

Minutes of the Columbia County Fair Board

September 11th, 2017

Called to order by Chairman Butch Guess at 5:57 p.m.

Board members present: Butch Guess, Kathy McMullen, MaryAnn Guess, and Ingrid Chamberlain,

Ingrid made a motion to ratify April Minutes, MaryAnn seconded, and motion carries.

Kathy made a motion to ratify the April bills, MaryAnn seconded, and motion carries.

Citizens Input- Kathy and Ingrid had vendor questions about how many entry & parking passes we give them. Need to look at vendor sponsorship packets. The grange sold adult, youth & senior, not vendor. Need to look at the dog policy, there was a woman seen with a dog that was a vendor that travels from fair to fair. Vendors need to let us know if they have a dog. How many fairs allow dogs on the premises. Dog vet certification policy on gate 4 for vendors and handicap-need more volunteers. One complaint was that the carnival was too far spread out, and parents couldn't keep track of their kids.

Attendance was down this year, and the board felt it was due to the carnival that Butler Amusement had last year. One company said they didn't know what to do with the sponsorship packet and no one came back to help. Was asked if it would help if the 4H kids wrote thank you cards to the sponsors.

Rodeo Committee- None

Rodeo Court Committee-Introduced Brooke Anderson, queen for 2018. Most expenses were tack and clothing. NPRA finals are at the end of the month. Coronation is January 14th, 2018.(second Saturday in January)

Auction Committee- None

Old Business-Quote for septic panel, we need a bigger, updated panel. The new panel will work for the new indoor arena. The panel has to be replaced per the sanitation. Sent out 3 bids and only received one call back. Ingrid made a motion to get the panel replaced, MaryAnn seconded. Motion carries.

New Business-\$5000.00 to rent a shade tarp for between the barns, where the youth auction is held. Someone has offered to do. There will be permanent bleachers, due to the ones we have are old and unsafe. The horse barns cannot be used for winter storage due to being used during the year. No one has heard how fundraiser for the new goat pens went. Butch only has 2 people that work before & after fair.

We are in need of a new static superintendent. We will be advertising on the website and Facebook. Susie wrote out what to do. The road dept. will be here on Friday to do a 2" overlay. Butch has dug up rodeo row, will get panel next spring. Hopefully the 3rd year will go out gate 4 to Saulser Rd. Board application will be out for the October board meeting.

Butch adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm