

## Minutes of the Columbia County Fair Board

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

Board Members present: Butch Guess, MaryAnn Guess, Ingrid Chamberlain, and Amanda McFeron

Amanda made a motion to approve June minutes. MaryAnn seconded and motion carries.

MaryAnn makes a motion to ratify June, July, & August bills. Amanda seconded and motion carries.

Citizen input- Chuck Peterson of the St Helens Master Gardeners, wondering if it would be ok to come work on the garden on the weekends that the gate is open for events. The board had no problem with that. MaryAnn informed him that the schedule of events is on our website, or he can call/stop by the office and Ashley can assist him. Also, discussed the Master Gardeners pay for their water use, and the board let him know that is still under discussion by the board.

Nancy Knox stated that there is a work party scheduled for Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>, to paint pens and they will need paint access to paint. Butch informed her the board will not be providing any more paint than what we already have. What we have they can use, but the board is not spending any money until all other expenses from fair are paid. Nancy also questioned why Capital improvement money for some of the repairs that need to be done on the grounds, she was informed by members of the board that capital improvement is handled by the commissioners and it cannot be used for any kind of repairs, new improvements to the grounds only.

Ingrid announced the board is looking for a grant writer.

Eva Frost stated that the Warren Grange got an estimate to have the stoves cleaned in the 4H Building and Pavilion, Warren Grange would be responsible for the 4H Building, and the Pavilion would be the board's responsibility. Butch informed her the board voted at the Saturday workshop(September 8<sup>th</sup>), to not have the Pavilion stove cleaned but gave the go ahead to get 4H building stove cleaned. Butch also informed Eva that the fair board voted, at the Saturday workshop, to sponsor the 2019 mEGGa Egg Hunt. The board will be having county council draw up a contract so it can just be renewed.

Rodeo Court Committee-The court took money from the 50/50 raffle, and bought a brand new pair of rotating chaps, which she brought to show the board. Alice presented the reports and receipts for July & August. Brooke is getting prepared for Pendleton, and the Halloween Parade.

Rodeo Committee- Not Present

Auction Committee: Not Present

Old Business: Nancy Knox wanted to know the outcome of the 2018 Open Class Horse Show, MaryAnn stated revenue made after expenses was \$1100.00. Nancy also asked if we have to have a card holding

judge to be at that horse show or if we can use anyone who has the knowledge, the board will be looking into that. Public suggested hiring a judge that is in an apprenticeship, so they won't cost the full amount of a certified judge, and that will keep the horse show participants at ease.

Fair Results-It was requested that we post fair results on the website so the public will have access.

Reports: Admissions was almost \$91,700.00, concessions was about \$43,000.00, sponsorships was about \$57,000.00, means nursery hit a record high of \$31,800.00, Monster truck show was a success but didn't break even, ticketing process was a huge success, 28,000 were sold online. Attendance was about 21,000. All numbers were up. It was stated that the fair book was blurry, had complaints that the text was hard to read.

Amanda stated to have anyone who is interested to go on our website or Facebook to get the application. Ingrid has been reposting the link to the application on Facebook.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.