

Columbia County Fair Board Meeting

Monday January 11th, 2021

6:30pm – Pavilion and Virtually

In attendance: Jamie Carr, Julie Pelletier, Derek Stekhuizen, Shaun Brown, Lonny Welter, Ryan, Eva Frost, Mark Sandstrom, Alice Monroe, and Shandi Hobizal

Meeting called to order: 6:41 pm

Consent Agenda:

- Ratify December 2020 bills – **Julie Pelletier motioned to Ratify December 2020 bills, Jamie Carr seconded the motion, with all in favor, motion carried.**
- Approve December 14th, 2020 meeting minutes – **Julie Pelletier motioned to approve the December 14th, 2020 meeting minutes, Derek Stekhuizen seconded the motion, with all in favor, motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

Rodeo Committee – Mark Sandstrom reported still being in negotiations with JJ the rodeo clown. Rodeo committee has decided to not do their fundraiser dinner this year, would like to cancel the planned event with the fair office.

Rodeo Court – Nothing to report, Jessica plans to attend the Drive thru dinner being held by the fair board.

Auction Committee – No one present but Jamie Carr read their 2020 finance report.

Discussion Items:

- Wild Fire Relief Update – Lonny Welter explained the wild fire relief FEMA claim and how things have changed on how any reimbursement must come from other counties, not FEMA. He informed the fair board that the other counties may not be willing to pay anything to us but that he will do his best to get the invoices out in time and report back when there is more information.
- Main Office Roof Repairs – Jamie reported the need to get the roof repaired, not much further discussion was had.
- Power Outage Bill – Jamie explained there was a power outage at the fairgrounds on 1/5/2021 that lasted one whole day. Shandi reported that PUD will not be charging the fairgrounds for the work as it was a faulty wire on their end.
- Drive Thru Update – Shandi Hobizal presented the needed items to make the drive thru a success. Jamie Carr gave Shandi permission to purchase and get a refund for the items being purchased from Walmart and said he will order online items on Friday while on

site at the fairgrounds. Advertising needs to start ASAP and will be on the fairgrounds website as well as social media. Julie Pelletier will work with Shandi to get part of the radio credit for advertising. Meal options will be first come first serve at the event.

- Online Auction Update – Shandi gave the information about the online auction website that is available. Jamie instructed Shandi to contact Julie Sandstrom about Friends of Fair possibly hosting the online auction for the fairgrounds.
- Fair 2021 – Dates are July 21st – July 25th 2021. The fair board needs to start looking into ideas on how to still host an event even with restrictions. No further discussion was had on the subject.
- Fair board meetings 2021 – Will continue as they have been. Board meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month, workshops the 1st/2nd/4th Thursday of each month, all at 6:30 Pm.

Visitor Comment:

Eva Frost presented that the Pavilion dry rot needs to be addressed sooner rather than later and let the fair board know that the Warren Grange is still interested in extending their booth. Jamie Carr and Derek Stekhuizen agreed to meet with Eva on Friday, 1/15/2021, to look over the damages and come up with a plan to present to the board at a future meeting to make the needed repairs and get their booth extended.

Further Board Comments:

Julie Pelletier brought in front of the fair board the discussion of allowing Bullfest to take place at the fairgrounds. After discussing it with the fair board and meeting attendees, the decision was made to invite the Bullfest organizer to attend a fair board meeting or workshop to discuss options to partner with the fair board for the event instead of renting the facility.

Next Fair Board Meeting – February 8th, 2021 in the Pavilion at 6:30pm with a Virtual option available.

Next workshop – January 14th, 2021 in Pavilion at 6:30pm with a virtual option available.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57pm.