

**NCW Fair Board Meeting
Thursday, June 13, 2024**

Members Present		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Foged <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julia Goodman <input type="checkbox"/> Leon Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Heidi Hedges	<input type="checkbox"/> Chance Landon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Becky Matthiesen <input type="checkbox"/> Marie Overton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Schneider <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Shafer	<input type="checkbox"/> Jamey Jo Steele <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margaret Viebrock <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Beidler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Whitehall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheri Bock
Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Morley <input type="checkbox"/> Nicole Sanders	<input type="checkbox"/> Karina Angeles <input type="checkbox"/> Ramon Ramirez
Guests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Adam called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. He mentioned that if you have items to be added to the agenda, please do so.

Becky moved, and Julia seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 13, 2024, as revised. The minutes were previously emailed to all Board members previously; the revision will be emailed to them as well. It passed unanimously.

Carolyn gave a brief financial report. We made about \$30,000 on Monster Trucks this year but fell a little short of expectations. Rock Island had fireworks for free at the same time. Concert ticket sales are going well with about 1,100 sold for Clint Black. This far exceeds normal concert sales.

Old Business

- Open Board Position** – We are continuing to look for potential board member candidates that would be a good fit with the needs (skillset) of the Board. The greatest need currently is for the maintenance and general knowledge of our facilities (camping, livestock barns, etc. David from the Department of Corrections would be a powerful addition to a committee within the board, regardless of becoming a Board member. Ramon reached out to him to gauge his level of interest, and he is interested. Leon will meet with him to answer any questions that he may have. David is familiar with our fairgrounds with his previous experience of oversight bringing DOC crews to work around the fairgrounds.

New Business

1. Committee Reports:

- Livestock Committee – Livestock registrations are going well with 48 beef; 74 swine; 59 goats (25 market goats); 13 sheep (12 market sheep); 4 alpacas, 20 horses; 42 poultry; and 25 rabbits have registered thus far. Registrations close on July 15.

Projects Livestock Committee has discussed/approved and will complete prior to fair are:

- Hang shade cloth on the south side of the beef barn to help with overheating in the barn, especially for the animals stalled next to the doors on this side of the barn.
 - Complete the revisions to the hog run alongside the 4-H/FFA/Grange youth horse barn. Ramon will purchase the pressure-treated 4'x4" wood for the posts and charge it to the Livestock Fund.
 - Hog nipples have been ordered; there were no extras last year and some usually fail every year.
 - We accepted the resignation from Kim Weimerskirch and thanked her for her many years of service. Mike Correia from Coulee City has agreed to take on the Barn Superintendent role in the hog barn this year to "try it on for size." He is a hog breeder and has considerable experience with them.
 - Livestock barns will be disinfected prior to the Fair. This is something that is done annually.
- Race & Rodeo – There was nothing new to report. A question was raised about feed for the rodeo stock. Suggestions were to contact Bud Streeter in Palisades and Heidi Hedges. Chance was not in attendance, but he had agreed to draft a safety action plan for animals leaving the arena. The slats need to be inserted into the chain-link fence to obscure spectators standing near the fence to watch horse races prior to fair. It is a safety issue for the spectators but also for the racers and horses as well.
 - General information: Carolyn asked that everyone be prepared with a list of names of those who will need worker tickets prior to the next meeting. She also mentioned that if you are going to purchase your four half-price concert tickets, you need to pay at the next meeting.
 - Entertainment – Adam reported that they are getting workers lined up to set up the stage. Carolyn mentioned that they need a driver to be on call for all day on Friday. This needs to be a responsible adult, age 25+ and very dependable.
 - Operations/Safety – The committee will work with Sheri to coordinate goats for the G.O.A.T. Experience. They have five participants thus far but are looking for more. The back "handicap" stall in the goat barn will be reserved for the participants to decorate. They will gather at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday to practice with the goat and their "buddies;" the show will be at 2:00 p.m. in the beef arena.

The "Super" training will be held at 9:00 a.m. on July 20 in the Community Hall. They will use the "training fair" for a firsthand experience. Lori will have a hand-out for participants to take home with them. Lori will be in the park during the Farmer's Market on July 13 to show folks how to lot into FairEntry and obtain their exhibitor tickets and enter their exhibits. Karina and Teri will be set up on August 10 (the workday) to help exhibitors log on and register.

Marie and Lori will be in East Wenatchee at 8:00 a.m. pm August 17 for the exhibit drop-off in East Wenatchee. They will then come to Waterville by 1:00 p.m. for intake day for still life exhibits. They will sell exhibitor tickets and prepare exhibit tags manually just as we have done in the past. Lori will have printed off all the exhibit tags for entries that were registered online and will have them available to hand out to exhibitors on August 17. Ann will put the totes of tickets and exhibit tags together for them to take to East Wenatchee and some additional to be used here in Waterville.

- Maintenance: Report on projects
 - The next workday is August 10. We need a large group here to actively participate and get the fairgrounds visitor ready. Discussion as to time was inconclusive – 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.?
 - Maintenance is working to put together the three bleachers funded by receipt of Waste Management Community Funding.
 - Douglas County provided new sheep/goat wash racks. They are not yet complete but will be done prior to the fair.
 - Ramom provided a list of funds approved by the Friends of the Fair totaling \$78,942.36 to be used (or have already been used) for specific projects around the fairgrounds.

2. NCW Fair:

- a. Wenatchee World will print five hundred copies of the premium book. Carolyn created a flyer to hand out as well.
- b. Picnic table project: The non-profits have been selected and they are picking up their tables. She and Nikki will prep them.
- c. First Responder of the Year: Nominations for the First Responder of the Year opens on Saturday, July 15, for nominations from Chelan and Douglas Counties.
- d. Remodeling of the baking barn was discussed briefly. This will be an “after fair” project.
- e. The Downtown Association contacted Carolyn about renting “spider boxes” for the farmer’s market in the park this coming weekend. After a brief discussion, it was decided that we could rent them to help their event out. Ramon will take them down, set them up, and retrieve them.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on August 8, 2024.

Ann Whitehall, Secretary