

Columbia County Fair Board Workshop Minutes January 14th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. – Pavilion/Virtual

Members in attendance: Jamie Carr, Derek Stekhuizen, Ingrid Chamberlain, Laken Gortler, Mark Sandstrom, and Eva Frost.

Meeting called to Order at 6:32 P.M.

1. Pavilion Events Update

- Derek explained that after doing more research on the corn hole tournaments he does not think it will bring in enough interest with the current COVID restrictions, to make a profit on.

2. Work Vehicle Update

- Jamie Carr gave an overview of how the work vehicle repairs are coming along. Krystal is doing repairs to get each vehicle up and running to the best of her ability.

3. Bullfest

- No new discussion, Julie Pelletier is going to invite the operator of BullFest to attend a board meeting or workshop to discuss possibly partnering for the event versus Bullfest renting the facility.

4. Front Office Roof Repairs

- Repairs are to the whole main office building, which includes the front office and the shop. The repairs to the shop roof are of higher importance due to leaking and the fair board wanting to store PPE in the building. Jamie is working on options for these repairs.

5. Racetrack Contract

- Tabled until next meeting as the fair board did not have a printed copy to review.

6. Drive thru Dinner

- Theme: Valentine's day – Look for decorating options
- Logistics: Cars will enter through gate 2, exit through gate 4.
- Discount: Those that purchased tickets to the original event will have the option to get a discount of \$15 per ticket purchased.
- Advertising: Currently on the website and social media.

Additional Comments –

Auction update: Shandi and Julie Pelletier are working on finding out how to make this happen and getting some answers about partnering with Friends of Fair.

Fair 2021: Jamie suggests extending fair dates to have the chance to allow more people to participate in the fair depending on the current COVID restrictions come fair time. Ingrid is going to contact some of the Entertainment to get their interest level on attending fair 2021.

Budget: Laken Gortler will give a budget update at next fair board workshop.

Mark Sandstrom suggests trying a Haunted house in October 2021 as an event. Fair board will consider ways to make it happen.

Ingrid Chamberlain Motioned to request \$75,000 from the Board of Commissioners to increase the fairgrounds budget for repairs and to budget events for 2021. Derek seconded the motion. All in favor, with none opposed, MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Session Postponed. With nothing further to discuss **meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.**