



Bonner County Fair Board
Meeting MINUTES
Monday, July 11, 2022
5:30 p.m.

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

Fair Staff Present: Darcey Smith

Others Present: Commissioner McDonald, Tim Mahan, Levi Irish, Joleen Bass, Jimmy Cornelius, Chris Larson

- I. **Public Comment:** Jimmy Cornelius spoke to the Fair Board in regard to verbal statements made about past purchases made by the Rodeo Committee during the last Fair Board meeting.
- II. **New Business**
 1. **4H Update** – No 4H members were present; however, the update below was provided prior to the meeting.

General

- We are looking forward to the fair!!
- Please let us know when the ribbon order has arrived, we will be trying to organize ribbons ahead of time to for our fair events.
- 4-H Static Projects will be entered on August 8th this year to allow us more time to judge and display the items.
- Upcoming 4-H Events at the fairgrounds:
 - July 30 – Archery Contest (Outdoor Arena)
 - August 3 – Avian Flu Testing (Extension Office parking lot)
 - August 3 – Cat and Pocket Pet Show (Extension Office)
 - August 6 – Dog Show (In the grassy area by the Extension Office.)

Market Animal

- Next Market Animal Livestock Committee Meeting is Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 6pm.
- Fair Board members are eligible to sign up to purchase a turned steer from the auction. If interested, please contact the Extension Office.
- Scales will be certified July 12th.

Horse Project

- Horse Camp was a success. Thank you for all your help with that event.
- 4-H Horse Show will be July 23-24. Dan Moriarty will be the main judge this year.
- The 4-H horse Leaders Council will be holding 2 fundraising events at the fair year on September 10 and 11. The funds raised from the event on September 11 will go towards the 4-H members competing in the National 4-H Horse Contest.
- The next Horse Leaders Council Meeting will be August 2, 2022, at 5:30pm.

1. **Rodeo Update**

Levi Irish provided an update to the Fair Board including information on the following:

- Completed building the second Speaker Stand
- Completed the fence
- Calf pen gate is complete
- Gates need to be hung
- Announcers Booth has been stained
- Western Pleasure will be sponsoring Rascal Rodeo
- Cinch will be Sponsoring \$3k
- The Rodeo Committee ordered new shirts: Teal and Purple
- Specialty Act has been confirmed

Joleen Bass provided an update to the Fair Board including information on the following:

- No Hotel Rooms have been booked. And at this time all hotels are out of availability. An offer has been made to allow the rodeo committee members to use a time share in Las Vegas for the convention as an alternative.
- All Awards for the upcoming Playday on August 13th have been sponsored. Requesting that the overage goes towards the fee to either reimburse Rascal Rodeo or put into the Rodeo Royalty Fund.
- Provided an Update on the Best Western Hotels.

2. **Approval of Fair Board Meeting Minutes**

Jody Russell moved to approve the June Fair Board Meeting Minutes.

Bruce Hollett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

3. **Fair and Maintenance Update**

Chris Larson provided an update on the following:

- Holly Barn Insulation is complete
- Cattle Barn Pole project is complete
- There will be a wedding in the MEB this weekend
- Displays will be set up in the MEB next week
- Need Sand to be hauled in for the OA and the Warmup Arena.

There was a brief discussion amongst the Fair Board members in regard to the Sand in the Outdoor Arena. Darcey will edit the grounds contracts to include verbiage that states clean fill dirt only for any events that bring in material into any of our arenas.

Darcey Smith provided updates on the following:

- Fair Board Member Bonds
- Fair Royalty Applications
- Holly Barn Insulation Project
- Calfé Kitchen Project
 - Ace Construction will inspect the kitchen and give us a quote for the walls and ceiling.
 - Chris will speak with Scott Wood regarding rear of the Food Booths to work on drainage, possible road for access to the rear of the food booths

- Outdoor Arena Fence/Tree Removal Project – the trees will be removed early next week. The dirt mounds will also be removed by the fairgrounds staff.

4. **Discussion/Decision Regarding Wood's Crushing and Hauling Fair Book Sponsorship**

There was a discussion amongst the Fair Board in regard to the ad that was printed for the Wood's sponsorship in the Fair Book. The quality is not the same as the rest of the Fair Book. The Fair Board Directed Darcey Smith to reach out to them with a suggested solution.

III. **Old Business**

1. IDPR RV Grant Update – Campground Expansion Project
Darcey Smith provided a brief update regarding this grant project.
2. Discussion Regarding MTN Moto Events
The Fair Board discussed future Motocross events by the MTN Moto Company. They are current on their event statements, and the Fair Board agreed to continue to allow them to hold their events at the Fairgrounds if dates are available. However, there will be the condition that only clean fill dirt will be allowed to be brought into the arenas.
3. Discussion/Decision Regarding Rodeo Sub Committee By-Laws
There was a brief discussion regarding the Draft By-Laws for the Rodeo Sub-Committee. Gail Curless moved to accept the By-Laws with the amendment of Secretary /Treasurer to be held by the same person. Bruce Hollett seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.
4. Discussion/Decision Regarding Rodeo Sub Committee Bank Accounts; Rodeo & Royalty
There was a discussion held between he Fair Board, Rodeo members and Fair staff regarding the Rodeo Bank accounts. Following a lengthy discussion, Jody Russell made a motion to create two bank accounts, one for the Sandpoint Rodeo and one for the Sandpoint Rodeo Royalty. Gail Curless seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

IV. **Correspondence**

Review Email, Mail & Telephone Correspondence

Elaine requested an update regarding the Draft Horse Show. There was a brief discussion amongst the Fair Board regarding the Draft Horse Show.

V. **Approval of Bills**

1. Discussion/Decision Regarding Fairground & Rodeo Bills
Darcey advised the Fair Board that at this time, no bills have been received for the Fair or Rodeo. Those will start to trickle in during the months of August and September. All bills are normal and ordinary at this time.

Jody did inquire regarding multiple Adobe charges on the financial statements. Darcey advised that she will look into the accounts and report back to the Fair Board.

Marj Tilley moved to accept and pay the bills. Laya Bleckwenn seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

With no further business to come before the Fair Board. At 6:51pm Bruce Hollett moved to adjourn the meeting. Laya Bleckwenn seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

Fair Board President, Eddie Gordon

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