

**NCW Fair Board Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2024**

Members Present		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Foged <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julia Goodman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leon Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Heidi Hedges	<input type="checkbox"/> Chance Landon <input type="checkbox"/> Becky Matthiesen <input type="checkbox"/> Marie Overton <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Schneider <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jesse Shafer	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Morley <input type="checkbox"/> Nicole Sanders	<input type="checkbox"/> Karina Angeles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramon Ramirez
Guests	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chase, Roman, and Mike (Railroad guys)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Adam called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. He mentioned that if you have items to be added to the agenda, please do so.

Sheri moved, and Julia seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 11, 2024. The minutes were previously emailed to all Board members previously. It passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. **Future Events on the calendar for 2024**
 - a. Junk Rodeo June 1 & June 2.
 - b. Monster Trucks & Freedom June 28 & 29.

2. **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).

New Business

1. **Railroad display discussion.** Chase, Roman, and Mike expressed their appreciation to the board for allowing them to come to the meeting and that they are allowed to stay in the back of the baking building with their display. They are interested in year-round use of the facility. They had suggestions:
 - a. They are interested in having central heating and air conditioning. Mike Walker could help with some of the equipment as he has a late '90s or early 2000s 3-element 220V birdcage heat source that he could donate (heat only).
 - b. Remove the windows on the east side of the building (they have been boarded up due to a previous attempted break-in).

2. Committee Reports:

- Livestock Committee – Bill is absent from tonight’s meeting as he is picking up the panels from the Chelan County fairgrounds to finalize the improvements to the hog run alongside the 4-H horse barn. Their meetings are held the same night as ours, so it was the only time he had access to anyone to get the panels. Judges have been obtained for all species; packers have been arranged; auctioneer is on board. Concern was raised about exhibit capacity in the barns; Jamey Jo was tasked with the responsibility to draft the process to be utilized to refuse animals if capacity becomes an issue. Discussion regarding refunding fees to exhibitors ensued if that circumstance arises. Jamey Jo made a motion that NCW Fair would refund the animal fee only if an animal were refused entry due to lack of capacity in a barn. Jesse seconded the motion. It passed with one no vote. Ann is to provide verbiage to Margaret to be included in the registration guide and she will update FairEntry similarly. Ann will also research methodology available to process the refund if this circumstance arises.
- Race & Rodeo – The old building housing racehorse stalls is leaning horribly. Ramon will attempt some maintenance; some stalls may be unavailable for use this year. Races will be sanctioned through Horse Nations Indian Relay Council out of Pine Ridge, South Dakota who brings teams together from all over. We anticipate more participants and horses are expected to attend.
- Entertainment – Adam reported that ticket sales for the Clint Black concert are going well.
- Operations/Safety – Noting new to report.
 - Designs for the volunteer shirts have been selected and are sponsored again this year.
 - Leon is taking the lead regarding the new safety survey recently established.
- Ramon reported on projects:
 - Three bleachers are being ordered this week using Waste Management Community Funding. We will no longer need to transport bleachers between Waterville and Wenatchee for our events.
 - The PA system has been installed, which will communicate ground wide. The cost was \$30,000 and was funded by receipt of a safety grant from Douglas County.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the need for speakers for the horse arena. It had been the understanding of the Livestock Committee that Betsy Schweitzer had purchased these previously as approved by the Committee at a meeting soon after completion of Fair 2023.

3. Camping Open to returning campers

- a. Z lot spaces were all reserved right away
- b. The remainder of camping spots are going well; campsites are filling up.

- c. The board was made aware that the potential exists whereby disgruntled campers from prior years may take issue with the new process.
- 4. Update on status of premium book.** Margaret indicated that they are busy making all the changes and that livestock changes were holding up the process.
- 5. Fair Prep conversation.** Workdays are scheduled for July 13 and August 10. We need all the volunteer support possible to get the grounds ready for the fair. The training for still life superintendents is to be held on July 20 at a time yet to be determined.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on June 13, 2024.

Ann Whitehall, Secretary