

## **Tri-County Fair Board Secretary Minutes**

The Jan/Feb meeting of the Tri-County Fair Board meeting was held Thursday, February 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm, at the Fair Board Office.

Scott Barger called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

### **Attendance:**

*Board Members:* Maggie Andersen, Scott Barger, Courtney Berg, Amanda Morley, Darah Nelson, Eaf Parke, Carolyn Pasha, Kacie Perkins, Amanda Weaver

*Commissioners:* Ruth Koehler

*Guests:* Leslie Given, Jessie Jacobson, Marlee Johnston, Kayleen Kidwell

### **Minutes:**

There was no corrections to the October 2023, meeting minutes. Kacie Perkins read the October meeting minutes. Courtney Berg moved to accept the minutes as read. Maggie Andersen seconded. Motion passed.

### **Financial Report:**

The Financial Report was skipped due to the vacant secretary/treasurer position.

Kacie read correspondence from John for ATM

Kacie read correspondence from Anaconda Saddle Club

Kacie read email from Sam Hobley regarding resignation

### **Old Business:**

Tri County market committee needs to pay \$250 for Fair Entry

- Scott will deliver the invoice to Randi
  - ADLC paid \$3000 for fair

**Rocky Mountain Association** – Amanda reporting on going to conference

**Livestock Judge** – Scott Barger has been unsuccessful in securing a livestock judge. The Tri-County Market Committee has agreed to help pay for a judge. Scott believed the issue was the two-year commitment. He has been given permission by the board to secure a judge for only one year.

- The Tri-County Fair is the same week as the Madison County Fair. We are competing for judges and vendors.
  - Judge payment - \$300 per day, 0.65 per mile, room + board

### **Open Class Ideas**

- Fill exhibit building ( open class static )
- Add sourdough

### **Campsite Spreadsheet Form**

- Not adding any additional spots

- Those utilizing power will have to sign agreement form approved by board.
- Fair book states NO Campfires ( pg 4, all caps all bold )
- Adding return date for payment 3/15/24 – If forms and payments are not returned, campsite will be lost and passed to waitlist
- Campsite payment was increased from \$60 for the week in 2023 to \$120 for 2024.
  - o NorthWestern to start power upgrades 3/30/24.

### **Memorials - for Jay Peterson / Avalon Billquist**

- Thanks you have been sent
- \$\$ deposited
- Money for Jay Peterson's memorial to fund new cat, poultry, and rabbit showmanship tables. Ben and Kayleen have been in contact with Caleb Bowey to have new tables made. Caleb was asked to submit an invoice with the estimated cost of building/painting the tables. The fair board will cover all expenses.

**Secretary** - Marlee Johnston applied for the secretary position. Courtney Berg moved to hire her; Carolyn Pasha seconded. Motion passed.

### **Responsibilities in Blue Ribbon Pavilion**

- Maggie Andersen – exhibit building
- Scott Barger – hogs and the Blue Ribbon Pavilion
- Courtney Berg – vendors and food
- Amanda Morley – exhibit building and entertainment
- Darah Nelson – camping spots and stall assignments
- Eaf Parke – superintendents and the Blue Ribbon Pavilion
- Carolyn Pasha – horses
- Kacie Perkins – Exhibit building and open class judging
- Amanda Weaver – agreed to assist Eaf Parke however he needed

There was much discussion about Katie Burden. Scott Barger will contact Katie to try and entice her into re-joining the board. If she is not willing, they will contact Rebecca McNeil (Clover Club Leader – Powell County) to see if she will run the small animal barn.

- Rebecca: [rebecca\\_mcneil@aol.com](mailto:rebecca_mcneil@aol.com)

### **Escape Room**

- Committed to 2023
- \$2500 total, \$10 per person – Any additional money will be returned
  - o \$800 back from 2023 for reference

### **Quilt Barn**

- Open Class entry form, Kacie Perkins reported on the open class quilt show form that Jan Torpey, Quinn (from Quilters Corner), and Kayleen Kidwell created. The board accepted the form.

### **Bingo**

- Who is going to help? Prefer not a fair board member.
  - o Elks Club? Discover Deer Lodge ( Kacie )?

- NO kids for gambling reasons but maybe prizes instead of cash to get around
- Held Saturday at noon from 2023 for reference

### **Parade**

4-H and FFA Members will be expected to put their buyer thank you signs up on Friday night but also turn them into the fair board office by 11:00 AM on Saturday morning so they can be placed on a float for the parade.

- The board will arrange for there to be a table in the Blue Ribbon for signs to be placed on/collected from.
  - 4-H leaders suggested having members create two signs, that way one can remain hanging and the other can be utilized during the parade.

### **Fair Schedule**

Vote next meeting for changes made by Kayleen and Ben

- Change in book/schedule ( superintendent not to dismiss, fair board is responsible )
- Market goat conflicts, include birthdate regarding milk teeth – changes noted
- Kids or no kids during load out Sunday ( Market committee responsible – Scott emailing Will )
- Chores not to be done after 11 pm
- Kayleen and Darah take to Linda and Julie for approval after vote

### **New Fair Business –**

#### **Elect Officers**

- Mike Applegate stepped down as the president.
- Darah Nelson moved for Scott Barger to be president. Amanda Weaver seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Amanda Morley moved for Carolyn Pasha to be vice-president. Maggie Andersen seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Vendor Prices**

- Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday → \$250 for 2024 depending on amps
- Mining City Mud – Not recommended, Need new coffee

#### **Sponsorships – Amanda Morley**

#### **Dedications**

- The 2024 Tri-County Fair will be dedicated to Mike McNamee (the photography judge for 10+ years).
- The business of the year will be Lazy R Y Hogs out of Deer Lodge.

#### **Fair Book**

- Kayleen Kidwell presented the re-typed fair book to the board. Changes from Eaf Parke and Scott Barger relating to chores, superintendents, and the market committee that will be emailed to Kayleen by the March meeting.

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- The book will be approved in March. Kayleen and Darah will handle communication with Lickety Print.

### **Theme/Entertainment**

- 2024 Fair Theme: Blue Jeans and Country Dreams
- Fair fundraiser in July with Michael Mezmer.( \$250 - \$300 ) at Prison.
- Amanda has hired Caricature artists; Friday and Saturday and cost \$2,000 a day, \$1,000 per artist, Plus room/board.
- 2025 fair theme: Barn to Be Wild
  - 2025 sword swallower ( NextGeneration will help cover that cost )

### **Commissioner Report**

- The Powell County Commissioners will be hosting a meeting open to the public on March 05, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. A structural engineer will come to discuss the grandstands. It is estimated to cost 5 million dollars to fix/replace them.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Next Meeting: March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00PM