

## Minutes of the Columbia County Fair Board

September 11, 2017

Called to order by Chairman Butch Guess at 5:57 p.m.

Board members present: Butch Guess, Kathy McMullen, MaryAnn Guess, and Ingrid Chamberlain

The board presented Mike Warren an appreciation certificate and a lifetime honorary member. Mike was told how much his service has been appreciated.

Ingrid made a motion to ratify June Minutes, MaryAnn seconded, motion carries.

Kathy made a motion to ratify the June, July and August bills, Ingrid seconded, motion carries.

Citizens Input- There was a question about how many entry and parking passes are given out with vendor packets. We need to look at the vendor and sponsorship packets. The grange was sold adult, you, and senior not vendor. We also need to look at the dog policy since there were a few people trying to bring dogs in and some of the vendors who travel have dogs. Vendor need to let us know if they have dogs. We need to look into how many fairs allow dogs on premises. One complaint was the carnival was to spread out and parents couldn't keep track of their kids. Fair attendance was down this year and the board feels it was due to the carnival that Butler put on last year. One company said they didn't know what to do with the sponsorship packet and no one came back. It was asked if it would help sponsorship if the 4H kids wrote thank you notes to sponsors.

Rodeo Committee-

Rodeo Court- Introduced the 2018 rodeo court queen Brooke Anderson. Show the income and expenses, most of the expenses were tack and clothing. NPRA finals are at the end of the month and the coronation is January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Auction Committee- None

New Business-Quote for a new septic panel we need a bigger updated panel. The new panel will work with the new indoor arena. The panel has to be replaced per the sanitarian. Sent out for 3 bids and only received 1 bid back. Ingrid made a motion to accept the bid Maryann seconded motion carries to purchase the septic panel from McMullen Water Systems for \$591.00. The cost to rent the shade between barns is \$5000.00 for the week. There will be permanent bleachers, the ones that have been in use are not in good shape. The horse barns cannot be used for storage as they are used throughout the year. No one has heard how the fundraiser for the new goat panels is going. There are only 2 employees that work before the fair and after the fair. We need a new superintendent for static. We will be advertising on the website and Facebook. Susie wrote out what they will be doing. The road department will be here on Friday to a 2" OVERLAY. Butch has dug up down rodeo row to get prepared for next spring when it will be paved. Hopefully the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we will get paved out gate 4 to Saulsler Rd. Board applicants will need to be at the October board meeting.