

# Columbia County Fair Board Meeting

Monday, March 8th, 2021

6:30pm – Pavilion and Virtual

In attendance: *Jamie Carr, Ingrid Chamberlain, Laken Gortler, Derek Stekhuizen, Julie Pelletier, Greg Voreis, Shandi Hobizal, Eva Frost, Mark Sandstrom, Alice Monroe, Darrin Rye, Shawn Etheradge, and Don.*

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

## **Visitor Comment:**

- Darrin Rye would like to have the race track agreement to allow drug and alcohol advertisement on the inside of the grounds at the race track due to sponsors of this nature wanting to advertise. Fair board agrees as long as the race track is not selling drugs, they have no problem with the race track having sponsorships of that nature and allowing them to advertise on the inside for spectators to see.
- Don with the Decades proposed his ideas on hosting car shows as a form of entertainment.

## **Consent Agenda:**

- Ratify the Bills from February 2021 - **Jamie Carr motioned to ratify bills for February 2021, Julie Pelletier seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**
- February Meeting Minute Approval– **Jamie Carr motioned to approve the February board meeting minutes, Derek Stekhuizen seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

## **Committee Reports:**

- Rodeo Committee – No updates at this time.
- Rodeo Court Committee – Alice Monroe reported that the rodeo Queen, Jessica, is willing to help the fair board at any events they host. Her event calendar is limited due to lack of current events taking place.
- Auction Committee – No present members but Jamie Carr reported that the small animal weigh in will be May 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### **Discussion:**

- Rental Agreement Adoption: **Julie Pelletier motioned to adopt the new rental rate agreement with the new rental rates and discount included in the agreement. Derek Stekhuizen seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**
- Budget update: Fairgrounds is \$78,000 in the negative per Laken Gortler's report from finance.
- Spaghetti Feed Update: Only sold 6 tickets to the event at this time. **Jamie Carr motioned to cancel spaghetti feed and refund the current ticket holders. Derek Stekhuizen seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**
- mEGGa Egg Hunt Update : Nothing new to report, planning is moving along. They could use some help filling bags the week before the event.
- **Fair 2021:**
  - Sponsorships: Received first new sponsorship for the season, hoping more will continue to come in. Shandi and Greg will continue working on it.
  - Entertainment: Lots of interest, Ingrid and Derek working with entertainers to try and fill the schedule while staying within a reasonable budget.
  - Vendor: Julie is working with vendors and keeping them updated but holding off on contracts a little longer. Carnival is supposed to attend the Fair Tuesday-Saturday, discussion led to asking carnival to be open Wednesday-Sunday to avoid having no carnival on Sunday.

### **Board Comments:**

- Plant sale is looking at two different dates. One in June and one in July, Jamie will update when more information is available.
- Car show discussion was had, tabled until a future meeting when more information and possibly members of the car shows could attend.
- Robert Chappell interested in doing an IN KIND sponsorship, Greg Voreis will reach out to see what sponsorship committee can work out with him.

Next Workshop Meeting – March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Pavilion Building.

Next Fair Board Meeting – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Pavilion Building.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23 pm.