewis, Fair General Manager.

Exhaust Fans

Fans in the indoor arena has been flipped to direct air out of the arena, as well as serviced and inspected. They were previously blowing at 40% power and with the blade backwards. John now has a manual for the fans and knows how to properly adjust the fan speed. Will be easier to keep the Arena area the same temperature as outside during fair and keep good airflow. Also will help for motor sport events on keeping the exhaust fumes out.

Farm House

Communications have been made with the County Attorney, and the County is not willing to produce an MOU for the Lower Columbia Preservation Society. The Fair Board was also in agreeance that they did not want to spend any more money on the House, as they have spent money in the past to preserve it, rid it of any harmful materials, put a new roof on, etc. The LCPS Has not responded with any sort of agreement proposal or response to John's email. Fair Board discussed the Learn and Burn idea again, with how much work the State Fire Marshall puts into making classes and providing a good learning

environment to teach future fire investigators and firefighters. Fair Board Agreed to Proceed with the Learn and Burn with the State.

New Business

Report from John Lewis, Fair General Manager.

Transient Problems

John advised the Fair Board of the recent transient issues. He noted that winter time is when he generally sees a spike in activity and it is apparent that the Fairgrounds has a few people on the property that are causing some issues. Internet cables have been cut, horse barn stalls have been used as temporary homes, ticket booth was broken into, hoses and water lines have been used, items stolen off front porch, urinating on property, etc. On Dec 3rd new cameras were installed on the Office and more are to be installed on the grounds in areas where they weren't before. The Sheriff's office now has a key and is patrolling at night and other security precautions have now been taken. The Board discussed the possibility of fencing off the entire Fairgrounds, for transient issue and livestock issue resolutions.

Arena Cross and Jordan World Circus

John advised on the upcoming Arena Cross scheduled for Feb 1st, 2020. As well as the Circus coming March 26th, 2020. The Fair board noted that the circus would only bring attractions that follow the County's guidelines on control devices.

Future Events

John discussed the future events that the Fair Board may be interested in doing that they would possibly have to include in the '20-'21 budget, due to the fact that the events like Bucs and Broncs are a purchase and sell tickets type event.

Financial Statement

Board Reviewed the 19-20 to date Financial Statement. No comments or discussion made.

Open Discussion for Fair Board

The Fair Board touched lightly on the subject of how and when to go about getting onto the Ballot for Levy renewal for 2021.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Next Meeting Date

TBD - 5:30 pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall.