

Columbia County Fair Board Workshop Minutes January 21st, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. – Pavilion/Virtual

Members in attendance: Jamie Carr, Derek Stekhuizen, Ingrid Chamberlain, Laken Gortler, Julie Pelletier, Nancy Knox, Tomi-Jo Lorentzen, Eva Frost

Meeting called to Order at 6:30 P.M.

1. Budget report

- Laken presented from the budget report that the plant sale money equals \$24,296.10 which is stipulated by Means Nursery to go towards maintenance of buildings and up keep of property.

2. Race Track Contract.

- **Jamie Carr motioned to approve the contract as-is, Julie Pelletier seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, Motion Carried.** Fair office will send the contract to the race track for signing.

3. Auction Update

- After discussing current options of either partnering with the boosters, holding the online auction using their software for a fee of \$250, or holding a Facebook auction for free, the fair board would like to partner with the boosters in hopes of having a more successful auction.

4. Drive thru Update

- Discussed the request to prepay the caterer for the Drive thru Dinner, per Tyler Eubanks request, and all agreed it's acceptable. Not much else discussed, plans coming along for a successful event.

5. Fair 2021

Fair board discussed their responsibilities for fair and came up with the following list as their individual areas:

- **Laken is in charge of Open Class / Static**
- **Ingrid and Derek are in charge of Entertainment**
 - ◆ **Ingrid doing Musicians and Staging**
 - ◆ **Derek doing more the walking around type of entertainment**
- **Julie is in charge of Vendors – Food and Commercial**
- **Jamie is in charge of Security**
- **Greg is in charge of sponsorships, partnering with Shandi in fair office**

Additional Comments –

- Jamie provided the fair board with copies of the fair operations from Mark Sandstrom. Suggests that each fair board member read them to better understand the way the fair board operates as a whole. Fair office will email each fair board member a copy of the packet as well.

- Jamie presented the request made by Mariah Hamilton to get a refund for the two Drive Thru Dinner tickets she had purchased. The fair board unanimously agreed that it is in the best interest of all parties to accept this request and give Mariah a full refund for her tickets.

- Nancy Knox addressed the board with concerns about needing a budget for Livestock and static for fair 2021. After some discussion, Nancy Knox was asked to create a budget proposal and send to the fair board for them to discuss at a future meeting.

-Expected fair dates for 2021 are July 21-July 25th, with a possibility of extending the dates to include the weekend before in hopes of better operating under Covid restrictions.

- Fair Theme this year is "From Wagon Wheels to Ferris Wheels". This theme was supposed to be the theme from 2020 but due to cancelling that fair, the fair board decided to use the theme for fair 2021. The idea of working on coming up with fair themes earlier than presently possible was discussed and agreed that the sooner the better for future years planning.

- Eva Frost brought up the traveling trophy that has been missing for several years. Jamie would like the office staff to look for the item to see if it is on property before we attempt to replace it.

- The 4H beef weigh in is on the morning of February 13th, 2021. 4H provided their COVID plan as well as a map of how they have decided to operate. No concerns expressed at this time.

- Jamie Carr presented Barbara Vance bids for "Simply the Best Cleaning" service and after review: **Ingrid Chamberlain motioned to approve the proposed bids and accept a one year contract with Barbara Vance, with the option to renew after review at the beginning of each year. Julie Pelletier seconded, all in favor, none opposed, Motion carried.**

With nothing further to discuss **meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.**