



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting 5:30 pm- December 17, 2018
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on December 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman, Gail Merritt

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Linda Smith
- Linda Cross
- Mike McCabe
- Dale Cummins, Vice Chair
- Bill Gowen

STAFF ATTENDING

- Casey Daly, Manager
- Micaela Halvorson, Office Assistant
- Jeff Wilson, Crook County Counsel

GUESTS

- James Savage
- Patrick Drinkard
- Kayte Sullivan
- Michelle Solley, St. Charles Foundation
- Kelly Michel, St. Charles Foundation
- Marv Sumner, Crooked River Roundup
- Jason Snider, Crooked River Roundup, President

MINUTES

- Dale C. motioned to approve the minutes from November 19, 2018, Bill G. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, minutes approved.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Dog Policy for Fairgrounds- Jeff Wilson - Casey requested that Jeff attend the meeting to discuss the fair board's desire to establish a dog policy. After reviewing the different scenarios with dogs, he drafted a simple, consistent policy of either no dogs or allows dogs but they must be on a leash. Jeff had issues with the "under verbal command" verbiage due to the amount of room for interpretation. There were suggestions to allow dogs at some events but not at others, and Casey's main concern was about who was going to enforce these restrictions. Dale asked if it would be possible to have a policy that states that dogs can be excluded as advertised, for example Hospice Auction advertises no dogs then we can enforce it. For all other events, dogs are allowed but if they cause a disturbance that we have the ability to warn the owner to put the dog up or they will be removed from the property with their dog, basing removal not on the fact that the dog is on leash/off leash (under vocal command), but that the disturbance has been brought to the attention of the staff/board. Jeff wanted to know if we could preclude dogs from being at certain events, and yes we can. Jeff

also cautioned that if during an event, a child is viciously attacked by a dog, that the parent may come back to ask why dogs were precluded from one event but not this specific event. The current policy is that no dogs at fair due to the livestock and if we witness something unruly, Casey will address the owner and tell them to take care of their dog. Dale would like to see a policy in place if we don't currently have one. It can be as simplistic as giving the staff and fair board the ability to remove an individual or their animal if they cause a disturbance and posting signs at the entrances notifying visitors of the policy. Jeff will draft a written policy that includes no dogs at fair, all other events, dogs must be under control of the owner, and that fairgrounds staff or designee have the discretion to have the animal removed if it is unruly. Jason stated that when he is filling out the application for the PRCA rodeo, he has to indicate specific details that are communicated to the participants and he wants to be as consistent with the fairgrounds policy as possible.

- Michelle Solley- St. Charles Foundation- Hospice Event Request - The 27th Annual Hospice Auction was just held here and the community has a long history of supporting this event. The St. Charles Foundation oversees the Hospice Auction. They appreciate that historically, the fair board has voted to make a donation of the 20% alcohol commissions. Unfortunately, this year, the event planner stated that the formal request to the board had been done prior to the event, and Michelle apologized that it had not in fact happened. They are requesting that the 20% of the alcohol sales be donated to Hospice. The alcohol sales this year were \$6,683 and 20% is \$1,336.60. The Fairboard requests to be acknowledged as a sponsor. St. Charles Foundation did do that this year. **Dale C. motioned to donate the 20% alcohol fee to St. Charles Foundation on behalf of St. Charles Hospice. Linda S. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Crooked River Roundup – Jason shared the new directors contact sheet. There are seven new directors and Marv Sumner attended the meeting with Jason. Marv is the treasurer. Jason has been working with Casey on how to improve the arena according to WBRA's recommendations. Doug Smith is the race chair. Kim Severance is the secretary. Pat Goehring is the Vice President. They just returned from Las Vegas and a new direction from the PRCA is their new CEO is George Taylor and is very business oriented. His vision is to make the PRCA more of a tiered structure with a top 60 rodeos where the top 40 cowboys will have to attend in order to make it to the NFR. There will be qualifying criteria setup. This will put a little bit of a pinch on the CRR because currently they are middle of the road. The top 60 will have to have a \$10,000 purse or above. The unfortunate thing is that the big names could come to the CRR and win some money but it wouldn't go toward making it to the NFR. The idea is to make this more of a competitive sport with different levels of competition. They do not expect significant changes this year but for them to take place in 2020.
- Patrick Drinkard- Bucking for Rowdy Benefit – Patrick has been working to put on a benefit bull ride to help the Ware family, whose son Rowdy, has Aplastic Anemia. The arena is being paid for by the county court, Casey represented the benefit during one of the work sessions earlier in the month. Patrick would like to request that the 20% alcohol commission be donated back to the family. Currently, the ticket sales, auction sales, and t-shirt sales will go to the family. **Dale C. motioned to donate the 20% alcohol fee to the Buckin' for Rowdy Benefit. Linda S. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Jan 21, 2019 Holiday- Fair Board Meeting – January 21st is a holiday, plus, Gail, Casey, Linda S., and Micaela will be in Reno at the WFA Conference; the board has decided to postpone the regularly scheduled fair board meeting until February. The regularly scheduled meeting in February also falls on a holiday, Casey will send out some dates for February and the board will decide on a meeting date later.
- Set Date for FG Long Term Plan Annual Review – The fair board was provided an updated Long Term Plan. It is updated annually and it is time to review. In the past, a workshop has been setup on a Saturday, Casey will send out a few dates for the board to review and get back to him with what works best for everyone.

BOARD REPORTS

- Gail Merritt: Nothing to report. Wanted to say thank you to Bill for his time and service to the fairgrounds.
- Dale Cummins: Nothing to report.
- Linda Smith: Nothing to report.
- Mike McCabe: What is the status of the motel across the road? Casey spoke with Steve Forrester and the City is passing on the proposal, but Steve said he would make a phone call on our behalf. The board would like to

move forward with at least presenting the location to the “broker”. Mike also asked about the RV Park, Casey spoke with Duane and informed him that the fair board does not want to proceed with the proposed addition to the RV Park. Commissioner Brummer had a meeting with Duane regarding the Capital fund. Casey has not heard back from the Commissioner on how that went. Casey will schedule a meeting with Mike, Jerry, and himself for a debriefing about the meeting.

- Stanley Flynn: Absent.
- Bill Gowen: Nothing to report.
- Linda Cross: Nothing to report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The board was presented with the current financial report given to us by the Finance Department. We did get our requested Capital Improvements approved and funded by the County Court. We will purchase a new flatbed trailer, paint the inside of the Indoor Arena, paint a couple of the outbuildings, and do some asphalt maintenance.

MANAGERS REPORT

Asleep at the Wheel confirmed so they are booked for Thursday nights’ entertainment at the fair. Casey is working with Jason on the dirt in the Outdoor Arena. It is around \$3,000 to purchase a pallet of muriatic acid; that will be enough for around 45 water truck loads. Gail and Dale are working on getting new fair board shirts that will accommodate everyone. OFA meeting is January 10-12. Day at the Capitol is March 24th. Western Fairs is January 20-23. There is an invitation for anyone that would like to attend the swearing in of the newly and reelected officials including the county clerk, treasurer, assessor, and district attorney on January 2nd at 8:00.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date: February 11, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Micaela Halvorson, Office Assistant

Gail Merritt, Chairman

February 4, 2019