

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 6:28 pm

VISITOR COMMENT – 5-minute limit

Heather Epperly gave the results of the Megga Egg Hunt. They ha 1688 kids and 1670 adults. It was a great success and had enough volunteers.

Susan Wellington presented for Lucina Baker who wants to propose having horsemanship clinic- information to learn and demo with horses. Susan is hosting a one-day clinic. It was suggested they go to our website and contact fair office for dates. Looking at June 23 Fri and June 24. Racing is happening that day. Susan Wellingtons phone # 971.757.0973.

Paul Krenz- is looking for a contract for him and his three workers. Will be using green recycle bins and is working with Butch. Mary Ann will be contacting County counsel regarding a contract.

CONSTENT AGENDA

Henry moved to ratify the invoices , Butch 2nd, motion passed.

Branden moved to approve the minutes for the board meeting and work session, Henry 2nd, motion passed.

RODEO COMMITTEE:

Mark mentioned he will be needing another contract for the Jr. Rodeo stock and wild cow milking. Mark is still looking for a clown. Columbia River PUD did grant the poles and labor for the new lighting for the rodeo arena.

RODEO COURT COMMITTEE:

Queen Savannah has been busy. Doing the Warren Grange breakfasts – did the Megga egg hunt and enjoy the little kids and petting zoo. She will be going to the Sisters Rodeo next. Her new chaps should be done soon. New colors are maroon with tan and gold fringe. She attended OSHSET and she thinks they're awesome

AUCTION COMMITTEE:

Daniel was sorry for being late. He thought their Bal was approx. \$23,000. They have new signage, T-shirts, belt buckles for champions. Weigh in is May 13 and 14, and also reserved next year around February and May 20-26 and June three days after for small animals (rabbits and chickens). Since they usually use the girls dorm room and this year will not be able to, was asking if he could bring in his 40' trailer and park it close to the 4-H building for power. Board didn't have a problem with that. They prefer to be close to the animals and bldg. rather than down at the office. Their meeting is always the 3rd wed of the month. Virtual mtgs are working for everyone. He talked about the alcohol last year that wasn't planned and felt it was pushed on him. They did have a buyers luncheon and hoping this year will be better with more planning and marketing. Also discussed

having alcohol during the auction. He was concerned about the footprint of the pole building, if it would interfere with weigh-ins, Butch mentioned to him there would be 15' on each side of the concrete.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Peggy informed the quarter midgets that the youth rodeo was not taking place. She felt they were still waiting on permits. Peggy did inform her of the horse clinic with 4-H and will not be able to use that weekend.

Discussed the rental prices in detail and the current non-profit policy on non-profit and discounted rates. Branden moved to resend the non-profit policy and discounted rates. Kassie 2nd, motion passed. Branden and Mary Ann with Henry's help will work on the rental prices to present at next work session.

Need to contact Lenny Gartman and verify the sound equipment available for rent if it's our equipment or his.

Peggy will be bringing her invoice to the board for the 6 seater golf cart she purchased for \$3500.00

Carrie from Means Nursey mentioned with this years weather, they would like to have it July 11-July 15 in the same they had it last year between the pavilion and museum. Will need 20 volunteers to unload – around 5-6 truck loads. Will drive in gate 4 and out gate 2

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Butch mentioned the ditch for water to the new site for the camp host is finished and covered. He will present to the board at next meeting his quotes for shade tarps.

OFFICE REPORT

Budget report approx. \$107,000. -

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Branden got poles for the fence.

Kassie is looking at ShoWorks software.

Peggy measured 24" seats – approx. 400 seats for VIP seating. She's looking for more VIP parking

Ryan Houser – Emergency Mgmt. - Chris wants our input for the mass care plan IPP- It was suggested

Chris come to a work session and explain to the board what he's looking for. April 26 is the next meeting.

If unable to attend, let us know

Meeting adjourned 8:16 pm