

Kittitas County Fair Board of Directors  
Regular meeting  
Thursday June 2, 2005  
7:00 pm  
Kittitas County Fair Office

**Present:** Becky Mc Dowell, Bill Allison, Bob Mc Bride, Bob Martin, Brian Lenz, Brian Page, Heather Harrell, Jerry Jarnagin, Jessie Blackwood, Jodee Shenyer, Larry Bland, Wilma Pratt and Roylene Crawford

**Excused:** Bill Boyum, Bill Haberman Jr. and Michael Panattoni

**Staff:** Sande DeSalles

**Guests:** Craig Faire~ Kittitas High School; Deneen Trump ~ Ellensburg High School and arriving at 7:15 pm Jim Hurson~ Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor for Kittitas County.

Craig and Deneen are the FFA advisors for KHS and EHS. Becky had ask that they come to a meeting to discuss the Herdsmanship problems. 2004 Fair the Herdsmanship judge said that it was difficult to find FFA members on site. Becky reminded the advisors that they must post a schedule and perform barn duty as well as clean their stalls. The roster and schedule must cover the hours of 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Thursday - Sunday and 8:00 am - 6:00 pm on Labor Day. The 2004 judge will meet with the members also to stress this. This could work into a liability issue if the animals are unattended who is liable? Hum ! Marv suggested that they wear something that would identify them from others. Becky stated that they did have a dress code while they were in the show ring (as does 4-H). Becky asked if the advisors have any questions? Becky is willing to attend the chapter meetings to help explain if needed. Most of the FFA members are former 4-H'ers so should already know the rules. Wilma reminded us that we are judged by the State Fair Judge on cleanliness and have been marked down in past years. Becky then asked Craig and Deneen about the FFA booth at Fair. In past years they have received 275 points for entering this year they will receive 999 points which is a sizable increase and hefty premium. Everyone likes the booth and it serves as a great educational tool. Do they wish to do one each or share? Craig had worked with Roger Beckel in past years. The cost of the booth has increased. Craig wants to know what we want? They

need direction. Part of the problem is that they are not yet in school so when the booth needs "put together" the students have to be willing to come in and work on the entry. More is Better. Becky suggested they find a sponsor she will help them find one if need. Brian L suggested they contact Twin City Foods. Becky read what the Prem Book says. Erin Black has been the judge for the booth in the past. Becky can find room in 4-H Building for 2 booths if need. Remember to tie to the theme. Brian L suggested that if they do two booths that we treat the winners to Floats or Ice Cream.....Advisor could choose who would attends. Wilma asked if the groups were large enough to do two? The advisors were asked to work it out and to let Becky know by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Any questions? Craig asked if this information about Herdsmanship was going to 4-H Clubs? Yes.

Jim Hurson joined us. He went over our contract. There are paper changes but the structure stays the same. The idea is to reconfigure to initiate a compensation package that eliminates any questions about gifting of public funds and to add a dollar amount that would not incur a tax burden to anyone. For 2004 (to be paid in 2005 only) would be one time payment of \$3000.00 to bring us current. The contract for 2005 would then be in place. One question that came to mind was the shirts are they or are they not uniforms? Consensus will be determined by a Tax Accountant. Friends of the Fair (or any other entity) would be treated just as any other vendor with a normal contract. Souvenirs would fall under this category too. We could sell merchandise at cost to another vendor and they could sell it for what ever or give it away.....Just as long as the county is not giving the items away. As for the scholarships a private entity could give Kittitas County Fair private \$\$\$\$ for the scholarships, this is not giving away county funds. The contribution is very specific. Meeting should all be regular meetings. They are listed in the bylaws as Sept-February the First Thursday of the month; March-July the first and third Thursday s and the month of August every Thursday. Jim talked to us about Regular and Special meetings. At Regular meetings items are allowed to be added to the agenda special meeting you are only allowed to discuss agenda items. He also suggests not having Executive Sessions he will go over this with us agin if we would like.....Committees work best. Committees would bring back the information to the board of directors to make decisions. We should make the planning sessions regular meetings now that the by laws state the day of the month open meeting notices are unnecessary. Sande asked Jim about

the 2005-dollar amount and the BOCC. This is not on the next BOCC agenda. There were a couple of tweaks so we will look again at the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> and then the bylaws should go to the BOCC on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. Becky asked about reporting (the never ending paper trail) on whether we use all or only a portion of our compensation. WE do now sign out our passes etc and return ones not used. Sande also asked Jim about budget amendments. Jim will check with Judy Pless about these issues. Jim was asked about Liability Coverage for Fair Board members. As an agent of Kittitas County we should be covered by the county policy. There is a quirkey L & I thing that needs to be defined. If we have any questions please call Sande and/or email. Brain L will also be a contact.

#### Committee Reports:

A clarification: Between Sande and Tom and whom we should contact. If the idea is to enhance or temporary Sande is the contact. Permanent then Tom.

Brian gave his sponsorship report. This is the income side only. Brian asked about Kubota dealership from Upper County as a vendor? Brian will talk to Brent Huppert about this. Larry added that Huppert's have been a very good alias and if Brent is in strong opposition then we should pass. If he is not then fine let them come. Bob Martin stated that at other fairs there are several dealerships side by side without problems. There had been a situation with Yamaha Jack a few years back but that has been resolved. Sande asked if we were going to continue with the flags? Yes. Brian will let Kathryn know when she get back about the Kubota deal.

#### Director Reports:

Larry: nothing at this time

Jessie: Has an issue with the "new" lights in the Fine Arts Building. She wonders why she was not contacted when putting the lights in? Tom has requested in his memo that he would like for us to contact him before scheduling any "unplanned" improvements. Should this not also work for us as well? Any changes that affect Fair should be presented to the Board.

Jessie would like to meet with Sande, Tom and JoAnn Wise from the Western Art Association to discuss this. The WAA donated the lights but, we believe, they were not contacted about the placement of the lights either.. Sande said the lights had been donated and she would need to check

on this type of issue. Jessie also reported on the Sanda City art display and the sending of art from Ellensburg to Sanda City.

Wilma: Not really but now after reading the memo from Tom and hearing about the lights in the FA building she has a concern about the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave gate design. She asked Sande to please keep her informed and she would also like to be contacted before construction begins.

Heather: Nothing at this time

Brian P: Nothing at this time

Jerry: Nope

Jodee: Did a walk thorough with Terry Powers on the buildings. She will work on a time line.

Bob McBride: Met with Roylene, Becky, Melvin and Jason Koch to go over security and evacuation information that Mel had. Bob, Mel and Jason did an on-site evaluation. Mel has been great getting information to Bob. Steve Panattoni is on board again this year. They are looking to hire CWI again for late night coverage.. Bob will work with Wilma, Bill A and Bob Martin to work out their needs. Mel will still be a great asset as his Ellensburg Rodeo assignment is security. Jason is eager to participate and Steve Ritteriser has given him the "green" light to proceed.

Bob Martin: Will call Morrie and ask for his information. He needs to meet with Bob McBride. Sande needs the letter to City Council requesting closures and traffic routes.. City Council needs this in writing to present at a Council meeting for approval and or questions. The Bob's should try to attend. Sande will give them the date.

Bill Allison: Will talk to Davis about us not being on their website. Also he wants to know when the swale work will be done? This needs to be addressed as the location of the Ferris Wheel depends on the swale work.

Marv: Passed around photos of the "Chicken" show. Looked like everyone enjoyed themselves. The School is now finished it took three years! Marv will be getting the flowers next week. He is having a new pacemaker put in on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Roylene: Jessie and I spent time during Ellensburg National Art Show with Sandra Haynes our poster artist. Roylene gave the artist award on Friday. Over the course of the weekend we had \$95.00 in poster sales. Since we have so much to discuss I will have the sign up for Rodeo Tickets next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Sande brought up the Easton Church again. She has spoken with Bated Movers; with public works.. We know it is way to large to move in its current state. It is 52'x24' and there is no room in Frontier Village to put it. Perhaps a location at the North end? Then once moved it would have to come up to code. The church does have historic value but would be too costly to move and upgrade and there is not a physical location to place it. We came to the same conclusion, as last year that we need to thank the donor but pass at this time.

Becky asked us to please work on getting our punch list items to Sande so she can get things in line.

Becky is working with EHS and getting the information out to students about volunteering at Fair for their cumulative projects.

Vet Check approved by the Master Vet  
Mike Johnston is working with Becky on the Press Release about the royal court, sponsorships and other items.

Kittitas County Sheriff's Office will loan us their laminating machine for the badges. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

We will be sponsoring a portion of the Royal Court. The ladies have a banner this year that they will rotate. The new banner does show up on the Royal Court Poster.

Sande informed us that she will be out of town June10- June 20,2005.

Jerry moved to adjourn; Jodee seconded. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm

Minutes Respectfully Recorded and Submitted by  
Roylene Crawford, Sec-Treas. Kittitas County Fair Board