

Washington County Fair Board

April 5, 2023

Country Coffee Cabin, 6:30pm

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

Fair Board and staff: Kelley Bruce, Jon Mills, Justin Mink, Brooke Mink, Ryan Barton, Kristin Nolte, and Chris and Harvey Braun – **Commissioner** Nate Marvin - **Extension and 4-H:** Tyler O'Donnell, – **4-H Leaders** – Cassidy Davis and Jessica Pedevilla

Minutes: It was moved by Brooke and seconded by Jon to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Old Fair Business:

The Judges we have secured were discussed. Jon gave Tyler a couple of horse judge names and Chris will email Tyler to confirm the remainder of judges.

The Fair Book 2023's draft was reviewed. There were dates and information corrections noted. There will be an amended draft and Chris will email. The Awards Committee has until May 1st to collect Green and Gold. They forward the names to Chris, that information is updated in the book. We will have 500 copies printed.

Cloverbud projects were discussed. The fairgrounds is reaching its capacity for animal stalls. Discussion included how to give the Cloverbuds a good fair experience without having to stall their animals. Cloverbuds are 5 to 8 years old, can choose to show at the fair, are not allowed to be judged, and receive a participation ribbon. Tyler reported we have 37 Cloverbud exhibitors. The most common animal species are rabbit, chicken, cavy, dog, or goat. The rules state the animal must weigh less than their exhibitor. There does not need to be a professional judge for the Cloverbud show. Justin moved to host the Cloverbud Show on Monday of fair in the grass arena at 6pm or immediately after the Dog Show. The 2023 fair will not house the Cloverbud animals. And within this motion, he would like Cloverbud Superintendent who is responsible for volunteers and logistics. Ryan seconded and the motion passed. Cassidy will take the request for a Cloverbud Superintendent to the Leader's Council. The Cloverbud section and show will be added to the fair book and a copy will be forwarded to Cassidy for the Leader's Council to review. The Cloverbud animals will not be housed at the 2023 fair, they will be taken home after the show. The fair board already purchased Cloverbud participation ribbons.

Stalls that are not cleaned after the fair continue to be issue for exhibitors who do not have a market project and cannot be disciplined by having \$25 withheld from their sale check. Tyler said they have a place to insert a \$25 fee for exhibitors who do not have a market project and collect during the fair entry process. The Leaders Council would keep the money if there were an issue. Because a stall fee penalty is already in the fair book, there was no motion made to institute this for non-market projects.

The word Exhibitors replaced Entries on the Under 5 rule on page 11 as that was the intent of the rule.

The MOU was reviewed. Tyler will change the enrollment date and ask whether the University would like the ShoWorks agreement attached. It will be on the Agenda for May.

New Fair Business

Tyler only received one entry and he left it on his desk. He will forward via email, and we will announce the winner.

2023 Friend of the Fair was tabled until May.

Extension Office Report:

Tyler reported the Extension will be accepting credit cards for entry and bumped the fee back up to \$7. The current rule for the fee is that it is managed and kept by the Awards Committee and Extension for the Awards Committee.

They are still in the process of hiring a 4-H Coordinator.

Tyler asked for the 4-H activity to be kept in the fair book on Saturday, August 5, and he will make sure it is staffed.

4-H Leaders Council Report:

Fair Board/Old Business

Hells Canyon Days is all going well.

Fair Board/New Business:

Justin moved to have Harvey make the Year Bars/Sales Plaques for 2023. Jon seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer Report:

The bills and statements, the pre-budget Information (2023-2024), and the 5-Year Plan were reviewed. Harvey reported there are no lights working on the exterior of the Exhibit Hall. He presented a quote from Franklin Electric for \$3500 to fix. Nate asked him to get an additional opinion from Indianhead Electric and he will take it to the Commissioners. The board asked if we could follow up with R&M Steel to see if we could get a price on the livestock barn addition. The paving money has been set aside and we are waiting to see what Washington County Road and Bridge receives for pricing this year. Jon moved to accept the Treasurer's report and increase our budget request to \$92,000. This would align the levy amount with our annual expenses. Justin seconded and the motion passed.

Maintenance Report:

Harvey reported we have a high school rodeo scheduled for April 15 -16, but the snow is still around the Livestock Barn. He has been trying to get the RV's dug out, but not sure if it's all going to work. Justin also reported there is a snow berm in front of the bucking chutes.

Commissioners Report:

Nate thanked the board for working so well with the community, the commissioners, and the extension. We're a solid team and it makes his job easy.

Next Meeting Set: May 3, Country Coffee Cabin, 6:30pm

Brooke moved to adjourn, Justin seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Braun