

COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

MARCH 13, 2023

The Columbia County Fair Board met in scheduled meeting with Peggy Howell, Henry Heimuller, Butch Guess, Branden Staehely, Kassie Bonnell, Mary Ann Guess.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Howell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

VISITOR COMMENT – 5-minute limit

Katherine Clark who has ran the holiday bazaar wanted to know if she can continue to reduced rental rate for pavilion, and looking for a 2-5 yr. contract. There has been no charge for this as all proceeds go toward the scholarship fund for Columbia River Fire and Rescue. They would like the week end before or after Toy and Joy. All dates are booked in Dec. having to have it in Nov this year. Henry asked her to submit in writing what she is asking for and a history of rental payments.

CONSTENT AGENDA

- A. Mary Ann moved to ratify the bills for February 2023. Butch seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Henry moved to approve Feb 13, Board minutes and March 1 work session minutes. Butch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Peggy welcomed our new fair board members, Branden and Kassie.

RODEO COMMITTEE:

Mark and Julie Sandstrom said they had a very successful dinner and dance. They made a profit of \$36,856. It was a lot of fun. The auction items alone brought in of \$31,000. Inroads Credit Union handled the credit cards for them.

Columbia River PUD will be helping out putting in the poles and lights. The Rodeo committee is trying to get sponsorships. They have about 13 contact information for the sponsorships. Just needing to make sure there will be room or where they will display the names. They have enough money to buy the conduit and wires. Weather depending on if it will be done before fair, if not it will be in August.

RODEO COURT COMMITTEE:

Queen Savannah has attended the Clark County Coronation, helped at the Rodeo Committee dinner, Looking forward to the St Paul Cornation, and Megga Egg Hunt

AUCTION COMMITTEE: Did not attend

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Rose Ann from Quarter midget association has been talking with Peggy. She is looking for someone to make the sign like the River City Speedway sign. Henry gave her a name. There could be 50-100 trailers for overnight parking. They have been waiting on permit now there will need a public meeting.

Sheryl Savage talked about the June 24 date for the NW Youth Rodeo. They're not able to change the date. As soon as Rose Ann hears from the county, they'll know for sure. The rodeo committee is concerned about the practices interfering with their Wed night game shows. Peggy will call Woody for any interference with 4-H.

Sheryl was talking about the fairgrounds sponsoring, our name will be on a lot of items depending on the level of sponsorship.

Butch mentioned the sump pump at the pavilion isn't pumping. During the rodeo dinner, Dale Savage had to bring his own and pump the excess water. Henry will check it out. The work crew has been working on the cleaning gutters and down spouts.

Mary Ann brought up the fact that the vendor percentage and rent for non-profit food vendors were changed. She will contact counsel and present findings at next work session.

Eva presented to the board that Warren Grange would like to sell dinners at the 4-H building during the fair. She has coordinated with Kiwanis and there would be no interfering with each other. She would like to store supplies and food in the girls dorm and the Auction committee has used the room in the past. We will need to contact the Auction committee if they can relocate what they do. Also doors will be locked for people taking showers to come thru. Will need to contact Woody to confirm shower hours. Mary Ann motioned to accept Warren Granges proposal to serve dinner and their proposal. Peggy seconded. Motion passed.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Butch will be contacting Hulburt for maintenance on the dishwasher in the 4-H bldg.. Also will be contacting NW Heating and Cooling again for maintenance on the furnace. He is new oil filters for the equipment, new mower will only be used inside the fairgrounds and rodeo area. Not to be used in parking lot or Asbury fields. We are putting in a sewer line to move the camp host in front of goat barn. Pauls tree service will be starting as soon as weather permitting. Cable has been cut by the entrance by windmill. Will be putting in new posts and fence to stop people driving in the parking areas.

OFFICE REPORT

Mary Ann presented finance report of a total of \$102,857.77. Terri Stephens has been hired for office staff.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Rainier Amusements proposed opening carnival at 2pm on weekdays and noon on Sat and Sun. The board suggested we go back to them and ask if they would accept opening at 1pm every day.

Peggy talked about her contacting FEMA who has \$6M for grants. She submitted everything we would like to do. She will be contacting Chris in emergency management to ask for Ryan to help with writing a grant.

A study by fema said we could have 75 RV spots behind the 4-H bldg., Need to contact Riley and Melissa about parks and if we can use our fairgrounds for camping.

FAIR THEME FOR 2023

SPURRING UP SUMMER FUN

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm