

TRI COUNTY FAIR BOARD
MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2015 - 8:00 P.M LOCATION: WEED BOARD BUILDING

Carolyn Pasha called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Carolyn Pasha, Suzi Graveley, Amanda Amberg, Ruth Koehler, Suzanne Smith, Dawn Hauptman, Richard Thomas, and Dick Perkins

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Danielle Stevenson, Bob Toole, and Ron Mjelde

Guest Bob Toole with the Chamber of Commerce spoke with the board about the Demolition Derby. He would like to change the check in location for the derby participants to the main entrance off of Main Street. The board agreed.

Guest Ron Mjelde from R& C Home Improvement spoke with the board about a few options for upgrading the grandstands and adding ADA seating. The board will look into a metal platform option on the north end of the arena for the ADA seating. Parking for those using the platform will also be on the North side. Danielle Stevenson will find out what other counties have done when adding this type of seating. The plywood also needs to be replaced on the front of the grandstands and on the areas not covered by the roof. Ron will prepare a bid for the board with different options on the replacement costs. Having the new boards sprayed with Rhino lining to improve the longevity will be looked into.

Danielle Stevenson will ask around to see if there are grant opportunities to help with the costs of adding the ADA seating.

The minutes from the May meeting were read by Danielle Stevenson. A correction to those attending was made. Dick Perkins was at the May meeting. Motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made by Suzi Graveley, seconded by Ruth Koehler.

Claims from NRA and Danielle Stevenson were presented to the board for approval. Motion to approve paying these claims was made by Richard Thomas, seconded by Dick Perkins.

Danielle Stevenson gave a report on the checking account balance. The total is \$1050.71.

The Powell County Commissioners sent a letter to Granite and Deer Lodge counties asking for an increase in their contributions to the fair. The increase requested is based on the number of 4H participants from their respected counties. Amanda Amberg will follow up with the Deer Lodge County Commissioners and Dawn Hauptman will follow up with Granite County.

Ruth Koehler will contact Clark Fork Vet to see if they are still interested in purchasing a chute sign.

Clean-up day will be scheduled for August 10th at 9:00 am. Dick Perkins and Bob Toole will get in contact with the Boot Camp or the Fire Crew at MSP to see if they can come lay out the hog panels and sweep the exhibit hall.

Suzi Graveley asked the board for permission to use the white tables from the exhibit hall for her son's wedding. They have been unable to find any to rent. Along with a \$200.00 damage deposit, Suzi will also

purchase 1-2 new tables for the fairgrounds. Motion to approve Suzi's request was made by Amanda Amberg, seconded by Ruth Koehler.

Fair books are ready. Each board member took some to distribute in their area.

Danielle Stevenson requested that each board member turn in a picture and bio to her. She has volunteers who are willing to decorate a booth with information on the fair board. It would be great if the extension agents did the same.

Powell County has an open position on the fair board. Interested parties need to send a letter to the Powell County Commissioners.

Avon Grange will be doing the concessions under the grandstands.

Ruth Koehler is working on getting ticket takers for the rodeos.

Suzanne Smith will contact the Pioneer Tractor Association to see if they would be willing to give rides on Friday and Sunday.

There is an error in the schedule of events. On August 12th at 11:00 a.m. it states that the 4-H food judging begins. The correct date and time is August 13th at 11:00 a.m.

Due to the bird flu that is circulating throughout the country, there will be **no poultry or waterfowl at the fair this year**. Motion to approve this decision was made by Dick Perkins, seconded by Richard Thomas.

Danielle Stevenson will contact Angel Barce, Joe Shafer and Gordy Pierson to get catering quotes for the fall fundraising dinner. Assignments will be given out at the July meeting for other areas of the fundraiser.

Amanda Amberg spoke with Sheila Manley about ambulance services. Amanda will send out letters to EMTs to see if they are interested in volunteering their services for the fair. Powell County has agreed to offer back up services.

We still don't have a livestock judge. The search area will be expanded to outside of Montana. Richard Thomas will be contacted.

Parke Ranch has donated 50 split rails to the fairgrounds. Dick Perkins will pick them up and deliver to Deer Lodge.

The gopher machine is not working well. Joe Solan is looking into other options.

The next meeting will be July 9th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Weed Board office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40p.m. The motion was made by Richard Thomas and seconded by Suzanne Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Stevenson
Secretary