

Benton County Fair Board Meeting

Monday July 21st, 6:00 pm.

Benton County Event Center & Fairgrounds, Auditorium Building.

110 SW 53rd Street, Corvallis OR 97355

Fair Board Members Present: Kristi Schrock Chair, Zel Brook, Craig Hendrickson, Mark Stephens, Rick Freeman,

Liaison Present: Pat Malone Commissioner

NAPE Staff: Jesse Ott, Director; Jennifer Martin Fairgrounds Manager, Kerri Sellers Mandelkow Admin Asst

Guests: Ellie Dye 4-H Liaisons

Schrock called the meeting to order at 18:01 hrs.

1. Schrock called for review of Agenda and previous meeting minutes Motion entered to approve by Rick and second by Mark. All in favor no one opposes.
2. Citizen Comments – Schrock noted no citizens attending and moved into discussion.
3. Director's/ Fairgrounds Manager's Report:

- Jesse:

- ◆ Power Point Main fair attractions: run down: Wed Barrel of Fun, Bright Heart Circus, Vicki the Ventriloquist, All girls Rodeo, Thurs: Fair Foundation BBQ dinner, NPRA Rodeo Battle of the bands Contest. Friday Fiddle contest, BOTB opens For Van Halen tribute band NPRA Rodeo, Sat: Buyers lunch for the Youth Auction, Beard and Mustache contest, Dylan Schneider and Rodney Atkins
- ◆ Main reason for the fair: it's for the 4-H kids, Rodeo participants, the community
- ◆ Bob Miller will be back this year to help with electrical
- ◆ Scott made flower boxes, stringed lights over by the pony bard
- ◆ Arena will have its plastic down this week
- ◆ Have a great maintenance crew for fair
- ◆ Bartlet tree service to do one more check of the oak grove
- ◆ The camp host will be helping with the RV placement

- Jennifer

- ◆ The fair is next week!
- ◆ Volunteering at the fair Sign up / needing 6 stag hands for Thursday and Saturday, checking in with vendors and open class, and the new beer garden
- ◆ Meet and greets, Dylan and Rodney are doing meet and greet but they are requiring passes, (Craig shared a story about his daughter's signature the boot.) Artists are willing to sign items but limited to 5 items.
- ◆ Trudy will be volunteering for the fair
- ◆ Mindy is as done an amazing job on the VIP
- ◆ Parking signage for the field is needed
- ◆ Start a group chat with the Fair board members during the fair.
- ◆ Sunday vendors can start moving into the Auditorium
- ◆ The Benton County Fair and Rodeo app is ready to be uploaded, through the app store
- ◆ Selling merchandise at the fair at the info booth
- ◆ Eccentric people will have golf carts
- ◆ 7 Bands for the battle of the bands and there will be 1st ,2nd, and 3rd place prizes
- ◆ Move the Beard and Mustache contest move to the Oak grove stage

- Other reports
 - ◆ Trying to get the Cover bridge completed before the fair / volunteers needed
 - ◆ Rodeo has been putting more time on the dirt.
 - ◆ Queen attended the Frolic
 - ◆ Queen Pageant runs during fair Wednesday, Thursday, new Queen will be crowned on Friday
 - ◆ Rodeo Committee got their brand

- 4-H Ellie
 - ◆ Getting ready for fair
 - ◆ Setting up camps and RVs for the fair
 - ◆ Animals weigh in
 - ◆ Decoration for the animal cages

Adjournment: 19:09

Next Meeting: August 18th, 2025

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