

Kittitas County Fair Board Of Directors Meeting

Thursday June 16, 2005

Kittitas County Fair Grounds

Directors Conference Room

7:00 PM

**Present:** Becky McDowell, Bill Allison, Bill Haberman Jr., Brian Lenz, Brian Page, Jerry Jarnagin, Jessie Blackwood, Marv Kelley, Michael Panattoni, Wilma Pratt and Roylene Crawford

**Excused:** Bill Boyum, Bob McBride, Bob Martin, Heather Harrell and Larry Bland

**Staff:** None present

**Guests:** Betty Kelley and Kittitas County Commissioner David Bowen joined us later in the meeting.

**Director Reports:**

**Roylene for Bob and Bob:** Bob Mc Bride has met with his Superintendent (Jason Koch), Mel Shenyer and Steve Panattoni (I can't remember if he actually met with or just talked to Steve) and spoke with Mike Copin of EPD. They will be getting together again the week following the 4th of July to finalize their traffic patterns for Sande. She will write the annual letter to Ellensburg City Council requesting the patterns, closures etc. for Fair. Bob and Bob both plan to attend the council meeting and answer any questions should they arise. Bob Martin is away for a short vacation and does not know that Sandy Sandaval (sp) has agreed to be his super this year. There had been some confusion about this but I did speak to Morrie Sorensen and Bill Boyum about the situation and then to Sandy. Sandy has requested to get 1 set of 2 walkie-talkies for each of the parking lots so that the attendants can communicate with each other. Brian will look into that as a possible sponsorship item.

**Jodee:** No work has been done yet. Tom is not returning her calls. Becky will ask Tom to attend our next meeting!

**Jerry:** Nothing.....except he is building Heather's booth.

**Brian L.:** Baskin Robbins have offered the ice cream for FoF at cost. Heather is very pleased. The Ward Rugh donation from 2004 was a one-time item. They will do something but not to the extent.

**Bill Jr.:** Nothing at this time

**Jessie:** Nothing at this time

**Michael:** Just on Baby watch. Waiting for the pens sheep? Hogs? The drawing was attached to the budget but Tome says he did not receive it? Michael does have another copy that he will get to Becky. She will then get it to Tom. The Goat folks are waiting!!! The person that will build the goat pens is about to enter their busy time so time is of the essence. Sheep pens will hold goats. There was discussion about the availability of other welders to help with the project.

**Brian P.:** Weighed the pigs there were 209. Should adjust as some were very close to weight right now and others were very small.

**Bill A.:** Nothing at this time.

**Marv:** We have an issue. Seems as somehow the person supervising the Trustees did not understand that they were to be overseen at all times and during a 4-H activity in Bloom there was some interaction with the 4-H'ers and attendees. Marv hopes that this can be corrected and that we don't lose the Trustees help, as he really does need them. He has a flower problem!!!! Too many>>>>>>> good problem to have. Kresge's gave him a lot for his \$100.00 628 marigolds!!!! And they are lovely. He will still get some from Fred Meyer. He will use Trustees (if available); Wilma will help Marv and Betty plant. Becky told Marv that there might be 4-H'ers that still need community service projects so he could look for help there. He also needs some help  $\frac{1}{2}$  days to help build planters, paint the porch etc. Jodee has someone that she will loan him for that time frame. Betty gave a short report on her candy.....she just has to order it.

**Wilma:** Nothing at this time other than the concern of the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance.

**Roylene:** Ribbon inventory is under way. If anyone has special requests I need them no later than the next meeting as I will be ordering the next week. Posters need to be distributed soon.

**Marv Pt II:** He will get the memorial plaque for Mike Mahoney. Betty wants to put in her two cents worth.....Really doesn't like the lattice in the Gazebo. Becky explained that it is put up for summer wedding and reception use and will be down before Fair. Also she reminded us that the Garden Club would not be doing the floriculture exhibits this year.

**Becky:** Get our punch lists to Sande ASAP.

Premium Book is on track. Entertainment Guide will print July 15. Becky has the final bylaws. The changes that we asked Jim Hurson to do last time have been made. Brian Lenz moved to accept Bill Allison seconded. Motion passes. Becky will let Jim know by giving him the signed copy. Signatures required Becky McDowell, President; Bill Allison, Vice President; Roylene Crawford, Sec-Treas. and by the Chair of the BOCC.

ATM's: Brian L has been talking to Cashmere Valley Bank and Central Valley Bank neither have answered back. Brian will talk to Kathryn about this soon.

WSFA Convention: Kathryn needs to block rooms soon for next October. Please advise here no later than the next meeting.

There was discussion about the International Associations of Fair and Expositions Convention that will be held in Las Vegas November 28 - December 2, 2005 at the Paris. Jessie will get more information on flights, registration and lodging. Jerry is going. This would be good for Entertainment and other committee members to attend, as this is where the major acts are booked.

Sande asked Becky to ask that if we need any signage we need to get our requests in ASAP (these are not the ones created in the office). Sande is ordering the "no smoking " ones and those for the grandstands.

We need to change the sign at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to removes "Ellensburg Rodeo Tickets" as they are not for sale at that location. Need to double-check the sign on 6<sup>th</sup> too. The Frontier Village signs will need touched up.

Do we want a Micro Brew - Wine-tasting banner? Or sign? Let Becky know your thoughts.

We need to choose the dates for the laminator. Suggested dates are August 31- September 2.... That is too late. Move to August 27<sup>th</sup>. We will need to alert those who will need to come in and have their photos taken. Who is going to do this? Can we have an Intern do this? We will require the photo ID for all superintendents and entertainers. What about others like the garbage crew???? Not this year.

David Bowen joined us at 7:45 pm. He talked about the bylaws. If we have the signed copy in the BOCC will act on them Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>. The "ditch". there was underground wiring that no one seemed to know about! He would like this project finished by end of June. He will also get a welcome written from the BOCC for the guides and get it to either Becky or Jessie by the 27<sup>th</sup>. (Roylene will call Roger Weaver to get the Ellensburg Rodeo welcome). The approach to the Iron Horse State Park trailhead is complete and looks good. Becky told David of our concerns for the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance. Marv then stressed his ADA concern about no sidewalk. Becky will put together a "Tom" list and get it to David.

There was discussion about the wiring and sprinkler systems for the barns. BOCC is working on these. Davis asked which was more important? Wiring. He said that they did talk some about this at the Budget Retreat and talked about possibly getting large generators for this year. Bill H said that the facility has one or two but that individuals bring their own. David said there might have to be a plan "B".

Thank you David for stopping in.

Anything else?

Jessie: Entertainment Guide. Joanna (free lancing for the DR) has a copy. We need to do a "Fair Board" page showcasing what each director is in charge of. The advertising and guide committee would like to see a page highlighting the staff and what they do to prepare all year long with their photo. Entertainment Guide should be pretty slick like the Four Seasons publication. The goal is to put them in all the hotels and have at the Chamber. There was a question about the size of the Premium Book...the look will be totally different will be more the Clue size. The DR will also be doing "day sheets" since we open on Thursday they will put Thursday activities in the Wednesday paper. We must make sure that we proof both publications before they are printed.

We would like to place the original poster art perhaps in the Court House. The Daily Record wonders if we want to place an ad in the Farm and Ranch Publication? It was suggested that we do and advertise the Horse Fair. We need "copy" to Tony ASAP. Brian L. will get the list of Horse Fair sponsors to Becky. Jodee would like photos taken at the 07-23-05 Summer Show to use in publications. Brian L. has some from 2004.

Marv wants to know if there is anything we can use Western Village for? It is too nice of a facility just to leave sitting unused. Could Horse Fair use it? Nice idea but too far away from the show.

Becky has an Armory update: Thanks to Brian's handy work we were given permission to hold the Beer and Wine Tasting event. So the Home Brew Exhibit, educational exhibit and the tasting will all be held in the Armory. Friends of the Fair may be asked to sponsor this event. Perhaps Brian could ask Dennis Kelly if he would take over that with FoF.

Becky asked about "A" frames and if there were enough to get the word out? What about an ad in the Ellensburg Rodeo Program? We will ask Friends of the Fair to do that.

Does Davis want an ad in the Entertainment Guide? Bill A will find out.

Wilma: Are we going to have the Wednesday night sponsor dinner in the Armory? Sure. Better location than last year and easier to manage the FV. Bill (or Bill) will need to move the pony rides.

Roylene will look into the possibility of having the City's Portable Restroom unit placed by the Armory. We will need to really light and decorate the Armory to make it less stark and more inviting. How about putting a couple of concession booths there? Need to meet with Bill B and Larry about this. Wilma asked if we wanted Margaret???? DUH! Yes of course we do. Wilma will ask.

Belt Buckles came up again. Michael is still looking. Bill A. said that Bo Beed could possibly do them for us. Bill will ask him to do a couple "mock-ups" for us.

8:30 pm Bill Allison moved to adjourn. Jerry Jarnagin seconded.  
Meeting adjourned.

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