

Washington County Fair Board
May 6, 2020, Minutes
Washington County Fairgrounds, 7pm

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

Fair Board and staff: Kelley Bruce, Jon Mills, Justin Mink, Jessie Woodland, Brooke Mink (remotely), Jeff Springer, and Chris and Harvey Braun – **County:** Kirk Chandler - **Extension and 4-H:** Absent

Note: This meeting is both April and May's Agendas due to COVID-19 meeting restrictions. On May 4th, Washington County lifted the "Stay At Home" order and opened the County Properties for 10 and under per department and by appointment. The meeting was to be held outside if we had more than 10. With only eight attending, we moved inside the Exhibit Hall.

Minutes: Jessie moved to accept the minutes with the following changes. In old fair business; replace two sentences "Goat and Sheep Duties are fine."; with, "All Livestock pen assignments will be given prior to check-in." There was a grammatical correction on page 2. It was seconded by Brooke and the motion passed.

Old Fair Business:

The last Proof of Fair Book was emailed to all board members and the Extension Office. There were some date and grammatical corrections. We will post online. The new Herdsman rule and Dog rules were reviewed. Justin moved and Jeff seconded to accept these changes. The motion passed.

It was assumed the livestock rules stated, "All projects will be required to comply with and participate in Washington County initial weigh-in and spring enrollment requirements". This came to light with a request to allow a Weiser FFA member to return to Washington County Fair after enrolling in Malheur County's Fair. This family had been showing at Malheur County for years and was not given fair warning of Malheur County's change in rules prohibiting exhibitors from outside the County. Amanda Chaney, Weiser FFA Advisor, wrote a letter of support for the family. The board felt the issue was Malheur Fair Board's lack of communication concerning this change. The family could appeal their case to Malheur but could end up in a hostile environment. The Board circled back to what is best for the kids. Justin moved to table discussion until its appropriate place in the Agenda. Jon moved to correct the fair book to include the sentence regarding spring requirements. With two motions on the floor, Jeff seconded Justin's motion to table discussion and the motion passed. Justin seconded the motion to add spring requirements and the motion passed.

New Fair Business

It was moved by Jessie to confirm an email vote for the Cover Contest 1st Mja Towner, 2nd Libbie Rynearson, 3rd TIE: Kendall Rynearson & Jack Papineau. Jon seconded, and the motion passed.

Chris let the board know we are still looking for Open Class Youth Arts, Crafts, Hobbies Superintendent and a Hall Superintendent for next year.

The Despain Family discussion was re-opened. Discussion included: They are residents of Washington County. They did attempt to make sure everything was good with Malheur County. It is particularly sad the amount of time that went by without the family being notified of their ineligibility. The beef weight will be off by a week, so there would have to be some weight adjustments done. The Weiser FFA Advisor would have to work with the Extension to make sure all the appropriate paperwork is completed. The family has 1 steer, 2 hogs, and a lamb. Jon moved to allow the Despain family enter the Washington County Fair. Justin seconded and the motion passed.

The MOU written in 2019 was completed in the time after Montessa and before Mary. It was never signed by the Extension Educator. Chris will attach it to the minutes for Mary's review.

Floor Buyers were discussed. Larry Vertner agreed to take Pigs. Justin is working with CSI Beef, but COVID has impacted the supply chain. Kirk is going to check with his buyer to see if he can handle the sheep/goat floor. Chris will reach out to Rachel Thatcher for the Small Animal Floor.

There was an attachment to Mary's email listing 4-H animals uploaded as of April 27, 2020. Justin said the FFA Animals are being handled by their Advisors.

The Extension Office has already posted virtual tagging for Goat/Sheep to replace the original Weigh-in set for May 16th. The Fair Board would like to have an option for exhibitors to weigh-in at the fairgrounds on the 16th. The County has opened the fairgrounds, and if everything keeps going in the right direction, we should be opened to small groups by then. Brooke and Jessie are available to be the Fair Board representatives at the weigh-in. Chris will reach out to the Extension to see if we can make this happen.

Extension Office Report:

Mary's email response to attending the meeting was discussed. The State and County's response to COVID-19 are not in sync. Which one takes priority? The board does feel we were taking precautions. Rebound Idaho, Phase II says to prepare for youth events. The governor asked people to use this time to prepare for the opening. The board also asked where the talk of cancelling the fair comes from. Kirk said that early in the event, the commissioners looked at everything that might have been cancelled. The board would like to be informed of these discussions and all agreed we need to proceed like we are hosting the fair.

4-H Leaders Council Report:

Brooke did not have anything to report for the Leader's Council.

Fair Board/Old Business

Hells Canyon Days has been postponed until June 5, 2021.

Fair Board/New Business:

It was moved by Justin to have Harvey Braun make the Year Bars/Sales Plaques at the same cost as 2019. Jeff seconded and the motion passed.

There was no new information on Willey's Custom Meat's past due buyer bill.

It was moved by Jon to renew all Contracts for Fair at the following rates (All plus meal tickets) Night watchman \$500, Hall Monitor \$500, Hall Superintendent \$1000 (Randy's last year), and Janitor \$800. All with possible bonus dollars added on. Jessie seconded and the motion passed.

Jon moved to renew J Clouss' contract for the Livestock Sale. The rate will remain same and we added a room for Tori. Justin seconded and the motion passed.

Jon nominated Lois Sutton for the 2020 Friend of the Fair. Brooke seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer Report: The 2020-2021 Budget (due May 18th), 5-year plan, current bills, and statements were passed around for review. Jessie moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Jeff seconded and the motion passed.

Maintenance Report: Harvey reported the costs on the railing for the manure pit, the status of speakers for the Sale Barn, and sprinklers for the Show Arena and Swine Barn. Jeff moved to complete the railing for the manure pit. Jessie seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioners Report: Kirk asked if any of the improvements were to help with COVID-19 requirements. The exterior speakers on the Sale Barn are to help coordinate patrons to only be inside when it pertains to them. The grass and seating in the Show Arena are to help with Social Distancing during the Shows and the Livestock Sale. He asked us to put together a proposal and send it to Tony Buthman, Emergency Manager, as the State of Idaho might be able to help financially with the cost. Jon moved to put a proposal together of the costs associated with COVID preparedness which includes exterior projects that will allow for better social distancing. Justin seconded and the motion passed.

Kirk also reviewed the budget and recommended we take request the full 3% increase this year. Chris will adjust and send out amended Budget Request of \$76,220.

Next Meeting Set: June 3, Country Coffee Cabin, 7pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Braun