



Bonner County Fair Board

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 13, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Eddie Gordon, Jody Russell, Gail Curless, Laya Bleckwenn, Elaine Linscott

Members Absent: Bruce Hollett, Marj Tilley

Fair Staff Present: Darcey Smith, Chris Larson, Dan McDonald

Others Present: Rhea Scott, Tim & Linda Mahan

- I. Public Comment: Tim provided positive comments/feedback on this year's fair.

- II. New Business
 - 4H Update - Rhea Scott provided the following update.
 - 4-H enrollment is moving to ZSuites this year and is expected to be open for enrollment October 4
 - The Auction sale total was \$447,354.75.
 - 2021 Premium amounts are \$2,191.00
 - We are still working on purchasing a swine scale
 - We are also looking into purchasing a beef scale. There is too much fluctuation when weighing beef this year.
 - We have completed a ribbon count and are going to work with our awards committee to confirm what ribbons we are going to request for purchase and try to have that complete by the end of December
 - We need to investigate a storage solution. We have multiple archery targets which are 4'x4'x2', also we have dog agility equipment that has been setting out in the weather and deteriorating. One of our Horse Leaders was going to clean out under the grandstands to move Horse Equipment over there. That did not get completed and we have heard that she will not return as a horse leader.

Discussion/Decision Regarding the August Fair Board Meeting Minutes.

Elaine Linscott moved to approve the August Fair Board Meeting Minutes. Gal Curless seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed.

2021 Fair Update

Darcey provided an update on the following and a brief discussion ensued amongst the Fair Board members and staff.

- Fair Update
- Parking
- Volunteers
- Concert
- Challenge of Champions
- Demo Derby

Discussion/Decision Regarding 2022 Fair

- 2022 Fair Theme
A brief discussion ensued amongst the Fair Board members and staff. Darcey will place Fair themes to be voted upon on the Fairgrounds social media sites, and present the results at the October Fair Board Meeting.
- Entertainment
Following a brief discussion, the Fair Board agreed to allow Darcey to book entertainment at the RMAF and IAFE conventions for the 2022 Fair, not to exceed \$28,000.

Discussion/Decision Regarding Christmas Fair

The Fair board and Fair Staff discussed the 2021 Christmas Fair. The Fair Board will not have a Booth. We will hire Mr. and Mrs. Claus if they are available. Vendor types will be kept to crafters first, and commercial if all waitlisted crafters have been exhausted.

Discussion/Decision Regarding October Fair Board Meeting

There was a lengthy discussion amongst the Fair Board members and staff regarding the Fall workshop. It was agreed that the Workshop would occur on Friday, October 8th at 9:00 am. Items for discussion will include, but are not limited to the following:

- 5 year plan - capital improvements
 - Outdoor Arena Speakers
 - Food Booth improvements
 - Campground Expansion Phase 2 Grant Application
 - Irrigation
 - Heavy Equipment Replacement/Upgrades

IV. Old Business

a. Discussion/Decision Regarding 2021 Conventions; IAFE and RMAF

Darcey provided a brief update to the board regarding registration and dates for the upcoming conventions.

V. Other

Discussion/Decision Regarding Halloween Event in MEB/SW

- Pony Rides
- Volunteers

The Fair Board and Fair Staff discussed the upcoming Halloween event; including games, volunteers, treats, pumpkins, decorations, times, etc.

VI. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

VII. Approval of Bills

Discussion/Decision Regarding Fair & Rodeo Bills

Darcey advised the Fair Board that there were no bills outside of the regular or ordinary that needed to be paid. Gail Curless moved to approve 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, the meeting was adjourned.