

# Columbia County Fair Board Meeting

Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6:30pm – 4H building and Virtual

In attendance: *Julie Pelletier, Henry Heimuller, Peggy Howell and MaryAnn Guess*

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

## **Consent Agenda:**

- Ratify the Bills for October, November and December 2022 – MaryAnn Guess motioned to ratify the bills for October, November, and December 2023. Peggy Howell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motioned. All in favor, motion passed.
- Approve November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes and December 7<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> workshop minutes. – Henry Heimuller motioned to approve November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes and December 7<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> workshop minutes. MaryAnn Guess 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- Budget Update/ Treasure Report: \$112,989.55

## **Committee Reports:**

- Rodeo Committee – Peggy Howell Motioned to pay for the 2023 NPRA rodeo card for rodeo committee. Henry Heimuller 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Mark gave a reminder about the rodeo committee auction dinner March 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 5PM in the pavilion. Mark also mentioned lighting project in the rodeo arena is possible this year. Julie Sandstrom asked if we could donate fair tickets to the rodeo committee auction dinner. Fair Board did not have any objections.
- Rodeo Court Committee – 2023 Queen Savannah introduced herself and gave a reminder about the 2023 rodeo coronation January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Doors open at 5PM. Alice purchased new crowns for the rodeo court.
- Auction Committee – No present members.

## **Discussion:**

- Sponsor Update: Hanna gave a update that since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 she has gotten \$30,850.00

- Quarter Midget Update: Roseann asked to put up a sign at gate 5, fair board didn't have any objections. Office will email ORQMA to ask if we could add on to the sign: Camping, Livestock, Gate 5 and parking. Office will ask for a draft of the sign before fair board will vote.
- Tree trimming update: Henry will reach out to more local tree companies for more estimates.
- Donation to Rodeo queen Savannah: MaryAnn Guess motioned to donate 2 family packs for Savannah to auction off at coronation. Peggy Howell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- Rodeo Court Coronation Reminder: Julie gave a reminder that rodeo court coronation is on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2023 in the pavilion, starting at 5PM. Tickets are \$25.00.
- Ticket Prices: Tabled.
- Peggy taking over volunteers: Due to Abby leaving the fair board currently does not have a volunteer coordinator and is looking for someone. Peggy is unable to take over at this time, as she is too busy with the gates.
- Woody 4H update: Woody and Peggy are in the middle of discussing how to handle fair tickets sold to 4H. Fair board will discuss when they discuss other fair ticket pricing.

#### Other:

- Woody asked the fair board if SARS could use the grounds for training every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Henry Heimuller motioned to let SARS use the grounds. Peggy Howell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Office will reach out to Woody to get an agreement signed.
- Paul Krenz with The Columbia Pacific Food Bank asked to handle all recycling during fair. Henry Motioned to approve Paul to handle all recycling during fair. Peggy Howell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion passed. Office will reach out to counsel to draw up an agreement.
- Fair board Election of officers. Henry Heimuller nominated Julie Pelletier as President, Peggy Howell as Vice President, MaryAnn Guess as treasurer, and Hanna Russell as secretary. MaryAnn Guess 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- Upcoming workshop: January 25<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6:30PM in the 4H building.
- Julie reminded we still need a fair theme. Hanna will work on making a contest.

- Derek and Greg both resigned from the Fair board. Julie thanked them for their service and wish them well. Julie also reminded everyone that we now have 2 fair board positions open.
- Julie advised the board that the Human resources director with Columbia County Mental Health reached out to Hanna and Julie and expressed that she felt bullied by the fair board and felt pressured to change her date that they had reserved December 2023. Henry Heimuller motioned to comp a \$1,000.00 sponsorship package for the 2023 fair. Peggy Howell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- Ryan with emergency management asked how the best way to contact the fair board in regards to vendor questions.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 pm.

**Next Fair Board Monthly Meeting: February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Next Fair Board Workshop: January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**