

Washington County Fair Board  
March 4, 2019  
Washington County Fairgrounds, 6:30pm

**The Meeting was called to order and the following were present:**

**Fair Board and staff:** Justin Mink, Jon Mills, Kelley Bruce, Jessie Woodland, Brooke Mink, Jeff Springer, and Chris and Harvey Braun – **County:** Kirk Chandler and Tony Buthman - **Extension and 4-H:** Pat Momount, Deana Farrens, and Michelle Tate - **Superintendents:** Jared Farrens, Darrcy Gay, Jennifer Green, Amy McDonald, Lee Nichols, and Mark Moura

Pending Justin's arrival, Jon opened the meeting with introductions.

Tony Buthman, Washington County Emergency Management, requested a short spot at the beginning of the meeting to make a correction on the MOU signed between the Emergency Management, Fair Board and Commissioners. The Fair Board had been listed as the owners on the MOU signed in February. The county attorney reviewed the MOU and changed the Fair Board's title to managing entity. With Kirk present, all parties signed the amended MOU. Tony also asked if we could re-visit installing a generator on the fairgrounds. He would like the fairgrounds to provide power in case of an emergency; taking into consideration, heating/cooling, lights, and medical equipment. Idaho Power just changed our billing schedule. We should have good information for both buildings; cost and kilowatts used, next month. Chris will provide energy consumption information to Tony.

Jon opened the floor to the Livestock Superintendents. They were given job descriptions and fair book sections. Kelley noticed the General Rules said, "to sign and return the job descriptions to the extension office". With that said, Jon asked if the Superintendents would sign and return theirs to Chris after they had reviewed them. Jennifer said there was some confusion with Grand and Reserve pictures and the timing of the Small Animal Show. We will make sure Zane has a copy of the new schedule. Jon also reiterated, "you are not in this alone! Everyone reviewed the Code of Conduct and Chain of Command on page 26 of the fair book. We are all on a team and the fair board appreciates what you do. Later in the meeting, during Old Business, we are going to have a discussion on "niche" market animals. New information will be added to page 33 of the fair book. You are welcomed to stay for that discussion.

Justin asked Jennifer to give us an update on Small Animal Processing. Rabbits must still have a vet on site to kill commercially. Jennifer's kids are the only rabbit exhibitors this year and she will make sure the processing is taken care of. A note will be added to the 2019 Sale Bill, "WCF does not have a commercial processor for rabbits". Country Side is the only butcher that will take birds.

Darrcy asked about stalling horses Tuesday after Playday during the Small Animal Show. She has exhibitors involved in both Species. Jennifer and Darrcy asked if Rodeo Royalty who are 4-H exhibitors can stall their horses Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Justin and Jon will work with the exhibitors, leaders or superintendents to find good options.

Jared asked about changing the date for Goats born after January 1, to Goats born after December 1. The board did not have any issues with the change. Michelle felt we could not change for this year as exhibitors have already been buying according to the January rule. There is a shortage of goats this year. We will have this on the Agenda in September to discuss for the 2020 fair.

Darryc asked about a rule to help with kids riding other kids' horses. There is a rule in place (#2) which states a helmet must always be worn. The board suggested Darryc ask the horse leaders for their support on this and to keep them posted.

Jennifer reported she has a lead on show cages which might be perfect for our show. Kelley asked if Jennifer would follow up and let the board know. Jennifer is also stepping down as Small Animal Superintendent after 17 years. She is working on finding a replacement who could shadow her during the 2019 fair. Chris also reported that the Small Animal Scale does not qualify for a state inspection since the market birds are sold by the pen and not by the pound. Pat said she could take it to a scale company if she would like. Jennifer felt they would all be on the same playing field for weight and it should not be an issue.

Sawdust vs straw was the next discussion, which included the bad taste everyone had from last year's fine dust. Several fairs provide the first bedding and then the exhibitor provides after that. Sheep like straw. There is more bulk to clean up the straw. If we could find the trucking, Parma Post and Pole might donate the sawdust for free. Theirs are bigger chips. Western Timber sells it for the cost of trucking. If we change, we would need to notify exhibitors early. We will try to order the sawdust earlier and hope for the quality that has typically been there. No motion was made on this item.

The Fair Clean-up Schedule used in 2018 was passed around. Everyone was happy with how the new schedule worked. Chris will email it to Deana to forward to the Leaders' Council.

Extension Office Report:

Pat gave us an update on the Extension Educator position. They do not have a signed offer from a candidate, but it looks promising for one of the prospects.

Enrollment Update from March 1

- Beef - 66 Steers/46 Kids (57 Steers/41 Kids-2018)
- Swine - 74 Kids (2018-80)
  - 10 Breeding
- Sheep - 34 Kids (37-2018)
  - 10 Breeding
- Goat - 15 Kids (12-2018)
  - 11 Breeding Meat Goats (2-2018)
- Poultry- 11 Kids
- Rabbit- 2 Kids
- Horse - 24 Kids

There are 13 kids enrolled in the cake decorating project.

Michelle secured a Sheep Judge, Mason Roberts.

## Theme Contest

- 1<sup>st</sup>, Mja Towner: Where the Road Ends and the Fun Begins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kylee Chambers: Red, White & Blue, This Fair's For You
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Noah Uebelhoer: If It Barks, Grunts, or Bellows, Show It With Your Fellows

## Old Business:

Western Stockman's declined sponsoring Sale Meal Tickets. We will table this item until April.

The board would like a line for the exhibitor to add the breed of their project on the Stall Cards for 2019. Chris will update and forward to Stephanie.

Floor buyers and market standards were discussed. The template of what we would like to say was provided. Kirk and Justin questioned the financial loss part of the statement and whose responsibility it was to contact the superintendent. Pending approval by the board, this is the wording from the minutes:

- 15: Livestock Industry Market Standards and Processing after the sale must be considered for the Market Livestock Sale. Niche Market Exhibitors are encouraged to contact their superintendent for information regarding financial opportunities for their project.

It was moved by Jon and seconded by Kelley to accept this addition into the fair book under Livestock Rules and on page 6 with other new or changed items. The motion passed.

The draft of Fair Book was passed around. There is deadline of March 15<sup>th</sup> for changes.

The 2019 Washington County Fair will remain a terminal sale for Market Swine. The preferred top weight for Swine has increased over the past few years. Our 2018 Grand Champion was 306. Currently, we have a 300 lbs maximum weight exhibitors are paid for at the sale. Jeff moved to increase that to 320 lbs. Jessie seconded and the motion passed.

Harvey gave 5 Year Plan update. A portable projector screen was up for the board. The projector we had quoted was inadequate and we requested a nicer one which was selected with help from the Robert Peterson, County's IT employee. Jessie moved to purchase the better one. Kelley seconded and the motion passed.

## New Business:

Kelley asked if Jessie would contact all the FFA Advisors and try to schedule the FFA members during the Livestock Sale. They are the runners during the sale, and it seemed there were a few that did more than their share and some that did not. During this contact, it was also suggested the members are reminded to not block buyers from the auctioneer. They can squat, sit or stand to the side. Jessie will contact.

Shane Kerner will be our Round Robin Superintendent and help with the beef show.

Hall Judges and Superintendents are being contacted

The 2019 Livestock Sale Floor Buyers was tabled until April.

It was moved by Jessie and seconded by Jon to renew all contracts for fair week at the same rate as 2018. The motion passed. It includes the following value plus meal tickets: Night watchman \$450, Hall Monitor \$500, Hall Superintendent \$1000, Janitor \$600

Minutes: It was moved by Jon seconded by Jessie to approve the minutes, the motion passed

Treasurer's Report: It was moved by Jeff and seconded by Jessie to approve the treasurer's report, the motion passed.

Maintenance Report: We had some smoke alarm malfunctions during February. Harvey shadowed the serviceman for the first round, and then reset them on the second round after the serviceman had left. It will save \$230 for a service call. Kelley asked if we could get two trash bins again for fair.

Commissioners Report: The commissioners reinstated the fair board. Kirk gave us an update on the Extension Office. It has been complicated and is over budget. It will be over \$200,000 by the time it is completed. The county will complete it over two fiscal years. Anyone can stop into the planning and zoning department and check out the plans if they'd like. They are requesting as much money as possible from the University of Idaho to purchase equipment and supplies.

Next Meeting Set: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday, Country Coffee Cabin, 7pm

It was moved by Jeff to adjourn. Kelley seconded, and the motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Chris Braun*