

Minutes - Washington County Fair Board - March 3, 1971

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington County Fair Board was called to order at 8:15 p.m. on March 3, 1971 by Chairman Dick Jossy. Those present were Adams, McGough, Lindow, Scott, Ball and Shearer. Guests were Kathy and Joe VanDyke, Jim Sullivan and George Spiesschaert.

Kathy and Joe VanDyke met with the Board to discuss the problems arising from Yamhill County changing their dates to the same as Washington County. They felt we would not be able to get a point horse show because Yamhill will also be applying and they have had this before. The Board felt, since we had made application first, this should carry; some weight and we would get the date. Several members of this Association will be contacted to discuss this with them. Mr. VanDyke stated he had been contacted by George Spiesschaert about the draft horse pulling contest and that he had been approached by the Manager of Yamhill and had agreed since he had heard the pulling contest here would be on Thursday. The Board has not made public any scheduling of events and could not account for this information.

Mr. Spiesschaert came to the meeting after the Van Dykes left and apologized for having the wrong information but stated he had read it in a paper so he agreed to go to Yamhill. He would like to work out some type of arrangement so he can participate in Washington. The Board thanked him for attending and will keep in touch with him.

Mr. Sullivan met with the Board to discuss premium book changes in the beef division. He presented a copy of the changes proposed by the Livestock Association which includes an increase in money and changes in the lots. This will be discussed further when the book is assembled and the amount of money tabulated. Since Multnomah County is also running the same dates, concern for exhibitors coming here or there was discussed. The Secretary was asked to call Multnomah for their beef scheduling. (Talked to Mr. Hennessy 3-4-71, he stated all exhibits must remain until Sunday at 9 p.m.) The Board thanked him for attending and this will be discussed further at the luncheon meeting on Thursday. Some consideration for allowing late exhibitors to participate was discussed.

The the luncheon meeting with the Department heads from Arts and Crafts, they requested permission to have artists paint pictures to be placed on the outside of the building to identify it as Arts and Crafts and add color to the grounds. These to be approved by the Board before completion. The Board agreed to allow this.

The new Department Superintendent for the Floral Department would like a lath house building for hanging baskets, etc. The Board agreed to build this and Mr. Ball will handle the construction.

Increasing the gate admission was discussed. Dr. McGough moved to establish this gate price of \$1.00, free admission under 10. Mr. Adams seconded. Motion carried.

Rental prices on the restaurants was discussed. Mr. Adams moved to increase the rent to \$50.00. Dr. McGough seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Jossy presented the Board with plans for a local talent show. He would like to obtain a director/organizer to get talent through the local schools. A budget of \$700 would be established for this event. Mr. Scott moved to follow this through. Dr. McGough seconded. Motion carried.

For other entertainment, it was agreed to have the puppet show again and Touch and See. The Kiwanis Club is interested in helping sponsor the Touch and See.

Mr. Jossy called several local banks about setting up a Trust Fund for the covered show arena. He was advised to handle this through the fair office and set up a savings account with receipts being issued and a statement on these receipts to the effect that donations over \$10.00 will be refunded if the building is not built. He was advised by the Board to discuss this with the District Attorney for all legal angles.

Several members of the Historical Society came out and staked off an area southeast of the Main Exhibit Building for a Pioneer Center. They would then like the old buildings moved to this area and they would put a worm-rail fence and start plantings, etc. The Board agreed to this.

Mr. Adams moved that the minutes be approved as mailed. Dr. McGough seconded. Motion carried.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Payroll - ~~598~~-598 - 330.40
#1651 - Merrill's Coffee Shop - 14.10
#1652 - Rodeo Sports News - 5.00
#1653 - City of Hillsboro - 17.50
#1654 - Merrills' Coffee Shop - 25.00
#1655 - Merrill's Coffee Shop - 12.20
#1656 - Void
#1657 - Portland General Electric - 97.41
#1658 - Mobil Oil Co. - 3.00
#1659 - Rex Bledsoe - 12.02
#1660 - Northwest Natural Gas - 16.78
#1661 - General Telephone - 57.70
#1662 - Home Oil Co. - 2.00
#1663 - Roy H. Heinrich and Co. - 30.35
#1664 - Joe Van Dyke - 75.00

Dr. McGough moved the above bills be paid. Mr. Adams seconded. Motion carried.

The Jaycees asked Mr. Jossy to get approval for a destruction derby to be held on Saturday during the Happy Days in the area east of the arena, using portable bleachers around the area. They would charge for this event and would pay the Board a percentage. The Board had no objection to this but all glass must be removed from the cars and be sure the area is clean of junk, etc. Percentage of 20% was established with further negotiations to be made by Mr. Jossy.

The possibility of contacting companies in the area to hold their annual picnics on the grounds during the fair was discussed.

Mr. Jossy's term will be expiring on April 23 and a replacement for this position was discussed. Several names were mentioned with the Board agreeing on Don Blem's name to be recommended for consideration.

The Board discussed the possibility of appointing a committee to handle the publicity, etc.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Shearer, Sec.

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Fairgrounds

Agenda
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1. Visitors
 2. Department heads of Arts and Crafts request permission to paint out side of their building. Non-contemporary by artists but all designs approved by Fair Board before.
 - 3/ Floral Department request a lath building for hanging baskets.
 4. Discuss change of gate price
 5. Discuss rental prices for restaurants
 6. Discuss going back to local talent show
 7. Report - Ed Ball
 8. Information on Trust Fund for arena
 9. Approval of change of location of log cabins and set up Pioneer center.
 10. Minutes
 11. Bills
 12. Any other business
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