

Fairgrounds

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington County Fair Board was held in the Fair office on April 2, 1969 with Chairman Jossy presiding. Those present were Lindow, McGough, Gardner, Adams, Ball, Holt and Shearer.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as sent out.

Mr. Sandy Sandehagen and Mr. Abbott, representatives of the newly formed Tualatin Valley Quarter Midget Association met with the Board to discuss use of the track. Mr. Sandehagen informed the Board they had withdrawn from the Portland Quarter Midget Association and formed the Tualatin Valley Association. They would like to start using the track as soon as possible for practice events before the Fair. They were told to check with Mr. Holt to arrange a schedule. Electricity and water is needed by the track and this also was to be taken up with Mr. Holt. In order to drain the area, Mr. Ball said it would be a simple job because there is a drain tile running within 20 feet and he will be glad to show them if they wish to put in tile.

Mr. Tom Dotsen representing the Northwest Motorcycle Racing Association presented the Board with plans to establish a motorcycle race track on the present oval. They would race on 2 Saturday nights each month for 3 months, the 20th of July would be the National Championship. There would have to be adequate lighting placed around the east side and fencing. Costs were not available at this time so the Board asked that his group meet with Mr. Holt and get all requirements outlined and cost figures, then the Board will call a special meeting to discuss this further. Mr. Dotsen's one concern was that there be no cars driven on the track because this ruins it for cycles. The Board assured him his group would take priority and at this time there is no interest from the car racing people. Financial arrangements such as rent, the Board's investment, the Association's investment, etc. could not be discussed until more definite needs are established.

Mr. Gene VanDyke of the Washington County Riders Association met with the Board to discuss the need of sand in the arena and having a queen for the rodeo. Placing shavings or sand on the arena was discussed. Mr. Gardner moved that approximately \$100.00 be spent on sand for the arena to see how it lasts. Mr. Adams seconded. Motion carried. Mr. VanDyke was informed by the Board that having a rodeo queen would be the responsibility of the rodeo committee.

Mr. Andy Taylor of the Washington County Livestock Association met with the Board to discuss the room available for the Open Class Beef Show. This had been discussed with the 4-H agents and it was agreed that the 4-H and FFA animals be requested to use all the aisles in the 4-H barn to capacity leaving the last aisle in the south of the barn for Open Class beef. Mr. Taylor expressed a desire to have an evening show and this will be worked around when the program is established.

The Secretary stated she and Mr. Holt will meet with the 4-H and FFA people to arrange the program so there will not be conflicts arising in ring usage.

Mr. Joe VanDyke requested use of the grounds on May 10 for a plowing contest. In previous years the grounds were furnished with no charge and the 4-H group offered the concession stand. This was agreeable with the Board again this year. Mr. VanDyke requested use of the tie stalls in case any of the horses stay overnight. The Board agreed to allow this providing the stalls are left clean. He also stated the ground could be worked up afterwards.

The Manager gave the following report:

1. The Green Thumb crew is back working on the grounds. They have worked up the area by the front gate and transplanted some of the shrubs in the flower garden.
2. Blue prints have been obtained on the building in Yamhill.
3. The Rainbow girls will be painting the totem pole once more before it is set up.
4. The DeMolay boys are working on the plans to set it up.
5. Harold Ruecker was contacted to get the finalized plans for the landscaping.
6. Lights around the show rings would cost \$211 or \$255 depending on the type of lighting.
7. New judges stands will be constructed on skids so they will be more readily available. The 4-H requested that the three show rings be made into one large ring with movable partitions. Mr. Lindow moved that one portable judging stand be built to see if it will be satisfactory and that the show rings be left as is this year. Mr. Gardner seconded. Motion carried.
8. Cindy Bardine presented a program for free entertainment which would cost \$1100.00 for two shows a day for three days. Dr. McGough moved that this feature of the fair be eliminated. Mr. Adams seconded. Motion carried.
9. A license for the pickup was requested so that it could be taken off the grounds. Insurance would also have to be obtained. Cost figures were asked for by the Board before any discision could be made.
10. General Services had been contacted for more paint but none was available. It was suggested that Hugh Rosenberg of the Community Action be contacted.
11. The rental for the arena use for roping has still not be collected.
12. New padlocks were requested for the gates and buildings. Dr. McGough moved that new padlocks be put on the gates and buildings and that each member of the Board be issued keys. Mr. Gardner seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. McGough reported he felt there would be no way of collecting the rent for the arena usage until a judgement was filed. Mr. Gardner was requested to follow this up with the county council.

The following bills were presented for payment:

#354 - Betty Shearer - 118.80
 #919 - Merrills Coffee Shop - 18.85
 #920 - Public Employees Retirement Board - 158.40
 #921 - Oregon State Tax Commission - 14.40
 #922 - Internal Revenue Service - 57.60
 #923 - State Compensation Department - 11.70
 #924 - Times-Litho-Print - 40.00
 #925 - Portland General Electric - 9.25
 #926 - General Telephone - 23.80
 #927 - Northwest Natural Gas - 79.00
 #928 - City of Hillsboro Utilities Commission - 16.00
 #929 - Albers Feed and Farm Supply - 211.97
 #930 - Don's plumbing and Heating - 31.75
 #931 - Hillsboro Office Supply - 6.37

Mr. Gardner moved that the above bills be paid. Mr. Adams seconded. Motion carried.

The cost of heating the 4-H Dorm building was again discussed. Mr. Holt advised the Board that the furnace had been turned off. The gas bill for March was still \$54.41. The Board agreed that a letter be written to the Northwest

Natural Gas, with a copy to Don Wiley, of the 4-H Building Committee, that the gas be shut off to the building and not turned on again until written notice is given by the Board.

Chairman Jossy appointed Mr. Adams as Superintendent of the Community Booth Division.

Mr. Adams reported on the meeting of the Horse Show Committee. (Minutes of meeting in Horse Show file). They will be having another meeting April 8 and the Secretary was asked to send out notices to the members.

Chairman Jossy authorized the Secretary to obtain a Poultry Superintendent.

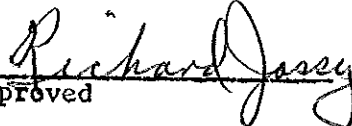
Dr. McGough reported on the Rodeo Committee meetings he had attended. A special meeting with this committee will be arranged so the Board can keep abreast of the plans.

Mr. Jossy reported on the legislation program of Oregon Fairs Association and the bills being presented in Salem in regard to the racing monies.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Shearer, Sec.


Approved