



Bonner County Fair Board

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 8, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Eddie Gordon, Jody Russell, Laya Bleckwenn, Elaine Linscott, Bruce Hollett

Members Absent: Marj Tilley, Gail Curless

Fair Staff Present: Darcey Smith, Chris Larson

Others Present: Tim Mahan, Sarah Shupe, Tim & Linda Mahan, Jimmy Cornelius, Scott Wood, Rhea Scott

I. Public Comment: No public Comment was given

IV. Other

Discussion/Decision Regarding Draft Horse Show: Sarah Shupe, Brandon Moore & Wade Thornley

Sarah Shupe was present to discuss the potential of bringing back the Draft Horse show to the Bonner County Fairgrounds from June 30th - July 3rd. She explained that the Fall season is full. The Fairboard previously recommended due to the Fairgrounds full summer schedule that the Draft Horse show move back to the fall when it was historically held. This group is an entirely new group separate from the previous Draft Horse group that came to the Fairgrounds. This will be a family friendly event, with 6 horse hitch series and are expecting roughly 13 teams.

Jody Russell explained to Sarah that the cattle panels were recently repaired and replaced thanks to a private sponsor. The damages done previously were done by the draft horses. Any damages caused to the panels would be added to the final statement.

Laya Bleckwenn moved to approve the Draft Horse show dates of June 30th through July 3rd. Jody Russell seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

II. New Business

Approval of Fair Board Meeting Minutes

Elaine Linscott moved to approve the October Fair Board minutes as presented.

Jody Russell seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

- 4H Update – Rhea Scott
- Rhea advised the fairboard of the following:
- Current enrollment numbers
- Z-Suite is up and running
- Protecting Minors Training
- Horse Show dates are all set

III. Old Business

Discussion/Decision Regarding Outdoor Arena Fence Line

- Arena Fence line – move in four feet towards the arena.
- Exterior Fence line – move southeast into the grass area in front of the Outdoor Arena, past the utility/power lines

There was a brief discussion amongst the Fairboard regarding Handicapped access, sidewalk to the arena, and striping on pavement, as well as the fenceline changes.

Laya Bleckwenn moved to approve the moving of the fence line as much as necessary on the exterior fence, and no more than 4' on the interior fenceline. Jody Russell seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

Discussion/Decision Regarding Rodeo Name: PRCA – “Sandpoint Rodeo”

Jimmy Cornelius presented the request to the fairboard that the Bonner county Rodeo name be changed to “Sandpoint Rodeo”. He explained that all PRCA documents and paperwork is listed as the Sandpoint Rodeo. All of these rodeo's are listed by the city name. To lessen confusion, he would like to change the name for this sake to the Sandpoint Rodeo. There was a brief discussion amongst the Fairboard members and Jimmy Cornelius. Jody Russell moved to change the Bonner County Rodeo name to Sandpoint Rodeo. Elaine Linscott seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

Update – Christmas Fair

Darcey provided a brief update on the Christmas fair, and the status of vendors. All is going well, and it should be a great show.

Update – Halloween Event

Darcey advised that this was a well attended event. She thanked all the Fairboard members who were involved. Jody Russell suggested that we invest in our own Cotton Candy machine rather than relying on borrowed machines. The machine that we borrowed was not working 100% at the event. The cost will be between 700-1500. No motion was made.

Update/Discussion/Decision – Holly Barn Heat Project

Scott Wood with Legacy Wrestling was present to provide updates on their cost sharing for this project.

Chris Larson presented the details to the Fairboard regarding this project outline. Installation of gas, installation of heaters, storage room idea, restroom idea.

Darcey advised that Avista reached out and for a Spoworship would significantly reduce the price in their fee.

Scott Wood advised that he will continue to get bids for the heating and insulation.

Jody Russell moved that we proceed with the gas line installation and trenches as needed. Laya Bleckwenn seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

V. Executive Session: Fair Board may meet to discuss the following items under Idaho Code 74-206- 1-B Personnel. There was no need for an executive session.

VI. Correspondence

VII. Approval of Bills

Discussion/Decision Regarding Fairground & Rodeo Bills

- Security Cameras

Darcey provided the quote for the video camera security system to the Fairboard. Following a brief discussion the quote was approved for payment along with the regular bills.

- Upgrade to Food Booth Kitchen – Calfé

Jody and Darcey provided an update for the Calfé Kitchen updating project. Following a review of the upgrades and plans, Elaine Linscott moved to approve the Kitchen remodel quote as provided by Selkirk Glass and Cabinets. Laya Bleckwenn seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

Jody Russell moved to pay the regular bills. Elaine Linscott seconded the motion. All in favor. the motion passed.

At 6:43 pm with no further business to come before the Fair Board, Laya Bleckwenn moved to adjourn the meeting. Elaine Linscott seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.