



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting 5:30 pm- January 27, 2020
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on January 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman, Gail Merritt

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- James Savage
- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Stanley Flynn
- Linda Smith
- Dale Cummins
- Mike McCabe

STAFF ATTENDING

- Casey Daly, Manager

GUESTS

- Mike Kasberger
- Steve Smith, Crooked River Roundup
- Ross Hartman
- Dave Thiessen, Swire Coca Cola
- Holli Kingsbury, Crook County Stock Growers
- Jason Snider, Crooked River Roundup
- Dennis Hilderbrand
- Mark McKinnon

MINUTES

Dale C. motioned to approve the minutes from December 16, 2019, Linda S. seconded the motion. Motion passed, minutes approved.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Crooked River Roundup-They are preparing for the Gala next week. Jason would like to discuss with Casey how to setup the heaters in the Indoor Arena. Jason provided an updated list of directors. He also provided a drawing for the pens on the north side of the arena. They are working on some safety things for the races including working on the soil. They are working on the proposal for the fair board. Casey has been working with Eric Blaine on the contract and he is working on a draft that will hopefully be available the first week in February.

- Holli Kingsury Crook County Stock Growers- She is requesting the alcohol commission be waived for their banquet in March. Their budget for setup is already around \$3,000. They would like to keep as many funds as possible available for scholarships. They provide awards for the 4-H as well as educational programs. The fair board requests recognition as a sponsor for the event. **James S. motioned to waive the alcohol commission on the Crook County Stock Growers event on March 21st. Stanley F. seconded. All in favor, motion carries.**
- Ky Rosenberg Benefit Event-On February 15th, they are holding an event for Chance Millin. He was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. They are putting this event together to help with medical bills. They are requesting a waiver of the alcohol commission. James asked about the security. He said to contact the sheriff's office and they would see if they could help them out with some of the deputies donating hours. The county court is paying \$1,500 to the fairgrounds for the facility use. The fairgrounds would like to be acknowledged as a sponsor to the event. **Dale C. motioned to waive the alcohol commission for the event being held on February 15th. Stanley F. seconded. All in favor, motion carries.**
- Sue Bower Humane Society of the Ochocos-No show.
- Dennis Hilderbrand Proposed Arena-they are going to attend the county court meeting on the 5th of February to make the proposal to them. Jessie is going to make more flyers up for the presentation to the county court.
- Swire Coca Cola-Dave Thiessen-A review presentation was given about Swire Coca Cola. Dave then went over the actual proposal. The board has agreed to have an answer back to Dave within a few weeks. The fair board would like to pursue this option. There are definitely some logistical issues such as housing the product, working with the events we currently have including the rodeo and races. Dale would like to ensure that the contract allows the fair board to waive the exclusivity if need be.

BOARD REPORTS

- Gail Merritt: It is time to do Casey's review. Last year, Gail, Dale, and Mike M. were in charge of doing the review. Dale would like to do the same thing as last year to keep consistency for Casey's sake. There are a lot of requests coming in to waive fees so Gail would like to see something setup as far as guidelines for the requests. Casey, Stanley, Linda, and James have agreed to form a committee to come up with some guidelines.
- Dale Cummins: The rodeo contract is going well. The police department is getting a drug dog and he would like to see about doing something during fair. It would be nice to do something with the sheriff's office to show what they are doing for the community. Mike asked about security during fair and Dale stated that he has already made a recommendation to the county about locking the fairgrounds down at night. The gates would have to remain open when there are people on the fairgrounds. Dale suggested during events we close down all the other entrances/exits to one and install a camera at that entrance to track who is coming and going.
- Linda Smith: Nothing to report.
- Mike McCabe: Nothing to report.
- James Savage: Nothing to report.
- Stanley Flynn: Attended the OFA convention and really enjoyed it.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial reports were presented to the board.

STAFF REPORT

Absent. Nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Casey had a conversation with Lance Romine about the gazebo project and encouraged the fair board to reach out to him as well. The Crooked River Roundup contract is moving along. There are a couple of things that they are proposing including a check list that we go through before approving the projects. The fair board is supporting the queen again this year. Linda will let Casey know when and where the check presentation will take place. OFA convention went well. Casey attended WFA in Reno; they had some really good sessions. He attended a session on emergency evacuations and shelter in place and we are on the right track. Bucking for Hope with Patrick Drinkard, Casey received an anonymous call that they were approached as a sponsor to pay for the arena and the lights. The fair board donated all of those costs. The person was not very happy to find out about that; they did pay the event money for those costs.

ACTION ITEMS

Election of board positions. **Dale nominated Gail to be the chair, James seconded. All in favor, motion carries. Mike M. nominated Dale to be vice chair, Stanley seconded. Motion carries.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Executive Session - ORS 192.660(2)(a) To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Dale made a motion to accept the application of Mike Kasberger as fair board member.

Linda S. seconded. All in favor, motion carries. Dale would like to note that the other candidate was an excellent candidate and the board would like to encourage her to continue participating with the board and events on the fairgrounds, and they would like to keep her application for future openings.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date: March 16, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m. – Canceled due to public safety concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Micaela Halvorson, Office Assistant

Gail Merritt, Chairman

March 16, 2020