

Minutes of the Columbia County Fair Board

June 12th, 2017

Called to order by Chairman Butch Guess at 6:02 p.m.

Board members present: Butch Guess, Kathy McMullen, MaryAnn Guess, Ingrid Chamberlain, and Mike Warren, and Charles Weaver.

MaryAnn made a motion to ratify May Minutes, Mike seconded, motion carries.

Kathy made a motion to ratify the May bills, Ingrid seconded, motion carries.

Citizens Input- Open class horse show will be on the website. There were a couple of changes made and it should get back on there.

Rodeo Committee-Had a work party yesterday and friends of the fair came by and gave them some money and they bought a black widow groomer. The stock contractor for the Jr rodeo passed away. Mark found someone from Eastern Washington but he will want another \$300.00 since he is traveling but he does not have sheep. MaryAnn made a motion to pay the extra \$300.00 and Ingrid seconded, motion carries. If someone will volunteer their sheep our insurance would cover them. Deann Bains sent an invoice to Julie c/o Friends of Fair and was willing to donate some money towards the new goat panels. It may be a good idea to eventually wall in the walls of the goat barn. There are some people who have offered to buy some panels.

Rodeo Court Committee- The girls are excited for the St. Helens parade on Saturday. The end of June they will be at the Tillamook Rodeo. They are glad that graduation is over and they are looking forward to a busy summer.

Old Business- We need volunteers to help plant flowers. Send out anyone who is interested in planting flowers. MaryAnn suggested asking the Master Gardener's if they would be interested. The Water Conservation District was out today and they are moving everything out of the Ag building on the 15th and bring in their equipment on the 18th. They will shore up the roof and pour concrete.

Auction Committee- Everything is going well. They have a new secretary. They had weigh ins and had more people show up on Sunday than there were on Saturday. Chicken weigh in will be on the 17th. Auction committee may take over 501C3 otherwise they will get their own by the end of the year. They will have excess money that they will have to use it. They would like to give back, the bleachers by the goat barn are in need of fixing or replaced. Daniel said he doesn't want to see anyone get hurt.

New Business- Bicoastal Media will be doing advertising for the fair and Rainier Amusements. The cost is going to be \$2500.00 and will include advertising 4 radio station. Rainier amusements will donate 130 ride wristbands. 100 for volunteers and 30 for advertising giveaways. Mike made a motion and MaryAnn seconded. Motion carries. KOHI \$750.00 7-1 to 7-19 there will be 100 ads, 7-19 to 7-23 100 ads and live reporting at the fair. Ingrid made a motion and Kathy seconded. Motion carries. Sunset equipment-is a Makita dealer. It is in the budget to replace some equipment and the distributor brought out a weed eater and blower to use as long as needed. Butch will know in a couple of weeks if the will hold up. Pre-Sale tickets are on sale now at US Bank, and Chubb's. Pre-Sale tickets will be on sale until the Tuesday before fair. Sunday of fair will be buddy day which will be buy one wristband and your buddy gets one free. Minimum age is 2 years of age. One free game with ride bracelet purchase. There will be a handout this year instead of a book. MaryAnn made a motion to have Bemis printing print 7000 handouts, Ingrid seconded.

Motion carries. We will have a float in Saturdays parade. Pre-sale tickets will also be at the fair office. Volunteers are able to sign up on our website. When volunteer spots are full we can send them to the granges bread booth and the dairy women's booth. We are not getting the sponsorships like we have in the past. We will try to get a marketing company to do the sponsorships for next year. We are working on being able to accept credit cards. It takes longer for us since we are a government agency.

Butch adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm