

Crook County Fair Board Minutes  
Fair Board Meeting 5:30 pm- July 16, 2018  
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- 1) Call to Order- 5:30 p.m.
  - a) Roll Call Board Members (Quorum)- Gail Merritt, Bill Gowen, Linda Smith, Linda Cross, Stanley Flynn, Dale Cummins, Casey Daly (Fairgrounds Manager), Micaela Halvorson (Office Assistant)
  - b) Guests: Rose Gregory, Gary Gregory
  - c) Approve June 18, 2018 minutes-Linda C. motioned to approve, Linda S. seconded. Minutes approved.

**PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

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- a) **Crooked River Roundup Update** They are going to diligently get the cleanup done since we have horse fair this weekend. Jason said it was a really good rodeo and races.
- b) **Ochoco Valley Railroad- Building Proposal** Jim VanVoorhees promised some drawing for a proposed addition to the building. It is not a significant addition.
- c) **Gazebo Update** We plan to break ground on the gazebo project that was partially funded by Facebook after fair. Casey doesn't really know where we are with our TRT money because the county is still trying to get the financial component wrapped up.
- d) **Herdsmanship Judging at 2018 Fair** Last year, the fair board took on the task of going around the barns and judging the herdsmanship. They would like us to do that again this year. We will assign different fair board members on different nights or days. Herdsmanship is the cleanliness of the barns, trash picked up, care of animals, presence of club members. The fairgrounds then makes a donation to the club that wins. Casey asked that the different clubs be clearly marked.
- e) **Person In Charge- 2018 Fair** At the past two fairs, we have discussed identifying and tasking one person to be in charge of one day of fair so that the other members or staff can enjoy some of the fair with their family. It would involve taking care of the vendors, music, managing the high schoolers that are here to clean up, and any issues that might come up.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**REPORTS:**

**Gail Merritt:** Working on the barbeque. Met with Wendy Slawter on the talent showcase. Dale requested a schedule for fair that includes where they are supposed to be and what they should be wearing. The pre-fair work party will be on August 4<sup>th</sup> so if anyone is available to help that would be great. We have 2 school boards to pick up.

**Bill Gowen:** Nothing to report.

**Dale Cummins:** Nothing to report.

**Stanley Flynn:** Every year we lose volunteers due to age or other circumstances and it is really hard to get new volunteers. So if everyone would mention on Facebook about needing more volunteers. Gary and Rose are the new volunteer coordinators. Everyone wants to drive a cart but no one wants to man the gates. Shirts have been ordered for the volunteers. We also ordered around 40 to sell. If we run out and need more, Mark will print up more for us. Relay for Life picked up all the cans and bottles during their event, can they do it during fair? The barns are done by the 4-H and the grass area is going to be a dance group.

**Linda Cross:** Veterans breakfast is all wrapped up and ready to go.

**Linda Smith:** She and Rick are going to go south for the winter so she would like to be able to call in for the meetings. She does not want to leave her position on the board. They will be gone from November to March.

**Manager Report (Casey Daly):** Chamber Perk will be here on Friday during fair. We received an award from the transitioning youth at the high school. The front entrance sign is done. We are still working with James to get the connection done. The steel wheels will be put on the combine next week, and then we will move it out to the front. 4-H has a new interim person, Dr. David White, to help out with fair. The boat house has a new roof. The pavilion tent concrete is completed. OFA summer meeting is August 29<sup>th</sup> if anyone would like to attend. Tractor pull was Friday and Saturday of last weekend. We lost around \$4600. We figured that we needed around 1600 paying people to break even. On Friday night we had 359 and Saturday we had around 700. Our 3 year commitment that we made with the group has come and gone and Casey informed them that we will no longer be doing the tractor pull (providing financing). They are going to try to put together a plan to see if it can continue next year or not. Casey put together a donation request form that we could put on our website for groups requesting money. Casey will add an open and close date. Currently, we have \$800 budgeted and \$500 usually goes to the queen. The county has a new CFO, Jeff Caldwell. The summer help is on Craigslist right now, they are taking applications. In addition to the summer help, it sounds like the commissioners have agreed to do a shared employee with the landfill so we will get them 2-3 days per week and the landfill will get them a few days. Tomorrow night is the final fair planning meeting at 5:30 with the entire group.

**Micaela Halvorson:** Tonya has started. Finished tractor pull stuff. Need to work on vendors because we are getting close to running out of space.

**Visitors:** Gary and Rose Gregory are going to be the volunteer coordinators. The shelves for Carey Foster Hall have been restored and 9 more built. The PVC clips for the quilts are done. Still working on the courthouse. It is all cut out and starting to put it together and get it painted. Tightwads has donated a lot of the material for it.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:11 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Dates: September 17, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.

October 29, 2018