

Columbia County Fair Board Meeting
Monday January 8, 2024
6:30 p.m. Warren Grange Building

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CALL TO ORDER Peggy Howell 6:30 called meeting to order

PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT – 3-Minute Limit
Having the Fair and Rodeo for 4 days Wed-Sat.

Peggy handed out an explanation regarding closing the fair on Sunday. There were a lot of Facebook comments – Peggy talked with Rainier Amusement to close on Wed and open Sun. She hasn't heard back. - Rick Smith asked if the days would be Wed-Sat – comments on Facebook wanted to know how the missing logging show ended. They wanted a pond and the board voted against that and then the people who ran it went away. Tractor pulls did not hold the interest. The pavilion building is not full of exhibits like it used to be. Julie and Mark Sandstrom said the tractor pulls didn't pull the crowd. Then the fees went up – Henry Heimuller mentioned the monster trucks didn't bring the crowd either.

Woody Davis said he had talked to his people – and asked if the gates would be open. we need to make a decision soon. Henry asked Woody not to have people move out after midnight. - The awards could be at 9am. That could be a potential optitoun. - Butch asked if people would like to come and bring to the table suggestions of what we can do to keep Sunday open. – Henry mentioned we did do an RFP and Rainier Amusements was the only one to respond and in their proposal, they would be closed on Sunday. Woody mentioned with it being so close to fair this year we should keep Sunday this year and look at 2025 to close. Peggy mentioned 50% of fairs have lost their carnivals. Mary Ann agreed with Woody for this year to stay open on Sunday and if we can't turn it around then close for 2025. Henry also agreed with Woody. Ryan hopes for Sunday to be profitable so we don't have to close. Branden also agreed. Henry motioned to keep Sunday open for 2024 and if not profitable to close in 2025. Butch 2nd. Kassie opposed Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Henry moved to ratify the bills for December, Branden 2nd, motion passed.
- B. Butch motion to approve Dec 13 board minutes, Dec 18 Special meeting minutes, and Dec 27 work session minutes. Ryan 2nd – motion passed.

COMMITTEES:

- A. Rodeo Committee – Mark and Julie went to Las Vegas and watched the NPRA finals. Mark asked about the clown and jr rodeo contracts. Mary Ann will reach out to counsel again.
- B. Rodeo Court Committee – Madison our new Queen has been busy helping at the Warren Grange Henry motioned to have a family pack package and a VIP package for two . Branden 2nd – motion passed. – Lindsay is our princess and is traveling – selling tickets and raffle went to the Scappoose and St Helens parade. Coronation ticket

prices are \$25.individually –

- C. Auction Committee – Julie is the VP and Elaine is Secretary and Daniel pres. Greg is on a committee of five –it has grown. Their scheduled meeting is the 3rd wed at 6:30 of every month except for this month and it's Tues Jan 16- ext office. 6:30 Peggy would like – 4h clubs and FFA chapters to attend. Henry was glad to hear this so we can put the meeting schedule on the website.– Facebook group –

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 4-H – woody 10th of this month needs to reenroll. – archery in sheep barn – was cleaned by the guys and thank you. May 17-19th Youth fair – black out -
- Maintenance Report – Butch will move as much as they can. – Woody will have the space – EMS report – has to do with the septic system – they came out last month and did a complete walk through – Septic tank 10,000 gal tank don't know if its concrete or Steel – a lot of ground water – needs to completely empty – dosing tanks and screens need to be replaced. – they want to scope the whole system from dosing tanks to leach field. – Meeting with Erin at 10am on Thursday. She leaving it up to Butch. – Butch can't get out there right now. Spots are low in some areas. – Henry – before we can vote - we need to see the retainer. – Butch will call them – henry referred to making food vendors - - - need a big – henry moved to keep fair schedule for 2025 – butch 2nd – Kassie opposed .
- Treasurers Report - Current Balance is 144,412.02

Mary with the Sheriff's Posse wants to attend the work sessions and wanting to go forward and work with the fair.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: -

AJOURMENT Peggy ajoured meeting at 7:22pm

Pursuant to ORS 192.640 (1), The Columbia County Fair Board reserves the right to consider and discuss, in either open session or Executive Session, additional subjects that may arise after the agenda is published.