

Washington County Fair Board
September 2, 2020
Washington County Fairgrounds, 6:30pm

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

Call Meeting to Order: Fair Board and staff: Kelley Bruce, Jon Mills, Justin Mink, Jessie Woodland, Brooke Mink, Jeff Springer, and Chris and Harvey Braun – **County:** Kirk Chandler - **Extension and 4-H:** Mary Ridout, Michelle Tate - **Superintendents:** Rachel and Michael Thatcher, Megan Inwards, Janet Sorenson, Lee Nichols, Mark Moura, Nick Rynearson, Chance Rollins, and Nate Mink

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

Superintendents' Section: The purpose of the September Supers' meeting is to keep the lines of communication open and to plan for next year while fair is still fresh in everyone's memory. Kelley started the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and opened the floor to the Beef Supers. **Beef:** Mark and Lee both felt the fair was good. However, if there is someone with multiple animals which include beef, they really need to know earlier that the day of. They should know the week before when they're setting up the Horse pens. They could potentially set up some Beef pens and those animals wouldn't have to move the whole fair. If the barn is full of Horses, the Rodeo Grounds are in great shape now, and the pens could be used prior to the Rodeo stock coming in. Beef and Sheep supers coordinated exhibitors with multiple animals, but some of them still missed the introduction from Jon Mills. It should be mandatory for everyone to come to the Introduction. We need to communicate better and early. Jon complimented the Supers on a great job. We all they worked together to take care of a lot of animals!

Small Animals: Things went well this fair. They had one exhibitor take an animal home early even though Rachel had already told her no. There was foot traffic in the Sale Barn during the Shows. People would walk right up and in between the judges and exhibitors. We will work on putting up some panels to keep people at bay. Rachel will call J Bar Processing and try to confirm a kill date for Monday after fair. **Dog:** Megan and Janet were both please with the judge. There was nice room and time. They might let the exhibitors compete in two runs next year. **Goat:** The show was too long. Nick asked if there was any way to shorten, maybe fewer classes. Michelle said that we could reduce the number of classes, but there are many classes that do not have any entries, so she wasn't sure that would help. The Pet Goats were turned loose and the first kid to catch their kid won the class. Could we move it to another day? Could we move it up early? How early did the pig show end? Nick had parents ask if the Dairy Goat Show can come before the Market Goat Show. It would be better on their milking cycle. Nick also allowed one exhibitor to go home early. He understands why we have them stay and it won't happen again. Nick and Michelle will work on shortening the show and come up with a proposal. During the Breeding **Sheep Show**, an exhibitor had a helper. Nick wanted to have some clarification on the rules. There is not a rule, but the board 100% assumed everyone knew it was you and your animal. There will be a rule for everyone to proof for next year. **Pigs:** Nate also agreed it was a good fair. The new cement was great. The kids did a good job of keeping everything clean, but Kelley could still have her job back. Jon would like to see someone give the introduction speech

every year. It really set the tone and lays out our expectations. He also said it was the best fair he remembers. Everyone who was there, really wanted to be there and wanted to help. Jeff thought the speakers were a great addition. The volume could be turned up during down times. Kelley wanted to know if we could eliminate the extra animal "pink slips?" After a round of alternatives such as painting on the animal, having to choose one destination prior to the fair, only bringing one animal, and such, it was decided they'll stay for now. Jeff requested they adjust the ring on Sale Day. The size is good, but if they could get the announcer moved in closer or flatten the back side to get the animals out easier. **Grounds:** Harvey asked about maintenance items need. Rachel requested a few more large bird wooden trays. Nate asked for an upgrade on the pig ramps. Jon asked for some additional back fill around the manure pit. Jeff thought the dump truck worked great. It should be dumped twice a day and they'll work on the timing.

Old Fair Business:

Banners are ready to order in October. Facebook and live streaming were very successful. Alex, Living in the News, is hopefully doing it again this year. Premiums went well this year. The Destination Reports were a bit off this year. But we're done and there's always next year.

New Fair Business

John Balderson, who has sheared sheep for our fair and around the country for years passed away. Jessie moved to buy flowers for the funeral from the Fair Board. Jeff seconded and the motion passed. Jon moved to set August 1 – 7, 2021 for the Fair. Jeff seconded and the motion passed.

Chris asked if she could come up with a proposal to change Open Class times for 2021 to match the timing of 2020. With no objections, she will work on a proposal.

Extension Office Report:

Michelle will contact Sandi Weishaupp for the 2021 fair. She will also use the same Dog judges, swap the rabbit and poultry judges, and swap the horse judges. Michelle also reported on tags needed for 2021. Jeff moved to order 75 beef tags and 300 tags for the other species. Jon seconded and the motion passed.

4-H Leaders Council Report: They have not had a meeting yet.

Fair Board/Old Business

The board had not read the MOU and Jeff motioned to table it until October. Jon seconded and the motion passed. Chris asked about the motel room charges during the fair. After some discussion, Kirk responded it seems like it should come from the department who is using it and would like to see it come from the Extension. He said Donna Atwood, County Clerk, has been trying to get a better accounting of where the money is spent. The Extension will adjust their budget.

Fair Board/New Business:

The Thank you List was passed around. Justin moved to send out the thank you notes with the noted fuel reimbursement and equipment reimbursement. Jeff seconded the motion passed. Justin said we need to call Western States Equipment in 2021 for equipment.

We can release the checks for the Livestock Sale. There is only \$35,000 to collect and the balance in the account is -\$22,000. A few exhibitors will hold their checks for a week or two. We are still looking for the Smith Family. For both the Loudermilk Auction and

the FFA Lamb Auction. Jeff suggested Chris put it on Facebook. Jeff also asked if we could determine how many new buyers, we had this year. Chris will work on it.

Treasurer Report: Judge Payout, Meal Ticket Payout, Bills/Statements, and a Livestock Sale Overview sheet were reviewed and initialed. Jon moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Jessie seconded and the motion passed.

Maintenance Report: Jon and Serena took down the shade cloths on the Livestock Barn. Announcers' stand, hosed, shade cloths and other fair set up items are upstairs in the Sale Barn. Everything looks good. For 2021, Harvey would like to add an apron in front of the manure pit. RV Storage Rates and Times are set with no change for 2020-2021

Commissioners Report:

Kirk reported the Commissioners are done with all the Budget Hearings and the budget passed. We had requested a 3% increase. Our approved budget for 2020-2021 is \$76,220. The Commissioners and Kirk personally have received great comments about hosting the Fair and what a great fair it was. The County has a 4-wheeler to donate to the fairgrounds. It was from the Weiser Airport.

Commissioners Meeting: October 18th, Afternoon,

Next Meeting Set: ***New Fiscal Year!*** October 6th, Country Coffee Cabin, 7pm

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Braun