

**Fair Board Meeting  
Columbia County Fair Board  
Monday August 14, 2023**

**6:30 p.m. Warren Grange Building**

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CALL TO ORDER Peggy call meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**VISITOR COMMENTS – 5 MINUTE LIMIT**

Daisy Smith – had concerns about the open show entries–People bring in their exhibits and animals for people to look at.. Why was there not enough ribbons – young and old want to enter stuff. Just sticker when there was not enough ribbons. Order enough to cover this year. They get paid but not for third. When the floral building did not pay the high point award. Someone came up and paid for it. the public can ask you during the fair. Think of more things for people to come back figure out a way . Henry thought she had some good points. He understands about the stickers. Attractions change all the time. You don't want the same things every year. Entertainment items always have a big cost to them. Thank you for your comments.

Rich Smith – He couldn't find in the minutes about the pole building. What age you have to be to be on the fair board. Henry said 18. Think about using the kids. Wanted to know about the vip tickets. Every year the theme are horses. Henry mentioned you have 4 months. Were was the pole barn published – how many people bid on this. Henry mentioned the building was paid by grants. The local company Cornish saw it and the price was for bldg. and roofs were doubled by the time it was ready. Rich thinks it was overspent did not talk to the right people. Henry said we can pull the bid sheet and bring to the office. Peggy said we made 30k on the vip seating. Only 40 tickets were handed out. 87% sold out on Fri and Sat was 100% sold out.

Mary Oley – mentioned the judges prepare the ribbon tally sheet – how many ribbons they used. The robotics teams they were told they would have to pay 200.00. no way around it. We planned for you to come next year.

Kyla Knight – Miss Oregon Jr. Rodeo wanted to know if we would sponsor her Coronation wanted to know what dates were available in Jan or Feb. The Columbia County queen coronation is Jan 20. Please call Kyla-5034101119 if available. Alice mentioned in the past every coronation is different – it doesn't matter. Jan or Feb. should be some space tween them, we will check the calendar and call her. Henry moved to sponsor the Miss Jr. Rodeo for use of the pavilion – Butch 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Woody – overall the fair was rather good. Everyone pitches in – exhibits were up, arm bands worked. He turned in the dates for the building for 4-H volunteer is dec 13, storage like . The slick top on concrete needs to be addressed.

Margaret Smith – talked to a lot of the superintendents and felt like they weren't coming back –

Kim - OQMRA –received from public works what is needed for permit , need to fix Gate 2, they need a response from the board. It is a kid sport we just want to make this happen. Only dirt track – whatever she can do to make this happen. – Henry mentioned this is the first emails we received on this. Sara was not in today until Tuesday – no one doesn't know why the driveway issue came up. The Fair Board was blindsided as well. Gate 3 –is used by hood to coast - - Henry -After we talk with Sara, we can call a special meeting .

Paul Krenz mentioned the recycle program went well and product . separating the metal, papers, lemonade – water bottle have filled – lemonade cups. Paul thought the bridge was closed might have had an effect. - he took 31 bags for a total of \$1550. A lot of the money to the food bank and our footprint. –

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Ratify the Bills for July 2023 – Henry motioned to approve; Branden 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed.
- B. Approve July 12, 2023, Board Minutes, Kassie motioned to approve the July 12 minutes Branden 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion passed.

#### COMMITTEES:

- A. Rodeo Committee – rodeo was good, and the fair was good –Mark brought up the Mexican Rodeo which was recent. Last year he was charged \$2000, and it was rained out. Was upset – This year complaints were called in about the music was loud – noise level – Henry and Butch came down and asked to turn music down. He felt he was discriminated on and thought if it was country music there would be no complaint. – There was discussion on the sound ordinance - . people got called. The office will pull last years and this year’s rental papers. Mark said they sold their sweatshirts – but it wasn’t cold at night. Peggy thought the clown was good.
- B. Rodeo Court Committee – Alice mention Savanna couldn’t make it. She has a queen and princess for next year. Coronation is Jan 20 – Savanna went to Thunder Mt, Vernonia friendship jamboree and parade. Clackamas fair and Canby rodeo fri and sat. seeing the miss jr rodeo pageant is Kala Knight. The 2024 Columbia County Queen is Madison Blackburn and Princess Lindsay Weltsch. Savanna received a lot of complements about her presences and how she conducted herself. she had 750 photos, she’s down to 100. She will bring in her Saddle next meeting.
- C. Auction Committee – Not present. Woody thought they brought in over \$300K and with the plant sale, pigs are easy to grow and pigs pens will be necessary next year. 4-H parents brought in sand and market steers on the grass – no problem. Auction lasted for four hours.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Recognize Means Nursery and Paul and Marsha Krenz at OFA – offers to the boards recognize partners – Henry move to nominate both – Butch 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion passed.
- Fair update overall – pretty good next year – talking with people – working with great ideas – going into next months – Kassie didn’t sit down – the VIP section – people begging them to come in , She agrees that we need pig pens for sure. – Branden to be a part of and see what we can improve. Henry – publish – board mentions we wear the same color shirt and we are very open – suggested. It was suggested to have the announcer mention the shirt color we are wearing.
- Maintenance Report – tree by the museum far side dropped branches – tree is rotten – gentlemen sending a quote -
- Office Report - new person in the office Mandy Coddington
- Treasurers Report - \$166,661.78.balance  
A lot of people - there should be pictures on our website of the board members – There was mention the Facebook page wasn’t updated. Advertise in the paper. We started late this year and things were overlooked.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

none

AJOURMENT Peggy adjourned meeting at 7:57pm

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