

Columbia County Fair Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, April 8, 2019
6:00p Warren Grange Building

In attendance: Butch Guess, Maryann Guess, Todd Moore, Jake Sperley, Ingrid Chamberlain, Amanda McFeron, Lisa Masog

Meeting called to order 5:56p

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve the March Board Meeting Minutes: Amanda makes motion to approve March Minutes, seconded by Ingrid Chamberlain, motion carries, March Minutes approved.

Ratify the Bills for March 2019: Ingrid makes a motion to ratify the bills for March 2019, seconded by Maryann, Motion carries, March Bills Ratified.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Mary/Ted Schulte – Columbia County Sherriff Posse – Incidents with 2018 Fair, people were throwing rocks at the animals in the pens. Animal pens seem really open this year – hoping that their space will be opened up more to accommodate the Posse at Fair time. What will the role of the Columbia County Posse be this year at Fair? Posse is invited to the Wednesday Workshop meeting 4/17 at 6p in the Fair Office for Fair Board to discuss the details of the Posse responsibilities this year. Anything else that the Posse can help with this year? Butch says we can discuss this at the Workshop on 4/17. Posse is in the process of having more members, they are doing more horse training and trying to be deputized and request as many opportunities as possible to showcase that they have done and what they have to offer. Perhaps the Posse can have a Booth as well to distribute information to the public. Last year, there was sort of a booth set up by the barns. Jake to help work out the spot of the Booth. Requesting a list of sponsors for the Fair by the Workshop meeting.

Nancy Knox: Submitted her key and a report to the Board. Asks the Fair Board for money to replace the tables in the Poultry Barn. Tables need to be replaced. Butch says that there is lumber around the grounds that can be made into tables if Nancy can find the man power to make the tables with the lumber that the Board will provide. Livestock class lists are now on the website with the sponsors on the bottom in the past, but this year the livestock sponsors haven't been listed yet. They will be added to the Livestock portion of the website as they are confirmed through the Fair Office.

Darren (River City Speedway): Presenting the idea of doing a Demolition Derby on Sunday of Fair. Costs submitted (see attached sheet). Will do whatever needs to be done to put on the Derby, the numbers submitted to the Board. Recommends that the purse goes up to \$10,000 and the winners will be the ones that will be bringing in the spectators. Suggest to make the Derby attractive to those who will be participating. River City Speedway has lots of volunteers to help out. Amanda has questions about the forklift rental (can be worked out with Don's Rental or Hertz). Amanda says that we need to work on sponsorships to make the money work

to support this event. Might need to go over the numbers once more to determine affordability. Will River City Speedway help promote this event if the CCFB decides to have this event? Yes – Darren assures the board that the Speedway will help. Invited Darren and his people to come to the Fair board Workshop on 4/17 to discuss further.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rodeo Committee: Mark Sandstrom – Jr. Rodeo information. Has been talking to the person who has been doing it for the past several years, says he might not be able to do the same Bulls as in years past. Have been pricing out someone else, but the bid pricing is getting high. Mark recommends to go with the same person we have been using, but he may not be able to bring the Wild Cows that he has brought in the past. Is asking if he should send out a contract for the same person as before. Also inquiring about a Barrel man – Maryann confirms that she is still working on it.

Rodeo Court Committee: Rodeo Queen has been to the Canby Rodeo Coronation, the Elmer Rodeo, and the Miss Oregon Rodeo Clinic since last meeting. Rodeo Queen has also brought in three sponsorships: Rainier VFW, St Helens Auto Body, Columbia River Annex; also she has her trailer outfitted with the names of her sponsors. She has her autograph sheets as well.

Auction Committee: Submitted meeting minutes to the Board from March 2019. See attached. Weigh-ins on the April 18/19th (beef, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits) Last year had 14 beef weigh in (more than before) Board requests copy of the expense report for the committee, auction committee says they will submit that expense report. Confirmed that they use Sponsors for the Buckles and Chairs. Also confirmed that they go around asking themselves for sponsorships. Perhaps the Auction Committee and the Fair Board need to clear the air and upgrade the modes of communication so that there is no misunderstanding again. Fair Board requests notification from the Committee that if no one can be present to represent the Committee, please notify the Fair Board. Also Fair Board requests expense report from Fair each Auction year no later than 30 days after the Fair. Auction Committee very agreeable and acknowledged they will supply information requested.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Fair Theme: Fair Theme will be BARN IN THE USA for the 2019 Fair. With colors of Red, White and Blue.

Grant Writer: looking for a Grant Writer, not having lots of success in this area. If anyone knows anyone who does Grant Writing, please let the Board know. Need a few people to write grants.

Plant Sale: Same person who has been running the Plant Sale (for the past 20 years) will not be doing it anymore – Debbie. Looking for people to work with the Plant Sale – it is a very big project and it goes on all fair long. Looking for someone to help with the Plant Sale. Need help with offloading, set up, and the plant sale itself. Tuesday 7/15 is the first day of plant sale. Means Nursey has been great with this sale, usually over \$100K of flowers donated to the Fair. Any help is appreciated.

Tree Cutting and Cleaning: Working on a plan to get all the poplar trees taken out and down throughout the fairgrounds. Two bids are being considered at this time. Wednesday Workshop meeting is where these bids will be discussed.

1-Columbia County Tree Care LLC

2-Titan Tree Care LLC

BOARD COMMENTS:

NOTE: Horse Barn Doors are Fixed and Done. Barn Doors are ready to be hung. Thank you to all the people who helped make the barn improvements happen.

Amanda shows the New Fair Tabloid Cover to show the public. This is the permanent Tabloid Cover, carried over from year to year.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:34p