

**MINUTES OF FAIR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 1991, 4:30 PM**

FAIR BOARD

John Thomas
Jeanne Leeson
Lloyd Baron
Marla Warren
Rocky Williams

STAFF

Cal Wade
Ron McAuley
Sue Oxendine

GUESTS

Wally Crawford
Allison Helzer
Tiffany Braun
Jenny VanKoll

The meeting was opened and the public welcomed.

CONSENT AGENDA

There is a correction to the January Minutes. Under Election Costs the motion should read: MOTION: MOVED BY JOHN THOMAS, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, TO PAY THE BILL OF \$26,239.59 FOR THE BOND ELECTION.

MOTION: MOVED BY JEANNE LEESON, SECONDED BY LLOYD BARON, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED.

FAIR BOOSTERS REPORT

Wally Crawford did not have a report as the Boosters have not had a meeting since November. The first meeting for 1991 is scheduled February 6.

RODEO COURT INTRODUCTION

Queen Allison Helzer and Princess Tiffany Braun introduced themselves and offered to be of any assistance throughout the year. Jenny VanKoll was recognized for her dedication to the court and for the design and sewing of their outfits.

RODEO BOARD

Williams reported the Rodeo Board has been talking about adding more bleachers. He reported to them that the Fair Board was also in favor of this plan. The Rodeo Board would like to expand the VIP seating to 400 and place it over the chutes. They are exploring the costs.

Williams promised to have his budget to Wade by the end of the week or beginning of the next week.

The Rodeo Board is seeking new sponsors. Plans for the Coronation Dance are still being finalized.

NEW FAIRGROUNDS EMPLOYEES

Don Whittaker, Maintenance Technician, and Laura Bailey, Receptionist/Secretary, were introduced.

JOHN MEEK DINNER

The dinner is scheduled for Friday, February 8, at 6 p.m. at Jeanne Leeson's home. The Fair Board will purchase the meat.

MAINTENANCE

January projects included continuing the repair of the Main

Exhibit tables. The water line to the ME women's restrooms was also repaired and new sinks and countertops installed. The A frame display boards for Arts & Crafts were completed. McAuley has spent most of his time supervising the work in the ME.

The original estimate of \$26,000 for the new entrances and doors for the ME was under by \$10,000. McAuley is doing further research with the architect. Roofing and insulation bids are in for the building.

Wade has requested a readjusted breakdown of the percentage for the lottery funds.

HAPPY DAYS

Wade met with Shawn Hering. The Jaycees are staying with their original dates of June 28 - July 4. Wade recommends approving this so the Fair Board is not blamed if Happy Days fails. The Jaycees are open to moving the carnival location.

The carnival at one time offered \$15,000 for land improvements in exchange for a long term agreement. Wade has not been able to arrange a meeting with Burback regarding this. Wade has also been trying to arrange a meeting with Sunset Electric to explore the costs of moving the entertainment stage and carnival.

If the carnival was to be moved more open space for bulk exhibits and ground acts would be available during fair. The move would also help to contain Happy Days and prevent abuse to the majority of the grounds.

The consensus of the board was to pursue the costs and timing of the proposed move.

Williams suggested looking at the costs and practicality of a single pole and a football style bank of lights for the entertainment area. Wade briefly touched upon the idea of building a berm for seating in the entertainment area.

PI

The annual meeting was February 5. The PI is dying from a lack of interest and lack of finances. \$44,000 was lost in 1990. The plans are to now have a three day October show around major breed sales, continue with the Jr. Show and possible expansion, and continue the collegiate judging contests. Some trustees, exhibitors, and 2 or 3 Board of Directors are opposed to this plan and have called a meeting for February 11.

The fairgrounds will be loosing 5-6 days of rental in October although bookings to replace some of the lost revenue are already confirmed.

TABLES AND CHAIRS

The Cloverleaf tables and chairs need replacing. The old ones will be placed in the ME. Patti Poe has done extensive research on the costs of new tables and chairs and their specifications.

MOTION: MOVED BY ROCKY WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY LEESON, TO HAVE WADE PURCHASE 40 TABLES, 320 CHAIRS, AND TABLE AND CHAIR CADDIES BASED ON THE \$9,796.00 FIGURE QUOTED BY POE'S RESEARCH.

DISCUSSION: Baron suggested checking with City Liquidators in Portland for a better price.

QUESTION: MOTION PASSED.

SEASON PASSES

Wade suggested a presale of season passes for fair at a discount. Youth groups and organizations could be asked to sell the passes in return for a certain amount back to the group for each pass sold. The discount would be offset by people purchasing passes who normally might not come to the fair. The presale would be a "rainy day insurance" and also help community and youth groups as a fund raiser.

MOTION: MOVED BY LLOYD BARON, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, TO GIVE THE IDEA A TRY FOR 1991. MOTION PASSED.

BUDGET

The revenue racing funds are down because of the downward trend in the racing industry.

On the expense side the utilities are high because of the \$10,000 a year charge for subservice to the storm drain.

The County has billed the fairgrounds \$17,670 indirect charges for 1991-92. Wade is meeting with county officials to try for a reduction.

MOTION: MOVED BY LLOYD BARON, SECONDED BY JEANNE LEESON, TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET. MOTION PASSED.

ENTERTAINMENT

The only contract in is for the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band for Tuesday night. Wade is working with Dougherty for the remaining nights.

HOTEL/MOTEL

Nothing new was reported. The County publicized Plan B as a worst case scenario which would look at previously dedicated funds.

REAL ESTATE PURCHASE

Wade has spoken with Realtor, Mike Tharp, regarding the extension of the Quadrant lease to two years if possible. Quadrant will probably want some money up front; also the real estate commission should be addressed. Wade told Tharp a deal with Gardner-Beedon would like to be worked out but the funds are not available.

Williams stated for the record that he does not see the need for the Quadrant property. He would prefer spending the money on improvements to the existing facility. He believes the 12 acres fronting Cornell Rd. and the 5 acres behind the rodeo grounds should be developed for parking.

Other board members believe the existing board should look to the future when the additional land will be needed. If the fairgrounds is to become a major events center the additional parking will be an asset. It was also pointed out that the 12 acres is presently in use for parking. The Rodeo pasture is also used during Air Show.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 6.

MOTION: MOVED BY JEANNE LEESON, SECONDED BY MARLA WARREN, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS CALLED FOR UNDER ORS 192.610 - 192.690 FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REVIEW. PASSED.

Fair Board reconvened from Executive Session at 7:30 PM. The Board approved a 8% raise for the Executive Director, which includes a 4.5% Cost of Living Raise for County Employees adopted in July of 1990.