

Washington County Fair Board
February 13, 2019
Country Coffee Cabin, 6:30pm

The Meeting was called to order: Present: Justin Mink, Jon Mills, Kelley Bruce, Jessie Woodland, Jeff Springer, Brooke Mink, Pat Momount, Deana Farrens, Darin Munden, Jeff Nauman, and Chris and Harvey Braun

Minutes: Jon moved to approve the November minutes with a change to the wording in the paragraph concerning check-in times from complaint to suggestion. With that change made, Jessie seconded. The motion passed.

Darin Munden presented some suggestions for changes he'd like to see with the swine program. The market preferences on swine have increased from 300 lbs. He believes a better weight maximum would be 320. Judges currently like heavier swine. He suggested we also take the bottom up from 240 to 250. He contacted Idaho, Washington, and Oregon veterinarians and found there is no longer cases of PEDV (pig virus). He would like the board to consider lifting our rule for terminal sale. And lastly, he had suggestions for the Stall cards used during the fair. He would like there to be a place to note breed(s) of project animal and an estimated market value. Jon asked how they determined the market value when we don't get prices until Friday. Darin commented in the past they estimated. Chris will work with Michelle to verify which "stall card" is used. This will be on the agenda next month.

Extension Office Report: (Pat reported)

2019 Judges secured are; swine, Travis Louber – Beef, Scott Holt – Horse, Brett Spenser and Dixie Christensen – Poultry, Mike Stanton – Rabbit, Nancy Richmond. Michelle has contacted four different judges with not results on Sheep and Goats. She had someone who would need a \$400 plane ticket and 2 nights motel. The board asked if she could look a bit more. Pat will forward that information and has given Michelle another name. Jennifer Green would like to step down as Small Animal Superintendent after the 2019 fair.

Pat gave us an update on Extension Educator. The University of Idaho offered the job to Grant Loomis. They are waiting for legal confirmation.

Jeff Nauman and Brooke Mink updated the board on the 4-H Cake Decorating Contest. There would be a duplication of 4-H and/or FFA members selling more than one item at the fair. The board has always resisted this. Brooke estimated there might be 10 contestants total and only a couple that wouldn't have a livestock market project. Entries would need a blue ribbon project to sell. Cloverbud entries will not be allowed to sell. Brooke stated, the record book is quite lengthy, and it is a good project. Deadline to sign up is March 1, 2019. Chris asked about the money part of the sale. Jeff had represented that Michelle would oversee collecting information and actual funds during the sale. Chris would account for the Cake Sale money in the same manner as the Livestock Sale. The participant checks would be released at the same time as the Livestock Sale. Kelley moved to allow the cake decorating entries be sold at an auction, Wednesday

during the fair and it should be open to FFA members also. Michelle will handle the logistics of the sale and Chris will run the money through the Livestock Market Sale account. The motion passed with four in favor and one nay.

4-H Leaders Council Report: Justin asked Deana to remind the leaders about the importance of thank yous after the market sale.

Check-in Time for Pigs and Sheep was discussed. Moving the Small Animal Show to Tuesday did change the dynamics of check-in times. Since the Superintendents were willing to work with special circumstances, the board felt we should give the timing one more year before we make changes. The beef section notes, *"The board will work with exhibitor families who have multiple species for all-in-one check-in"*. This wording will be adapted to cover all species. Jon moved to keep the check in times the same for 2019. Jessie seconded, and the motion passed.

Old Business

A copy of the donation request for Western Stockman was passed around for approval. It was moved by Jeff and seconded by Kelley to send in the request. The motion passed.

It was moved by Jeff and seconded by Jon to sign the MOU with the UI Extension, the motion passed. Justin signed and Pat Momount will take to UI for signatures.

It was moved by Kelley and seconded by Brooke to sign the MOU with the Washington County Emergency Management, the motion passed. Justin signed and Chris will send an electronic copy to the county.

Delton Walker provided the wording necessary for Service Animals Only at the fairgrounds during fair week, and added the signage proposed was fine. The wording for the fair book will be (page 5 top bullet):

NO PETS ALLOWED, Any Service Animals must be on a leash. *In situations where it is not obvious that the dog is a service animal, staff may ask only two specific questions: (1) is the dog a service animal required because of a disability? and (2) what work or task has the dog been trained to perform? Staff are not allowed to request any documentation for the dog, require that the dog demonstrate its task, or inquire about the nature of the person's disability. Emotional Support Animals are not considered service animals under the ADA.*

New Business:

The board reviewed the Livestock Superintendent Job Descriptions. A copy was given to Deana Farrens to forward to the Livestock Superintendents.

The board discussed our Floor Buyers, market standards, and processing after the sale. Our customer is the Floor buyer and we need to keep in mind the market standard. There is a great place for niche markets in all species, however, we need to make sure the floor buyer and/or the board does not take a financial loss. The exhibitor might declare his project as a "niche" market project which will increase his profit. Also discussed was any impact from Jennifer stepping down as Small Animal Superintendent in 2020 and her commitment to processing rabbits. Jon moved to table this item until March. Jeff seconded, and the motion passed.

Initial changes were turned in for the Fair Book 2019. Jeff asked if we can we highlight changes, new rules, or any item the board would like to highlight. Chris will ask Don.

Justin Mink, Jon Mills, and Jeff Springer agreed to serve another two-year term. It was moved by Jeff and seconded by Kelley to retain the current officers. The motion passed. Chris will submit the new list of officers and include Justin, Jon, and Jeff re-upping for two years to the Commissioners for Confirmation.

Harvey reported on the Alarm Systems Report. This was for information only. We have two separate companies involved in the system. Both are paid by the county. Viking inspects the Hall and Fire Century monitors both buildings.

Treasurer Report: The bills, statements, current P&L, five-year plan spreadsheet, and cost of future improvements were passed around for approval. The county adopted a new mileage rate of 58¢. The ribbon order is ready to submit, and Chris is going to try some stickers for Open Class. Idaho Power changed our rate schedule after turning on the sale barn for a month to see what it would cost to heat. It looks like our power bill could be substantially less. It was moved by Kelley and seconded by Jessie to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

The 5-Year Plan was discussed. Harvey had received two bids on the PA system, and they were both \$10,000. This was more than the board was prepared for. The board and Harvey will look for a less expensive option. Brooms and wheel barrows should be an annual fair expense and not part of the five-year plan. Harvey can order them. Kelley would like the floor in the Swine Barn addressed in the future. Jessie would like Harvey to get a price on a "Big Ass" fan for the Sale Barn. It was moved by Jeff to purchase the screens, projector, table and chair rack, tables; proceed with insulating the roof on the Small Animal Barn, order 3 loads of sand for the Livestock Barn, attain firm costs on a smaller cement clean sawdust bin and cement pads for doors at the Sale Barn. Kelley seconded and the motion passed. Justin asked for a copy of the chair rack and tables receipts. The Weiser River Cattle Association might donate towards this purchase.

Maintenance Report: Harvey reported there are 47 units being stored for an income of \$7906. One RV was vandalized (Smith's, broken light, outside row). The owners are fine, and the police were notified. A heat pump on the Exhibit Hall froze up and Comfort Zone fixed. Pig latches are well underway at Ag shop and Harvey is starting on the latches for gates in the Sale Barn. Harvey has plowed a couple of times and the County has plowed a couple.

Next Meeting Set: March 4, Washington County Fairgrounds, 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Braun