

Minutes of a special meeting held March 22, 1978 at the Fair Office.

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Jerry Boyer called the Fair Board meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

FAIR BOARD

Jerry Boyer
Charles Colegrove
Jim Springer
Ralph Holland
Joe Evers

GUESTS

Doug Van Dyke, Terra Trackers
Gordon Scott, Terra Trackers
Stan Salisbury, Jaycees
Randy Lapo, Jaycees
Al Young, Jaycees
Jerry Schmoee, Jaycees
Larry Markus, NW Mtn. Cruisers

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

Adeline Hesse
Lorrie Maki

UP-DATE

Chairman Boyer stated that the Fair Board has not met since March 15th. This will be the Board's first opportunity to approach the problems that exist namely whether to reopen the fairgrounds and to establish a revised fee schedule. The present schedule was adopted in September, 1976. Guests were invited to stay as long as they wished.

4-H

CORRESPONDENCE

Manager Hesse drafted a letter for Board approval to respond to a list of 4-H concerns brought before the Fair Board meeting on March 15, 1978. The letter clarified the position of the Fair Board on liability insurance, 4-H Fair budget, 4-H prefair usage, and included ORS 565,330 for their information. The Board instructed the manager to mail the letter.

Mr. Boyer mentioned that from a discussion with Dan Potter it was learned that the .0000425 mill money in the amount of \$218,750 based on 1978-79 current values will not come from the 6% limitation as those monies are used to balance the County budget.

HORSE BREEDERS
CORRESPONDENCE

The Oregon Draft Horse Breeders Asso., in a letter of March 17 inquired as to their participation in the Washington County Fair. Because of the limited budget available for entertainment, the pulling contest will not be scheduled for Fair 53.

MARCH PAYROLL

The payroll for March, 1978 is \$1412.14.

MOTION: MOVED BY RALPH HOLLAND AND SECONDED BY CHARLES COLEGROVE TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL FOR MARCH, 1978 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1412.14. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

MOTION: MOVED BY RALPH HOLLAND AND SECONDED BY JIM SPRINGER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 15, 1978 AS PRINTED AND SUBMITTED. MOTION CARRIED.

STAFF MEETING

There will be a staff budget meeting set for March 24, 2:30 p.m. at the Courthouse. Chairman Boyer and Fair Manager Hesse will attend.

RAINIER SHOWS After a telephone conversation with Andy Andersen, it was decided to return to the 1977 placement for his vehicles. Mr. Andersen is unable to run power generators at night, and the Active 20/30 paper drop power box is too small (100 amp).

The tickets will be 4 for \$1.00 on 2 days - family day and Pepsi day.

FORMER BOARD MEMBERS EFFORT ASKED It was suggested that former Fair Board members and managers may be interested in joining an effort to save the fair. The Fair Board asked Mr. Markus to solicit their input.

FAIRGROUND USE Mr. Boyer opened discussion for fairgrounds use. After closure 30 days ago, citizen input to the Fair Board must be considered. Most felt the fairgrounds should reopen.

It was felt that a decision to reopen the fairgrounds on a full scale basis must be in a balanced situation where users are paying for the cost of the facility. The amount paid will probably not include any capital for improvements as many groups using the fairgrounds are unable to pay a high rental fee. The rental fee cannot be a flat fixed fee. It must be predicated on the use of the fairgrounds.

A calendar of events for 1976 was reviewed to gain insight on useage. June, July, August, and perhaps September are prime use times, as the fairgrounds is not viable the rest of the year, because of disrepair.

Mr. Springer felt no exceptions should be made in rental fees.

Items to consider were presented.

- Winter or Summer.
- Same day usage by two or more groups not in conflict.
- Events where alcohol is used.
- Requirements of an event (parking, buildings, entire facility utilities, security, overtime personnel, insurance).
- Number of persons in attendance.
- Camping.
- Non-profit or private enterprise.
- Percentage fee of revenue

Mr. Holland mentioned that year around usage of the fairgrounds was initiated to balance the budget five years ago. In the last three years the off-season usage has doubled, even under the deteriorating circumstances. However, year around usage is also increasing the budget spending. The fairgrounds is too large to run with volunteer labor and buildings.

FAIRGROUNDS USE
CONTINUED

Mr. Colegrove felt that the cost must be competitive with the community, and be enough to cover the fairground expenses. Restricting use of the fairgrounds is defeating the purpose of community service. He also asked if fairground reopening would be until December or longer.

Chairman Boyer stated the fairgrounds operation is based on a fiscal year time frame.

MOTION: MOVED BY RALPH HOLLAND AND SECONDED BY JIM SPRINGER TO OPEN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ON A REVISED FEE SCHEDULE WHICH REFLECTS THE CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TERRA TRACKERS
CONTRACT

MOTION: MOVED BY JIM SPRINGER AND SECONDED BY JOE EVERS TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH THE TERRA TRACKERS 4 X 4 CLUB PLAY DAY MAY 27 - 28 FOR A RENTAL FEE OF \$300.00 PER DAY FOR USE OF THE ARTS AND CRAFT BUILDING, PASTURE AREA, AND PARKING. MOTION CARRIED

A permanent fence was discussed being put up by the Terra Trackers at the north end of the track area. Mr. Van Dyke will meet with Mrs. Hesse and Al Mohr to determine the feasibility and placement. The fenced area could be utilized for parking during events such as Happy Days and County Fair.

HILLSBORO
HAPPY DAYS

Mr. Boyer asked Al Young if the Jaycees needed to have their contract at this time, and what the Happy Days use encompassed.

Mr. Young indicated that the floral building, restrooms, Main Exhibit building, grounds for carnival, 4-H cooler, conference room, PA room, and parking lot were the basic needs. Last year the Jaycees used the fairgrounds 23 days. This year it is felt only 11 days would be needed. 1977 total cost was \$4,416 - \$2,750 rental + \$1,700 for utilities.

It was stressed to the Jaycees that if any portion of the Blake Carnival arrives before June 26, the Jaycees will be responsible for a flat fee of \$300.00 per day. It was also mentioned that another group has rented and will control the facilities through June 25 p.m. Salisbury said that the Jaycees will inform the Blake Carnival and will be responsible to the Fair Board for the \$300.00 per day fee even if only the parking lot is used.

The possibility of the County Fair operating a beer garden was brought up. The Jaycees offered to run the concession for 25% of the net profit, giving 75% to the Fair.

Mr. Holland suggested that perhaps the beer garden won't be feasible and would the Jaycees offer 150 person power hours of donated labor.

HILLSBORO
HAPPY DAYS
CONTINUED

Mr. Salisbury thought perhaps person power hours would be helpful to the Fair. However, if the family of the workers could be offered a free pass, it would make it more enjoyable as a family outing.

MOTION: MOVED BY RALPH HOLLAND AND SECONDED BY CHARLES COLEGROVE TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH THE HILLSBORO JAYCEES TO OPERATE HAPPY DAYS DURING JUNE 26 - JULY 6 FOR A RENTAL FEE OF \$250.00 PER DAY FOR 11 DAYS, ACTUAL COST OF UTENSILS AND GARBAGE PAID BY THE JAYCEES AND 150 PERSON POWER HOURS OF LABOR DONATED FOR USE DURING THE COUNTY FAIR. ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ralph Holland	yea	Charles Colegrove	nay
Joe Evers	yea	Jim Springer	nay
Jerry Boyer	yea		

MOTION CARRIED.

Randy Lapo felt that the Fair Board should meet with the Jayces chapters at least once a year to keep in touch with the needs and ideas of each.

trouble

Mr. Evers related the confusion each year that people have/discerning Happy Days from County Fair. Many people think Happy Days is the Fair and do not attend the County Fair and perhaps vice-versa. The Jaycees representatives realize the problem and will make a giant effort to advertise and inform people of the two dates.

LARRY MARKUS

After a fact finding meeting with interested citizens, Mr. Markus requested some basic direction from the Board. He felt that the citizens must be brought together 'under one flag' into an organized effort. The petition must be clear and concise and with so little time, it is hoped an extension may be available.

The Fair Board felt their involvement might not be beneficial to the group. The voters have already turned away from the Board's suggestions by voting no. Many voters are still not aware of the true fairground situation and are skeptical of Fair Board input. Unfortunately, this time the Board will not be able to become totally involved. They are however, still totally committed to saving the fairgrounds.

Mr. Markus felt the citizens must meet to formulate their position and direction and organize the community involvement into positive action. He was advised that the fair office would be available for use in this effort.

Mr. Markus needs to select a citizen committee, separate from the Fair Board and management to gain community involvement.

The Fair Board is in total support of Larry Markus and his group in their endeavor to save the fairgrounds.

RENTAL FEES Fair Manager was directed to obtain storage figures from R. V. storage businesses in the community for Fair Board consideration.

The Fair Board hopes to finalize the fee schedule at the next regular meeting. Until that time the manager will use the proposed fee schedule as a guideline.

NEXT MEETING Next meeting will be held at the Fair Office April 12, 7:30 p.m. The Board of County Commissioners meeting is still April 5, Room 409, Courthouse at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Maki, Secretary

Fair 53

1978 FAIR AUGUST 1-5

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR
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Washington County Fair Proposed Agenda

March 22, 1978
7:00 p.m.

1. Review of changes for use of fairgrounds
2. Guests
3. Correspondence 4-H Liaison Committee
4. Correspondence Oregon Draft Horse Breeders Assn Inc.
5. March payroll for Approval
6. March 15 Board minutes for approval
7. Staff budget meeting set for March 24, 2:30 p.m. at Courthouse
8. Input from Fair Board
9. Discuss physical set-up Rainier Shows will require for Fair 53
For your information: ADJOURNMENT ---- Directors may desire to go into executive session to discuss legal matter and/or matters pertaining to personnel under authority of Oregon Laws, 1973, Chapter 172, 6(1) (a) ORS 192.060 (1) (a) and Oregon Laws, Chapter 172 6(2)(a). This requires two thirds affirmative votes of the Fair Board.

The Board encourages the attendance of citizens at its Board meetings. When a person wishes to bring a particular matter to the attention of the Board, it is recommended that the matter be first discussed with the Fair Manager in order that it may be given time on the meeting agenda and also time for the Manager to gather together relative information in order that the Board may give the matter adequate attention and consideration. However, if this is not possible nor desired by the party, the Board will listen to any citizen who appears before them, but will reserve the right to postpone the decision to a subsequent meeting.