

Washington County Fair Board
October 3, 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, and Chris and Harvey Braun – **County:** Kirk Chandler - **Extension and 4-H:** Mary Ridout, Michelle Tate

Extension Office Report: Michelle did not have a report separate from items in the agenda, so with no opposition, we moved down the agenda to cover items which impact the Extension so they could leave early.

From New Business:

The Grand Champion Breeding Class Rules. With copies of the fair book pages in hand, discussion included and new rule on page 29, "Show Classes are defined in the Fair Book and classes may NOT be combined." Everyone understood if there were two or more groups of the same class, the top two or three from each round would come back in for the Grand and Reserve of that Class. Females and Males will not be judged against each other in the Breeding classes. Michelle will work on each species' proper terminology (ie., gilt/sow) and age groupings in the Fair Book; and forward to Chris for changes. This will be on the November Agenda as an action item.

From Old Business:

The Dead Animal Rule change was read. *"If a 4-H or FFA member's only project animal dies before fair, they cannot substitute another animal for Quality. 4-H Members must notify their leader and the Extension Office for approval to complete their project. Youth may complete their 4-H project by showing another animal already at fair. (For example, an animal that belongs to a sibling or fellow club member.) They cannot be considered for Grand or Reserve Champion Showman. FFA Members will work with their advisors.* Kelley would like notification of the Superintendent added to the rule. It will be added to the November Agenda as an action item.

The Extension Office was going to propose a revised schedule for the **Dog Show and the Small Animal Round Robin**. Michelle and the 4-H Leaders did not had a chance to confirm timing options. It will be put on the November Agenda as an action item.

The Extension Office and the 4-H Leaders were going to propose something for the **Herdsmen 2020** Award. They did not have a chance to work on this. It will be put on the November Agenda as an action item.

Livestock Check-in Time was discussed. Kelley would like to make sure overall traffic for the time period and other event time frames are considered. It will be tabled until the Extension has a proposal for revised Show times.

From New Business:

The Decorated Cake Auction involved four members of 4-H. The cakes sold from \$150 to \$105. There were two from Weiser and two from Cambridge. Three also sold a market animal. The board is not comfortable with selling two products at the fair. This will be on the November Agenda as an action item.

Michelle also reported, the canopy which belongs to the 4-H Food Booth was missing after Rodeo Bible Camp. Nicol bought one for fair and is trying to get reimbursed from the camp.

Minutes: Kelley reported a spelling correction and asked to strike a sentence from the cleaning rules. Kelley moved to accept the Minutes with the above corrections. Jessie seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Banner Award Wording was read from page 25 of the Fair Book, "**Grand and Reserve Banners:** The Banners given for Grand and Reserve are for fair week only. Exhibitors may purchase theirs by contacting the Fair Office during the fair. If the banner is missing after the fair, the cost of the banner will be deducted from the exhibitor's Livestock Sale Check." We did deduct it from some checks this year. No motion was made on this item. It will be an action item for November.

General Livestock Rule Change concerning neutered males was addressed. The following wording will be added to the Fair Book. "*All male market animals must be neutered completely. No rams, bulls, bucks or boars will be able to show or sell as market livestock. The animal will be disqualified as soon as it is detected.*" This has never happened during the current board's tenure, which exceeds 13 years. So, to have two cases of this in 2019 was unusual. It was very hard to detect, and this wording is to allow us to remove an animal from the Market Sale as the product would be inferior. It would be too late to switch to a breeding project. Discussion included the timing of reinforcement. Would the exhibitor be allowed to complete Showmanship? Would the animal have to leave the grounds? It will be an action item for November.

The Emergency Plan was tabled until November.

The list of the Thank You notes written were reviewed and approved.

The Five-Year Plan proposal was passed around. We have approximately \$14,000 to spend in 2019-2020. This may vary on donations, grants, and rentals. Chris applied for a Northwest Farm Credit Grant for the Swine Floor project. Justin reported there is a gun raffle that might have proceeds available for the exterior speakers. The purpose of this discussion was to clarify what projects the board would like to see completed first and which ones can wait. The Board would like to pursue the following:

- Swine Barn: Floor, Shade Cloths
- Sale Barn: Big Fan, Flip Latches, Panels with Wire, Complete PA and Exterior Speakers
- Saw Dust Bin: Extend Apron
- Manure Pit: Raise Walls
- RV Area: Level, till, and plant grass
- Bow Gates, 10 from Midvale FFA
- 20 – 3' x 6' panels

The Five-Year Plan will be added to the November Agenda as an action item.

The price for the Top 20 Buyer Shirts were reviewed. Kelley moved to purchase 35 large shirts. 20 for buyers and the rest to sell. Jessie seconded and the motion passed.

New Business:

Justin updated the Board on the Rodeo's Insurance. They currently have an annual liability policy but have been advised to make sure the county and/or other users have their own insurance. Kirk will contact Larry Lee, ICRMP, and see what is available for an annual policy. ICRMP Insurance values were also addressed. Chris will forward the updated values, including adding the reader board sign to Larry Lee.

Justin asked if we have any money designated for skate purchases. Chris will check and communicate with Phil DeBois, skate night coordinator.

Kim Royer has someone who would like to donate a Sheep/Goat Barn for the fairgrounds. Before she pursued, she wanted to make sure she had any Board direction or ideas. The board welcomed the donation. They would like it connected to the Livestock Barn continuing out towards the horse barn. (Two bays or 40' x 100') They will consider a height change but stay aware of machinery for cleanup. Justin will take this information back to Kim and we will add it to the November Agenda.

Commissioners Report: Kirk reported the county received a letter of resignation for our Small Animal Superintendent, Jennifer Green. The Fair Board did not receive a letter. He was pleased we had written her a thank you note after the fair. We send out thank you notes to over fifty volunteers. There was a brief discussion on thank you etiquette for retiring Superintendents. We have not done more than a thank you to past retiring supers, so no motion was made to do extra. Jennifer did a great job of training her replacement and it does not look like the program will experience a set-back.

The wrestling program needs a place to wrestle this winter. Justin opened discussion about using the Sale Barn. We changed to a different rate for Idaho Power last year and are not sure of the cost of heating the Sale Barn. The program involves kids from our county plus surrounding counties. It is a great organization with a huge impact on youth. Jessie moved to let the wrestling club use the Sale Barn this winter. Kelley seconded

and the motion passed. Justin will make sure the program has the appropriate insurance waiver information.

Treasurer Report: There are three Buyers still outstanding for the Livestock Sale. We are working in the black however, all checks are good. The statements and bills were passed around for initials. The financial overview will be given in November. It was moved by Jessie and seconded by Kelley to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

Maintenance Report:

Harvey reported that we are ready for winter. Storage numbers look good.

Next Meeting Set: November 6th, 2019, Country Coffee Cabin, 7pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Braun