

Minutes of the Columbia County Fair Board Workshop

August 4, 2018

Called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Board Members Present: Butch, MaryAnn, Amanda, and Ingrid

Fair Review- Reviewed the report from Jake/Afton Ticketing & would like to bring online sales back next year, discussed using Saffire or TCB, or possibly buy just the tickets (Mary Ann is looking into). For parking, start exploring other options in using a different organization for parking, possibly use US bank. The board will draft a letter to send to local banks.

Vendors- Need to revise the Vendor contract, Amanda suggested an information vendor contract, for the vendor's who are only giving out information and are not making any profits off their booth.

Open Class- Discussed changing the rules for open class premiums and put a cutoff date 3 weeks before fair for open class entries. There was a problem with people turning in open class entry forms minutes before they were supposed to show, putting a cutoff date would hopefully eliminate that problem. Also for open class entry fees, Amanda suggested gradually raising our entry fees to help increase revenue.

Entertainment-It was discussed putting flyers out locally advertising for entertainment instead of hiring entertainment. This would eliminate the need for as many hotel rooms and would lower the overall cost of the entertainment.

Discussed cutting office hours to help save revenue in the winter. Will review after all expenses have been paid from fair.

Pepsi/Cola Vending Machines-Butch was offered the opportunity to buy the two soda vending machines that are on the grounds. After discussion with the board Butch made a notion to have them removed. Amanda seconded. Notion carried to get rid of the vending machines.

Winter storage was discussed. It was suggested that maybe we do away with winter storage all together or raise the price from \$1.75 per ft. to \$2.00, to help create more revenue from winter storage.

Gun Policy regarding the incident that happen during fair, the board would need to adopt a policy in order to inforce gun control during fair. Discussed open carry vs concealed and it was decided that the board would leave the gun policy alone for the time being.

Butch adjourned at 11:19 a.m.