

# Columbia County Fair Board Workshop Minutes

## March 4th, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Members in attendance were Julie Pelletier, Jamie Carr, Derek Stekhuizen, Ingrid Chamberlain, Laken Gortler, Greg Voreis, Eva Frost, Tiffany Johnson and Shandi Hobizal.

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

### 1. Spaghetti Feed Update

- At this time only 4 tickets have been sold. Laken is going to see if Julie Thompson can help get the word out more, and decision will be made at Monday's board meeting as to whether to proceed with the dinner or not due to lack of purchased tickets.

### 2. Auction Review

- Shandi gave a review of the auction. Raised over \$3700.00 to help with fairgrounds operations. Event went pretty smoothly for the first time of hosting a Facebook auction, most participants found it easy to find and participate.

### 3. Fair 2021 Check In

- Sponsorships – Nothing coming in at this time, still working hard to contact and send out Sponsorship invites but struggling as many sponsors do not have the resources to share this year.
- Entertainment – Still working on filling fair days with entertainment. Discussing options with many entertainers including Live bands, Cooks Racing Pigs, Local car show group, and Brads Reptiles. Looking for possible local groups that could come in that might charge less or be willing to play for free.
- Carnival – Will be setting up on Sunday and Monday, being open on Tuesday-Saturday and closed on the last day of fair. Additional gate needs to be added by gate one to allow safe entry of Carnival while fair is open.
- Vendors – Julie continues to work with getting vendor information for interested Vendors, applications have not gone out yet due to not being 100% on fair 2021 happening.
- Livestock – No update at this time.

### 4. Proposals

- Jamie Carr presented the proposals he currently has. TOADM staging and Hudson Garbage proposals presented with the agreement to continue looking over them for future decision. Jamie announced an option to purchase sound equipment versus renting it for the season. **Julie Pelletier motioned to spend the \$3,400 on sound equipment. Ingrid Chamberlain seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

## 5. Cardinal Worker Update

- Two new cardinal workers started this week, Hanna Russell and Jacob Harris. Hanna is working well with Shandi in the main office and Jacob is doing well in the maintenance shop.

## 6. Equipment Update

- A volunteer mechanic has agreed to come out in April and take a look at the big truck in the back field, in hopes of moving it to his shop. Labor costs will be donated but parts will be paid for by the fairgrounds.

## 7. Construction Project Update

- No proposals at this time, working on getting the required designs completed, will update at a later date when more information is available.

## 8. Rental Rate Increase

- Discussion on the higher rental rate for barn rentals was had. After a large discussion, **Jamie Carr motioned to offer a 30% discount, towards the rental rate only, for rentals that are 3 or more days and a 50% discount, towards the rental rate only, to rentals that are 5 or more days, in order to compensate for the overall rental cost. Julie Pelletier seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

## Additional Comments and Discussion

- Eva Frost presented where the mEGGa egg hunt is in their planning for the drive thru event. Things are pretty well thought out and going in a good direction to be operate smoothly. Event is April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 from 10am-1pm.
- Tiffany Johnson presented the rental rate contract changes. Tiffany plans to have the completed version of the rental rates and contract agreements ready prior to Monday's board meeting so they can be adopted and contracts for 2021 can begin.
- Race Track agreement- Discussed the concerns the race track operator had with the agreement and informed Tiffany Johnson of changes to be made or updated.

With nothing further to discuss, **meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.**