

Bonner County Fair Board

Meeting MINUTES

Monday, June 13, 2022

5:30 p.m.



Members Present: Eddie Gordon, Elaine Linscott, Gail Curless, Marj Tilley, Bruce Hollett, Laya Bleckwenn, Jody Russell

Fair Staff Present: Darcey Smith, Chris Larson, Maranda Montgomery

Others Present: Tim Mahan, Rhea Scott, Dan McDonald, Joleen Bass, Levi Irish, Seth Lukasec & Partner

Public Comment: Seth Lukasec commented about his ArenaCross event; specifically that he had no beer garden and his contract was unsigned. He provided hard copies of an email Darcey Smith sent to him regarding past due statements, copies of those statements, and copies of a text message string between he and Darcey in September of 2021. No discussion was held at this time as it was not agenzized for such.

No further Public Comments were made.

1. New Business

- 4H Update – Rhea Scott
- Rodeo Update -
Levi (President) advised the Fair Board of the following:
There hasn't been much outdoor work due to the weather.
Rascal Rodeo will happen at 10:00 am on Saturday August 6th.
Advertising for the Rodeo
Miracle Minute will happen again this year, however funds will only be dispersed to one organization this year - Community Cancer Services.
There was a brief discussion regarding Wheelchair access, using old mill belts to lay on the dirt of the arena.
Maranda made the Rodeo Poster, and it has been distributed throughout the County. Tickets went on sale June 1st through the Fairgrounds Website, as well as distributed throughout Bonner County resellers.
A work part is scheduled for June 17th in the afternoon/early evening.
Joleen (Secretary) commented on the financial reports that Darcey provided for the Rodeo account. There was a lengthy discussion between Joleen, the Fair Board and Darcey regarding the rodeo financials; specifically that there isn't a separate account for the rodeo and for royalty, items missing from royalty financials, Rodeo Secretary should also hold the title of Treasurer.
- Approval of Fair Board Meeting Minutes
Gail made a motion to approve the minutes. Marj Tilley seconded the motion. A brief discussion was held regarding some minor clerical edits. Gail moved to approve with the noted changes. All in favor. The motion passed.

- Fair and Maintenance Update
- Chris and Darcey provided a maintenance update to the fair board which included.
 - Seasonal Summer Helpers - We will be fully staffed by the end of the month
 - Parking Volunteers - a local group of volunteers from the FBCS have volunteered to handle out parking.
 - Fair Books - will be distributed this week. Pallets of Fair Books are scheduled to arrive tomorrow.
 - Holly Barn Insulation Project - Insulation is almost completed
 - Calfé Kitchen Project - Counters and countertops are on site. They are waiting to be installed. The Board requested that Chris reach out to get quotes for the ceiling repair and possibly a gravel road on the back side of the Food Booths.
 - Security Cameras - They have been working but not online due to wifi issues. They are all back online and working.
 - Outdoor Arena Fence / Tree Removal
 - Discussion/Decision Regarding Outdoor Arena Fence / Tree Removal
Chris advised the Fair Board about potential shock risk if the fence line is moved and vendors are placed directly under the power lines. An alternative plan would be to remove the trees and dirt mounds next to the ticket booths at the Outdoor Arena. Chris presented an invoice from Northwest Tree Care, LLC. Following a discussion amongst the Fair Board members, Elaine Linscott moved to approve the invoice at \$3,500 Option 1 to remove the trees and haul away the debris. Bruce Hollet seconded the motion. all in favor. The motion passed.
- Discussion/Decision Regarding Rodeo Sub Committee Treasurer
This item was discussed during the Rodeo update.

2. Old Business

- IDPR RV Grant Update – Campground Expansion Project - Darcey advised that the Grant Application was approved for funding. This will be taken to the BOCC for official approval. Darcey will provide updates as they come in.
- Discussion/Decision Regarding Scholarship Applications
Darcey had provided hard copies and electronic copies to the Board members previously. Following discussion, Elaine Linscott moved to approve scholarships to the top 4 recipients in the amounts of \$1,725 each. Marj Tilley seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.
- Discussion/Decision Regarding “2021” Sponsorship Packets
There was a brief discussion regarding this agenda item. No decision was made.

3. Correspondence

- Review Email, Mail & Telephone Correspondence
Darcey advised no correspondence other than bills had been received.

4. Approval of Bills

- Discussion/Decision Regarding Fairground & Rodeo Bills
Following discussions earlier in the meeting, the Fair Board discussed the current process of bill pay. Darcey did advise that she is currently working on transferring to the new online version of quickbooks. And within the next few months there will be a full transition. All bills have fallen into the regular and ordinary category. Jody asked to

receive hard copies of the bills and reconciliations. Darcey advised that she will provide hard copies, as well as continue to place the electronic copies on the Google Drive for Fair Board access as she must do this for the County Treasurer.

Marj Tilley moved to approve paying the bills. Elaine Linscott seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

Eddie Gordon, Chairman

Date