

**NCW Fair Board Meeting
Thursday, September 8, 2022**

Members Present		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christy Asmussen <input type="checkbox"/> Adam Foged <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julia Goodman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leon Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Hedges	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chance Landon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Becky Matthiesen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marie Overton <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Schneider <input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Shafer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamey Jo Steele <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margaret Viebrock <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Beidler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Whitehall
Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Morley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Sanders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Freeman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ramon Ramirez
Guests		

Leon called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and thanked everyone for their efforts in helping to make this year's Fair a success.

Becky moved, and Lori seconded the motion to approve the August 11, 2022, meeting minutes as emailed. It passed unanimously.

Carolyn will review the financial report in more detail with updated information at the next meeting.

Old Business

This was not discussed.

New Business

1. **Rental rates:** See the chart provided with the Board packet, and by this reference incorporated herein, were discussed with an eye toward increasing two of them. Carolyn will that the following proposed increased storage charges to the Board of Commissioners for their approval:
 - a. It is proposed that the outdoor covered storage rate be increased from \$150 to a flat rate of \$300, plus applicable excise tax
 - b. It is proposed that the indoor storage rates in the Petting Zoo storage be increased from a flat rate of \$250 for car and jet ski storage to a rate of \$25 per foot with a 15-foot minimum, plus applicable excise tax.
 - c. Establish rates for additional building rental options, on an "as is" basis, with available dates of May 15 through October 15, are as follows:
 - i. Rabbit/poultry barn \$300/day plus damage deposit of \$350
 - ii. 4-H/FFA building \$300/day, plus damage deposit of \$350
 - iii. Open Class horse barn \$300/day, plus damage deposit of \$350

2. Rental Issues/Conflicts

- a. A 2-day weekend rental request from the South Douglas Conservation District for the Community Hall April 30 and May 1 was declined due to the conflict requiring a 3-day rental during a peak rental period. It was decided to recommend the use of the cattle barn or the 4-H horse barn buildings for the tree/shrub sale.

3. Washington State Fair Convention

- a. 3-days or NEW Saturday Only "Super School" rate. The \$390 registration fee for the full convention includes all meals during the convention. The registration fee of \$150 covers the Super School on Saturday only and includes meals that day
- b. It will be held at the Red Lion hotel in Pasco for 2.5 days during October 20 through October 22. If you are interested in attending, let Carolyn know by September 26 which is the end of the early registration discount.

4. 2023 Crab Feed/Board Member Dinner ideas

- a. The crab feed is a Board event to entertain others. It is a night for all of us to work to fund-raise for the Fair. Due to the magnitude of the event, it requires efforts and cooperation from all Board members for the entire evening. It is not an evening to be enjoyed by us with our friends/family.
- b. It was discussed that we should be working on donations for the crab feed auction now. Carolyn will be meeting with the Friends of the Fair Board soon and will recommend that the major "players" in the crab feed meet sooner rather than later to revisit details for the event and who has what responsibilities.
- c. Discussion ensued about having a special gathering for Board members as a "reward" for their efforts throughout the year; a "Board Appreciation" event.

5. Ticket Sales / Income / Attendance 2022

- a. See the Fair/Event Ticket Sales Overview document that was provided with the Board Packet prior to the meeting and by this reference incorporated herein.

6. All Things FAIR Discussion:

- a. Information was provided from Blue Ribbon regarding the success of the livestock sale. As of September 8, the buyer totals plus flooring totaled \$267,071.63; add-ons for the same date totaled \$89,317.98 bringing the total this year to \$345,696.96. However, add-ons are still being received so this is not a final total.
- b. Race/Rodeo: The committee is getting folks into right places. This year's events went smoothly. Notable items for further consideration are as follows:
 - i. New ground (foundation) is needed for the arena
 - ii. Maintenance of the track fence (chain link may need a cap on it to prevent further injuries like the one experienced this year)
 - iii. Stock fees are going up

- iv. Faced with the necessity to increase event purses or lose participants. Chance reported that representatives of the Ellensburg Rodeo/Last Stand Rodeo/Kennewick Rodeo said if purses can be increased, we would be in the running with larger rodeos
 - v. Question was raised that spectators want to know who the riders are daily
 - c. Grange Youth invitation for participation in the future
 - i. They had good participation from still life
 - ii. They had representation for livestock entries but the timing of our decision negatively impacted decisions to purchase animals
 - iii. Good participation on two workdays
 - iv. Margaret made a Motion recommending that we extend an invitation to Grange Youth for participation on a permanent basis; Becky seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. It was decided that their still life exhibits would be in the 4-H/FFA building as there is sufficient room in that building for additional exhibits.
 - d. Signage will need to be reviewed for the 4-H/FFA/Grange Youth horse and alpaca barn as well as the 4-H/FFA/Grange Youth building.
 - e. The “Ideas and Conversation Starters for 2023” was included in the Board Packet and by this reference incorporated herein. Some items that were added to that document are as follows:
 - i. Necessity for microphones in all livestock barn show arenas. The Livestock Committee will address this issue.
 - ii. Necessity to turn off 4-wheelers when they are stopped rather than leaving them running.
 - iii. Racehorse folks loved the shavings vs straw that they have had in the past
 - iv. Necessity for a new roof over the racehorse judges
 - f. Discussion ensued regarding the lack of an established procedure or protocol relative to questions or incidents that may arise in the livestock areas of Fair participation. The Livestock Committee will meet to discuss this matter and establish a procedure and how to properly disseminate that information to all participants and barn superintendents.

The next meeting is Thursday, October 13, at 6 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06.

Ann Whitehall - Secretary