

Work Session
Columbia County Fair Board Minutes
Wednesday May 17, 2023

Meeting called to order: 6:30 PM

Present: Peggy Howell, Kassie Bonnell, Branden Staehely, Henry Heimuller, Butch Guess, Mary Ann Guess

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Peggy presented her new layout for the reserved seating. Discussion on sponsorship packages for reserved seating. Was not part of the sponsorships this year. Henry and Peggy looking at parking spaces. VIP parking would be paid on-line only. Wanting to make sure Rainier Amusement is on board with this. We can borrow bleachers from Clatsop County. They wanted to know if they could borrow our turnstiles. Maybe borrow truck from Road Dept to help haul the bleachers. Afton will do QR coeds for scanning tickets. All we need is to make signs. Discussed having the food runners, work for tips, maybe have them hold a sign, clubs could look at this as a fundraiser.

Mary Ann moved to accept ticket prices with changes to family pack presale, Branden 2nd. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Shawna Boswell wants to help with sponsors and another person came into office and wants to volunteer and help with sponsors. Asked Terri to contact her. Henry mentioned Amanda's sister-in-law will be helping with sponsor/volunteer dinner. Henry has contacted Emmert Motors for \$5,000 sponsor and Brimm Tractor in Rainier. Peggy has been stopping at real estate agencies.

Discussed recycle program and maybe make signs that mentions the recycle goes to the Food Bank. This might help people not throw food in there. Henry will call Clatsop County as they have standalone containers for recycle. Maybe Food Bank could invest in these recycle bins.

Terri can update the sponsor list and give to Shawna. Just need to make sure all volunteers fill out the volunteer form. Peggy will be putting up on her genius account volunteers for the plant sale also. The 4-H archery guy took the wood that was stacked.

Open class is \$5.00 per person rather than per animal. Open class will pay out 1st and 2nd only. 3rd will be ribbons only. No special awards. Kassie moved, Branden 2nd, motion passed. Kassie will be sending electronic forms for judges and superintendents.

ShoWorks was discussed to purchase the standard program for \$3995.00 with annual subscription of \$450. There are options regarding purchasing on-line that would require more research and not have it available to 4 computers. MaryAnn moved to purchase this program, Kassie 2nd. Motion passed.

Talked about getting ahold of Mark the county public relations person and have him come up with something on the VIP seating. Need more information to give him

Need to contact the quarter midget people and have them come to meeting. Board has several questions.

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm

Pursuant to ORS 192.640 (1), The Columbia County Fair Board reserves the right to consider and discuss, in either open session or Executive Session, additional subjects that may arise after the agenda is published.