

Washington County Fair Board

May 1, 2019

Country Coffee Cabin, 7pm

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

Fair Board and staff: Justin Mink, Jon Mills, Kelley Bruce, Jessie Woodland, Jeff Springer, and Chris and Harvey Braun – **County:** Kirk Chandler - **Extension and 4-H:** Pat Momount, and Michelle Tate

Minutes: After correcting the spelling of Stuart Nesbitt and a grammar correction, it was moved by Kelley to accept the minutes. Jeff seconded, and the motion passed.

Extension Office Report:

Michelle reported they weighed in 97 swine. They ranged from 28 to 150 pounds. A good average weight should be 75 pounds. Fair Entry is working well. They have the test family running and making a few adjustments. The goal is to have it open before school releases for summer. The FFA chapters and 4-H clubs will receive instructional packets. The Extension will also offer Fair Entry classes for anyone interested in learning the program.

Michelle is also keeping in contact with Jennifer Green concerning information about the Show Cages. The price of the used cages was firm and high, so Jennifer is going to research prices for new cages. Jennifer also requested we get the cages back from Malheur County, as they were short cages last year during the fair. Jon will contact Malheur County to arrange. He did request more information about cages we could share with Malheur. It would help them since they had to replace many after their barn collapsed. There is no replacement for the Small Animal Superintendent for 2020.

The Extension remodel is moving forward. Michelle asked if the fairgrounds had a place the Extension could permanently place a storage building. There will not be room at the new facility and there are items they would like to store at the fairgrounds. Chad, Planning and Zoning, would like it moved this fall. Michelle is going to measure.

Michelle asked for clarification on the "Thank You" conversation from the last meeting. There was no motion to change any current thank you traditions. The board would like the 4-H Leaders, Leaders Council, and FFA Advisors to emphasize how important Thank You notes are for the Market Livestock Sale and the Buyers, as well as for the Special Prizes and their Donors!

There is a full repair warranty on the belt buckles given by the Leaders Council during the Fair. Michelle has the contact information.

Sheep and Goat Weigh-in is Saturday, May 18th, at the fairgrounds. Balderson will be there to shear sheep.

Old Business

The Fair Book should be ready to print this month. It is four pages shorter and has two pages in color. The board would like 650 again this year.

Kelley reported on the Sound System. Boden Meyer has found a couple different options with wireless capabilities:

- Option 1: Powered speakers that have Bluetooth built in. This works with someone connected to their phone or tablet to the speaker, and then link them all together, and control from the device. Wireless mic would plug into the back of one of the speakers.
- Option 2: Purchase a couple powered speakers, and a wireless system that will have a receiver plugged into each speaker. A small mixer with a wireless transmitter to the speakers. A mixer to control main sound, multiple mics, music, etc.

The board would like prices on Option 2. Kelley will pursue further.

Justin reported that Mel confirmed he would be our Goat and Sheep Floor Buyer. He is still working with JW and CS Beef Packing for Beef.

New Business:

Chris presented the following proposal for the Herdsman Award. It was moved by Jon and seconded by Jeff to pass the 2019 Herdsman Award distribution. The motion passed.

2019, Herdman Award: \$410	
Horse	2
Beef	5
Sheep	5
Goats	5
Pigs	5
Small Animals	5
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Ticket/Day by Superintendents	27
Board Member Choice:	
2 Tickets per 7 Days	14
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Total \$10 Meal Tickets	41

The Butcher list from the Sale Bill was reviewed. There is new butcher who is capable of Small Animal processing, including rabbit. They will be added.

Treasurer's Report: The current bills, bank statements and budget information were initialed by the board. It was moved by Jessie and seconded by Jeff to approve the Treasurer's Report and submit the attached budget for 2019-2020. The motion passed. The budget meeting was changed to May 20th pending confirmation from Clerks' Office.

It was moved by Jessie and seconded by Kelley to accept J Clouss' contract for the Market Livestock Sale at a rate of 1.6% of the gross sale. The motion passed.

Chris gave an update on the activities at the fairgrounds. There is no circus, really! The circus, which was communicating for an event May 23, decided it wasn't going to work. Hells Canyon Days and the Hells Canyon Jam is looking to be a big event. Chris provided the business plan. The Livestock Barn is rented for the week for \$500. It will host a live auction on Saturday. The Sale Barn is hosting a flea market on Friday and Saturday; those spots are renting for \$10 each. There are also dry camping spots being rented out on the fairgrounds. Jon agreed to help with the camping area. The Fair, the Rodeo Association and the Commercial Club are co-hosting this event.

Maintenance Report: The County Road and Bridge brought gravel to clean up and level out the horse stalls and to pack around the new cement around the Sale Barn. The new floor stripper worked great. It was much easier than the one we rented last year. The vinyl floors in the hall have been stripped and waxed. The slope beside the ADA walkway is landscaped and graveled. The cement has been poured for the shavings bin and the entry pads around the Sale Barn. For the extra cement vs. labor, the contractor opted for connecting sections of the pads between overhead doors and man doors. It looks great.

Commissioners Report: Extension Office is over budget, but it is still less than building from scratch and buying property.

Next Meeting: June 5, Country Coffee Cabin, 7pm

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Braun