

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

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

Excused: Bill Haberman Jr., Marv Kelley and Michael Panattoni

Staff: Tom Swenson, Maint.; Sande De Salles; Program Manager

Guest: Kittitas County Commissioner David Bowen

Bill Allison moved to accept the previous (June 16, 2005) minutes, Brian Page seconded. Motion passes.

Becky asked Tom if he would like to give his report first? He thanked her and gave the following report

1. The swale is being filled and is 40% full will be complete by Monday and sodded.
2. Floor in the HA has been painted. They had to strip the floor and do acid etching. The building (inside) and floor were both painted. The 4-H building needs the work done too and will try to get in the next budget cycle.
3. Plan was approved for the 8th Ave gate. It will be finished by Fair..... Tom did the original design. Per Wilma's request the ticket takers will be able to see one another. ½ walls or the like will be used between the ticket takers.
4. Water in duplex...was a mess. Tom had to have the lines all redone. Water was everywhere except where it was supposed to be!!!!
5. The arena seating is getting painted.
6. The paint for the gazebo is here.
7. They will replace the dirt in all the stalls. Jodee says no rocks needs to be packed down.
8. Sprinklers with pop-ups in swale will be a possibility
9. Dan C. with Watson Electric will work with Tom on what to do about the barns. The suggestion is to come off of the transformer at Bloom no cost estimate yet. The cost to replace wiring would be approximately \$37K. What to do for 2005? Put in one large generator to power all outside power. Run cable across and cover it for safety.

10. Track Lights in Fine Arts. There seemed to be a communication problem between the Western Art Association folks soooooo the tracks on the south wall will be coming down.
11. Ferris Wheel. Tom has a concern about parking lot damage. He wonders if we can move the ride somewhere else on the grounds? Bill B explained why it sits where it does. Bill A. stated it needs a 40'x 60' footprint. Becky asked if there was even another spot? Heather asked about Memorial Park. Bill A says if we move it we will loose other rides. Tom said that the worst case would be some damaged asphalt. Heather asked if that would bring us a safety issue. No. Bill B said if we cover the spot with plating it should be a non-issue.

Tom asked if we had any thing else for him.

Jodee asked about cattle barn gates. They need adjusting. Tom said yes that all are to be prepped and ready.

David Bowen was next in line.

Hog and Sheep Pens: Lot of questions about whether there is enough money to do the new pens this year as the county did purchase another house. Judy Pless is out this week but he will check with her when she returns. Becky stated that we really needed goats this year no matter what!

Ellensburg Rodeo wonders if the new scoreboard will impacts us probably not as long as it is tall enough to get a truck under it.

As for the warm up arena there is not need to bring before BOCC it will be an issue between Ellensburg Rodeo and county – Sande told us “per Mel the pens back there are not used at this time”. Becky stated that we need to involve Bill Lowe and the other Ellensburg Rodeo Board members before we start anything. Is there water back in the area? Yes. Becky says that some of the lines will need to be capped. Sande stated that Tom was looking at the possibility of moving the lines.

Becky asked David for a signed copy of our new contract. At this time Sande handed out W4's and I-9's for us to fill out. Those that did not have all of their information will drop forms off in the office or bring to the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Jessie: Website Committee is working. Sande, Jessie, Jim Goeben and Roylene met and went through the site page by page. We gave Jim the CD with the portraits on it and also gave him some changes to work on. He will place the Premium Books on when they are finished.

Brian Lenz: Having trouble contacting Coke A Cola. Les Schwab would rather have a booth or something in the vendor area. Ward Rugh the 2004 donation was a one-time donation. They may still do something though.

Super One- perhaps we ask them to furnish the water for the entertainers. FAS might also be able to do water Brian will call them. Cashmere Valley Bank will do same as 2004 – ½ golf carts (2004 that was \$2600.00). Kubota – nothing yet. If they want an area will there be room? Bill B says perhaps he could move Rodeo America around. We informed Bill that there would be no pony rides this year so with that said he thinks he can find some room. Kubota dealer is Upper County and that would be nice to have an Upper County Business. Shaw's – Brian asked who got them to bring in the refrigerator? Pat when she gets here but she will not be working as early this year. Brian will take care of it. What about Yamaha Jack? Sande says they will continue with the 2004 donation.

Larry: Everything is ok

Wilma: Margaret and Lee have already started cooking! Tickets are okay.

Heather: Nothing

Brian L: Okay

Jodee: Okay

Jessie: Has a new Super for computer section; working on the web site lots of changes in photography sections.

Bob Martin: Will contact Sandy Sandval next week. Sandy has agreed to serve as parking Super again this year. Who hire the part time help?

Sande advised that Bob and Wilma will need to decide when they want to hire. After much discussion they chose August 16 from 9-Noon to do interviews.

Roylene: Has spoken with Zane and it looks as if the Fair brochures will be printed either this Friday or next Monday. The original artwork for the 2005 poster is hanging in the BOCC office.

Becky: Questions about the Guide Dogs, Becky will talk to Marv about all of this. Michele Cawley sent an email to Kathryn requesting to cancel the grooming, judging and costume portion. See Michele's email that was attached to Kathryn's report. The county laminator will be available August 19 & 20 and a day later in the month for supers to get photos taken for id badges. It was decided that for 2005 supers will be required to have the photo id. Perhaps in future years we will look at adding others i.e. entertainers, vendors, carnival. At this time they are all "banded" anyway. . . Becky asked the new directors to get shirt sizes to Roylene to get ordered in time. Jodee needs all shirts; Brian L and Bob Mc have 4 each. Jacket sizes need to get to Jessie,

Brian L: Wonders about the State Fair Judge and do we take any action on correcting errors? Bill B told Brian that we have a different judge each year and that they each have things that they look for. Bill got his 2004 critique and quickly went over it. It looks as though we have completed many of the items. Brian asked that someone go through the last five years of reports so we can address any on going issues.

Sande asked that we think of some Grant ideas~ Sheep/Hog panels?
Washington State Department of Ag has some funding available for ADA, Health and Safety upgrades. Focus on the Stall safety and the fire suppression. David Bowen will apply for the grant.

POP's is the date for beginning sales on the Punch List?
Jr. Horse Show.

Sande went over Kathryn's report:

1. Pony Rides will not be coming.
2. Supers and Judges contracts are coming in
3. Golf Cart Contract has been signed and the carts will be arriving on August 30 to be returned September 7th
4. Don Krueger wants to trade booth fee for framing posters.
After discussion Roylene moved to NOT trade fees for framing. Wilma seconded the motion. Discussion? This trade arrangement has happened before and the posters are still not framed. Call for the Question. Motion passes.
5. Rodeo City Equestrians: Beth Bender called and wanted to know if we wanted them to fill the Draft Horse Barn again? Jodee will talk to Beth
6. Guide Dogs. In continuing from above. The Guide Dogs would only be on site on Sunday. Leave this up to Marv.

Sande's Report

- 1 Ad's for Prem Book (Heifer \$128.94) needs to be paid by the county. Sande reminded us that any print ads placed not only need a PO but a tear sheet needs to accompany the bill. Question about the brochures and what we paid Zane Kinney from Rodeo City Graphics. Sande' was not sure as the information was not present but felt it was approximately \$500.00

Presidents Report:

Mike Johnston (Daily Record) is doing Fair Update Stories.
Royal Court will be attending our August 11th meeting to answer any questions we might have and to tell us what they have been doing. They will be handing out posters and brochures and the Ellensburg Rodeo Poster, postcard, Royal Court Poster. They would like suggestions on how they might improve. Becky said the Myron Linder, Ellensburg Rodeo Director in charge of the Royal Court would like to extend an invitation to any Fair Board Director that wants to ride in any of the parades that they are going to is more than welcome to do so as long as they have a parade ready horse.

Jessie asked if perhaps next year we could do postcards of our poster? Roylene said that when the time came she would look into doing that.

Don't forget to keep looking and updating the Punch List.

Horse Fair is coming soon. 4-H Booth will be there. Any others? Larry & Bill B will be able to help with vendor set up. Questions on the vendor rate. Can we adjust the dollar amount? Yes but need to make sure all vendors get the same deal (this is for Horse Fair). Perhaps just a flat rate for 2005.

Becky adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm

Minutes Respectfully recorded and submitted by
Roylene Crawford, Sec.-Treas Kittitas County Fair Board of Directors