



Board of Directors
92937 Walluski Loop
Astoria, OR 97103

Board Meeting Minutes

March 5th, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

In attendance:

John Lewis, Fair & Expo General Manager
Barry James
Katrina Gasser
Bonnie Seal
Sue Hansell

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

Barry James- Open ride- She wanted to be the voice of the horse people and say how grateful they all are to have the opportunity to have use of the facility and would like to attend more

Consideration of Agenda & November Meeting Minutes

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

Old Business

Report from John Lewis, Fair & Expo General Manager.

Mike Autio Recognize Bonnie Seal – ‘We want to honor Bonnie Seal as open class coordinator for over 15 years.’ Also, the Fair board wanted to Introduce Katrina as the new open class coordinator. Katrina went over the new procedures she is going to put in place to make open class more efficient.

New Business

Report from John Lewis, Fair General Manager.

Roof repair- should start this week. Arena is closed this week. Big River will be here at 8am to bring in dirt and pack it. The drips are being marked to allow the repair work to be completed in a more efficient manner.

Farm House- There was a discussion in the budget workshop to be demoed. There needs to be a vote in order to take it to the county along with the cost of repairs, moving the building, demo, learns to burn.

It would be a tremendous amount of money to have the house moved. Mike Autio is asking what kind of motion is required. Basically a motion to get rid of the Farm house either by selling or a learn to burn.. Open discussion. In the past there have been ideas on remodeling the house, hitting road blocks every time on getting bids or any feedback. Jack Edwards confirmed the three most realistic options: 1) Learn to Burn, 2) Sell it or 3) demo. There are records to show that the Fair Grounds has already paid for the asbestos removal, which will make it easier to dispose of the Farm House. Mike Auto Approved the motion. Edwards second the Motion. All Fair board members agree to get the Farm house disposed of.

Capitol Project: The building that we are looking at is 120' x 220'; the current building now is 159' x 248'. Edwards wanted clarification on where the stalls would be located inside or outside of the new building. Approximately 60 stalls required. If we are building a new multi-use facility, do we want it smaller than the current facility? Fair board confirmed no. If the new building is going to be bigger, the fire hydrant would have to be moved.

Friends of the Fair- John was addressing that there are issues that have been addressed and are still incurring. There has been discussions regarding the trailer parking, the droppings are not picked up. These issues are impacting other events going on at the same time or even showing the facility to upcoming events and having droppings all over the property. Autio suggested having a group meeting regarding clarification and expectations while the Friends of Fair events are going on to ensure things run smoothly and the communication is transparent. The Fairgrounds is losing money having to clean up and maintain the Arena and grounds after each event

Financial Statements:

Jack Ficken was asking if the Budget was submitted and confirmed. John Lewis stated that there are going to be three meetings set for confirming the budget. John will be in attendance to all of these meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Next Meeting Date

April 2nd, 2019 - 5:30 pm.