



Crook County Fair Board Minutes
Fair Board Meeting 5:30 pm, October 16, 2023
1280 S. Main St., Prineville, OR 97754
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The regular meeting of the Crook County Fair Board was called to order on October 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Gail Merritt.

ROLL CALL/BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Gail Merritt, Chair
- Mike Kasberger, Vice Chair
- Stanley Flynn
- Susie Hermreck
- Linda Smith
- Linda Cross
- Mike McCabe

STAFF ATTENDING

- Casey Daly, Manager
- Haley Crow, Office Assistant

GUESTS: n/a

MINUTES

Linda C. motions to approve the minutes from September 18th, 2023; Susie seconds the motion. Mike K abstains from the motion. Motion carries; minutes are approved.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Crooked River Roundup: (not present) Requests the Fairgrounds funds another seeding project (about \$6,000); would like to seed and close to the public the rodeo arena and racetrack. We need to decide soon so we don't miss the planting window.

- The Board agrees that they did not want to fund the seeding to happen right now, as they don't want to have to close the arena to riders.

Alcohol Service Committee: Met and discussed options for allowing alcohol to be served at private parties again. Case is going to ask Eric Blaine if we are allowed to have different rules for private and public events. (Stanley, Gail, Linda C)

Funding Committee Update: no updates yet. (Stanley, Mike K, Mike M, Susie as alternate)

Winter Fundraiser Committee Update: Countryfied members wouldn't all do it for free. Jeff Papke agreed to do the meat. Casey would like to move the event to Grizzly Mtn Pavilion since it has heat and has been expanded. No name has been decided for the event. (Linda S, Susie, Gail)

Kiwanis Casino Night Table: The Board agrees that it is not in the budget to purchase a table this year.

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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

- **Mike Kasberger:** n/a
- **Stanley:** Jim Malloy has been in the hospital for the last 20 days with heart failure. He is now on hospice
 - Fair Board can send a card to Jim and Marilyn/Nora
- **Mike McCabe:** n/a
- **Susie:** Could we partner with Kiwanis to put on some old-school games at Fair? ... There were a lot of great ideas and takeaways from OFA Convention at Deschutes: especially the Everyday Ag program. Crook County Stock Growers are on board to institute the program during Fair, and I am going to talk to Kim Herber too. Everyday Ag educates people about all the byproducts from plants and animals and encourages guests to move around all the sections of the Fairgrounds. We could also have internships at the Fairgrounds year-round.
- **Linda Smith:** n/a
- **Linda Cross:** n/a
- **Gail Merritt:** n/a

OFFICE ASSISTANT REPORT - Haley

- **Sponsorship Form Updates:** First draft of next year's sponsorships... first page is the application (added a 3% fee if payment by card, and the option of a payment plan, banner pick-up info has been added). All prices went up. Packages sponsorships now have exclusive banner display under the main tent. New sponsorships: Fair Activities (tents & rings). Charge to specify which species for the show ring sponsors? We need to think of perks for our package sponsors now that we aren't doing Fair t-shirts or have a headlining artist.
 - **Linda:** Main sponsors need to really feel like the main sponsors. VIP tent needs to be more of a VIP experience. Get name announced around fair?

FINANCIAL REPORT - Casey

September financial reports are under the Reports tab. Nothing noteworthy.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Casey

- We won an award for our Bacon Buddies event.
- We are working on the Jockey Room, the first round of money is in but the plans are being taken over by Bex Construction.
- The \$2m report hasn't changed since last meeting.
- GMP fire system passed; we are hoping to get the certificate of occupancy after Bex pours the stoop outside the door (done by Wednesday?)
- House Bill 3410 (\$3m funded) is in the Rules Writing committee.
- \$16,205 came in from the Crooked River Roundup.
- Non-revenue generating events for the month of October: Crooked River Roundup meeting in Lookout Mtn Building, Sheriff's office borrowed the dunk tank, tables & chairs for Faith and Blue, FFA leadership dinner in CFH, BTT training in the event parking, Town Hall meeting in Carey Foster.
 - We should be tracking these so the community is aware of what we do for the community.
- Two Board members have terms expiring at the end of the year (Gail & Stanley).

ACTION ITEM(S)

- a. September minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

No public comments.

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Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting Date: November 20th, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Daly

Gail Merritt, Chairperson

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