

## Minutes of the Columbia County Fair Board Workshop

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Butch, MaryAnn, Ingrid, Amanda, Todd, & Jake

Grasshopper Enterprises-They are still working out scheduling. Butch said he would prefer they started by the fire department and work down the side of the road, taking down any poplars. As a resolution to the cleanup issue, Butch will try and contact the gentleman in charge of community service thru the sheriffs department, to see if he could have a crew come help with the cleanup.

Alice Monroe Rodeo Court Committee Coordinator- Alice would like to return the age limit back to what it originally was before it was changed 2 years ago so we can increase our amount of applicants. It was decided to have minimum one queen and maximum a queen and 2 princesses. Jake brought up the idea of having a board member on the judge panel, and Alice agreed that would be a great idea.

Rosemary Marque? - She would like to set up a table at Fred Meyers to help share knowledge of how to enter things into the fair for static. She would do this for a couple weekends before fair and hand out the paperwork needed to enter something. She is willing to do this as a volunteer. All thought this would be a wonderful thing. It was decided to do this May-June.

Saffire- Saffire will be over \$10,000.00 cheaper than Afton. We would need a year contract with the option of extension. Todd made a motion that we use Saffire ticketing instead of Afton Ticketing. Ingrid seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Safety Repairs- Butch had to cancel the order for the gates in the horse barns because the delivery date kept being pushed and the distributor couldn't give Butch a reliable answer as to when the gates would be delivered. Butch contacted Dahlgren's and is now going to be making the gates out of wood. The cost of the metal gates being refunded will offset the new extra cost from building the gates ourselves.

Entertainment-MaryAnn needed to discuss which hypnotist we are going to be using during fair. It was decided to go with The Perceptives, instead of the gentleman that was approached at OFA.

Fair Admission- Jake got admission counts from Washington & Cowlitz County as a reference to when they switched to free admission. He broke down what we make on average from admission & parking vs what we could make doing free admission, raised parking and charging for rodeo. Again, the only concern was that once you go free, you can't go back to charging. It was decided that it is definitely not feasible for this year, Jake will work on a business plan and re-evaluate at a later date. Side note- MaryAnn confirmed with US bank that they will be manning gate 4 instead of the Daybreakers.

4H Liaison- A couple people from 4H approached Jake with the problem of there being too many different contacts for 4H. To resolve this, Jake thinks we should assign a liaison/coordinator that will be

the only person of contact for issues that don't specifically pertain to 4H itself. 4H specific problems will still be handled by Woody. Jake volunteered to do this.

Layout- This topic will be postponed till the March workshop.

4H Building Event Rental Price Change-Butch just wanted to inform the board that The Warren Grange is adding to covered patios and a fire to the 4H building and once all the work is done, the board will re-evaluate the event rental price, not the warren granges monthly rent, and raise the rental prices to reflect the added amenities. All agreed we would post pone making those changes till after construction is done, and after fair.

Butch Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.