

# BEFORE THE COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Wednesday Work Shop Agenda - Minutes

May 15, 2019 6p

## In attendance:

Butch Guess, Maryann Guess, Todd Moore, Amanda McFeron, Lisa Masog

Absent: Jake Sperley

*Meeting called to order 6:00p*

1. **Bobby Ann - Grant Watts Elementary – parent at Grant Watts (1<sup>st</sup> Grade student) Auction Chairman and VP of GWPO.** GWPO wants the Auction off site this year, for the first time ever. Want to keep it within the community. Need a large enough location to accommodate the event. Want to consider the Fairgrounds. Never have had an offsite budget before, is requesting a reduction in the fee for rental of the pavilion or a waiver on the fee for the rental fee for the Pavilion. Goal: want to move off site and get larger, bringing in more funds for the school. Came along with future president Poppy to the GWPO. This event is historically held in April. Decision would require a Board Decision (VOTE). Will get back to the GWPO with the decision. Available dates are 4/3-4/5 or 4/23-4/25. Preferably GWPO wants the later dates in April. Auction serves an optional dinner, but no alcohol. For the past 2 years, this event has been housed in the SHS gym.
2. **CC business Guide** – This guide for advertising in the Chronicle or the Spotlight and the CC Business Guide wants to add the Fair into the publications at the set prices on the flyer. See Flyer. What does the guide look like, who does it reach and how many community members does it circulate through? Table this item for now to revisit later.
3. **Donation Request** – to the St. Fredericks Church Raffle, are asking for a Family Pass to the Fair for their event. 2 Adult/2 child/parking pass. Maryann makes motion to donate Fair Family Pack to the church fundraiser, Amanda Seconds motion, motion passes.
4. **Vehicles** – Having the two (2) Fairgrounds vehicles worked on comes to the cost of approx. \$1500. Annual Maintenance with some replacements to be done. Need to have the capacity to pull bleachers around fairgrounds, in addition to the tune ups. These pickups have to be fixed and need some attention. It was asked if the Fair Board has considered asking the SHHS Auto Shop if they would work on the Fair Pick Up Trucks. All students need Community Service, may be worth asking them for the work. Maybe after Fair the trucks can be sent over to be worked on.
5. **Superintendent/Judges Compensation Packages** – keep the same \$125 compensation for superintendents and judges. Same price for the Judges, same adult day pass for the Judge/ day parking pass for judges and superintendents
6. **Erin Howarth (Assistant Scout Master) Nick Howarth (Life Scout)** – Nick is looking for an Eagle project and he would like to refurbish the Goat Arena. QU: Is there funding? QU: What are the criteria for any materials that he gets? CCFR: Pressure Treated posts are preferred, wrap them with tar paper before burying them in the ground. Posts do not need to be set in cement – only burying them will allow for replacement in the

future. The wood that currently makes up the Goat Arena is from the old fairgrounds, so these boards should be replaced. White paint, cap top, etc to make it look good. Nick would be doing this on the weekends. Wants to start before the Fair and wants to complete by the Fair. Fundraising may be a part of this project. No materials on site (wood) but white paint is on site and can be acquired by the Fair Board. There needs to be a Fair Board member on the fairgrounds whenever Nick is here with his group. Nick will have each volunteer that he enlists sign/complete the Volunteer Agreement for the fairgrounds. Nick will also keep a binder/notebook of all his paperwork, his budget, his volunteer workforce and the plans for refurbishing the pen. He will also attend fair board meetings to give an update to his project. Deadline to complete project July 1. Replace All posts – do a count and an assessment. Work with Butch and Todd for this. Nick will be expected to attend all meetings to give a report of his progress.

7. **Sheryl Savage** – Open Horse Show Superintendent. Need 89 Ribbons in addition to what is in stock. High Point/Champion Buckles have been ordered and paid for. Added lead line classes and removed the halter line classes. This is to encourage more participation from the little kids. Received a donation from Jackpot for the Lead Line Classes and Sheryl is requesting that Jackpot be identified as a sponsor - added also Versatility Class (no awards yet for this yet). Sheryl proposes to purchase ribbons for next year as well to get ahead of the ribbon count. Superintendents to get the opportunity to post their information for their area on their Facebook pages (on social media) requests that the CCFRB discuss and create some guidelines for superintendents to share/post. Courtney Rice working on securing the Vet Check for Saturday morning. Instilling Stall Deposit for each entrant. Anyone who wants a Stall for their horse needs to arrive 7a-10a Saturday 7/13.
8. **Plant Sale** – create a position overseen by the Open Class Executive Superintendent known as a “Plant Sale Supervisor” and equip this supervisor with a binder of information (to be backed up on the shared drive) for ease of transition and business. See letter from Gina Means/Means Nursery for specifics on how Means Nursery wants the plant sale to be done and how it is to be reported back to Means Nursery. CCFRB wants to recognize Debbie R for her time and dedication to the Plant Sale over the past 20+ years. Set up fence around the plant sale area as soon as possible, plants are delivered on Tuesday 7/16. Last weekend in June is a good weekend for the fence set up.
9. **Sponsorships** – Scott Ingalls latest report: \$22,450 in sponsorships. New ones have come in, T-Mobile (looking to do 5 year lease \$3500/year 3 weeks during Fair), Amanda - \$31,975 right now with the T-Mobile. Does not include ATI PT donation. Metro West Ambulance – Ambulance Crew for demolition derby lowered their hourly rate to service the derby, but Amanda is hoping maybe they will include their rate in their sponsorship all together.
10. **Signage** – Todd proposes maintenance of Columbia County Fairgrounds Signage - update them and take down the signs that are outdated. Look at the signs/banners that we have up and make sure that they are all updated and reflect the most recent sponsors.

11. **New Cement Pad** - projected use during the Fair is for Hog Pens. Could potentially cause stress to the horses on the other side of the fence and not have them in with the hogs. Possibly move the Posse horses out to the front of the barn...? We just have to wait until we see the entrants for this season to make the final decision. CCCRБ has voted for the use of this area for this season.

Meeting adjourned – 7:51p