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**MINUTES OF A FAIR BOARD MEETING
JULY 7, 1993**

FAIR BOARD

John Thomas
Ken Leahy
George Otten

STAFF

Cal Wade
Ron McAuley
Patti Poe
Sue Oxendine

GUESTS

Jeanne Leeson
Glen ?

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

The fiscal year ending figures showed income as \$1,153,775. The new floral building caused an overage in the capital improvements and the loss of the Air Show income in the fiscal reflected in the net loss of \$25,000.

MOTION: MOVED BY GEORGE OTTEN, SECONDED BY KEN LEAHY, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

BOOSTERS

Leeson reported she is recruiting volunteers to assist with the Air Show parking. So far she has twenty for Friday and twenty-five each for Saturday and Sunday.

Boosters are also being asked to work in the booth during the fair.

ACTIVE 20/30 CLUB SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Glenn, a member of the club, reported the club is fronting the cost of the sprinkler system in the north and middle sections of the Main Exhibit Building. The Fire Marshall is requiring the system in order to hold haunted caves in October. The system will allow for a fire truck to be hooked to a fire system valve outside the doorway. By 1994 the system will have to be hooked up to a fire hydrant for Phase 2.

Leahy will assist in getting Phase 2 in specification form and out to bid. He and members of the Active Club will have to meet with the Fire Marshall for further clarification.

The Active Club has applied to the Hillsboro Chamber for Air Show funding to help offset some of the costs.

FAIRPLEX MARKETING

Poe gave her fiscal year-end report. Interim use for uses other than the fair totaled 1,592 use days with a total attendance of 182,466. Total income for the year was \$162,553. Figures do not include boat/RV storage.

MAINTENANCE

June projects included painting and installing under layment for flooring in the floral building, moving the swine washrack, and

finishing the chuckwagon. In addition miscellaneous repairs were done to equipment and the staff's portion of the electrical work has been completed.

Three options are available for consideration with regards to removing some poles in the floral building. These include: Option 1 - making three equal sections with two posts in the center, Option 2 - opening up the center with two posts per row, and Option 3 - one post in the center of each row.

The office annex is wired and air conditioned. After fair work will begin on fixing the offices.

HAPPY DAYS

Wade has not had a full report from Ron Burback. Attendance was very low on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Sunday, July 4, was very busy. The Mexican Rodeo and fireworks drew well. Burback would like to give the festival and three year try unless this year's losses were too great.

The FairPlex received \$4,000 plus 50% of the parking.

AIR SHOW

The Chamber Forum lunch is scheduled for July 15 at the FairPlex. The Forum will focus on Air Show.

Officials are anticipating 14,000 Friday with 3,500 cars at the FairPlex.

The Russians are coming as are the Canadian Motorcycle Mounties.

BINGO

The first month was not a big revenue producer with heavy payouts two nights. The first Friday in July the net was \$2,400. Poe will have cost estimates of the equipment needed in the Arts & Crafts for the bingo parlor.

FAIR 4-H/FFA PREMIUMS

When the original 1993-94 budget was written premiums were cut for 4-H and FFA. This was due to the proposed state budget cuts affecting the fairs.

Otten has heard from one parent regarding the loss of premiums and the office has received letters and numerous verbal inquiries and concerns.

There is \$50,000 more in cash carry forward than what was anticipated at budget time in February. Two to three capital improvement projects must be done. These include graveling the Cloverleaf parking lot and enlarging the milk parlor. \$21,000 is budgeted so far for capital improvements.

An additional \$15,000 is needed to reinstate 4-H/FFA premiums to the levels of 1992.

MOTION: MOVED BY GEORGE OTTEN TO REINSTATE THE \$15,000 FOR AWARDS.

Wade requested an amendment to reinstate the monies to the youth budget with the office to confer with 4-H to divide the money in their budget.

MOTION: MOVED BY GEORGE OTTEN, SECONDED BY KEN LEAHY, TO REINSTATE \$15,000 FOR AWARDS AND MISCELLANEOUS COSTS TO 4-H/FFA.

GARDNER-BEEDON

The lease has been signed for one year with an option.

ARMORY

There was a request by the Oregon National Guard to use the FairPlex in case of an emergency mobilization. Wade amended their request by adding a "Statement of Understanding" allowing the use of the FairPlex unless the facility is booked. The Armory has agreed that would be acceptable.

MOTION: MOVED BY KEN LEAHY, SECONDED BY GEORGE OTTEN, TO ACCEPT THE STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

The board was asked to submit names in the September meeting for consideration of the individual, group, and business to receive the volunteer appreciation awards. The awards will be given at a dinner or dessert in the fall.

FAIR

The merit rater will be here sometime during fair. No exact date of his arrival has been set. Board members are requested to be available to meet with him following his evaluation.

ARENA

Leahy would like to meet with Draggoo to discuss an arena concept to improve the seating and usage of the arena facility. The idea involves moving dirt and building an amphitheater style seating surrounding the arena. The plan would also be to turn the existing arena from north south to east west.

MOTION: MOVED BY KEN LEAHY, SECONDED BY GEORGE OTTEN, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Oxendine
Secretary