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2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 14, 2020 @ 6:30 PM
Boundary County Fairgrounds Office

Members/Staff Present

Ben Robertson Glenda Poston
Ken Goggia Paula Burt
Stacie Watts Chris Sabin

Members/Staff Absent

Bert Wood

The Fair Board Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Chairman Ken Goggia.

1.0 GUESTS –

Craig Kelson and Nancy Wycoff- Democratic Committee: Craig thanked the fair board and maintenance for how good the grounds look. He was here to talk about the political sign that was hung in their booth at fair. Craig stated that he was told by another vendor about the incident and that Dr. Burt who was volunteering at the time in the fair office came out and removed the sign. He was thankful that it was taken care of but would like some follow up from the fair board to the vendors. He reported that he was told it was people from the VFW booth who came and were taking pictures of them in the booth with a Trump sign. Glenda suggested a statement be put in the lease to respect others booths. Ben suggested we send a blanket letter to all vendors who were on the slab addressing that the fair board does not condone that behavior.

Kyle Watts-Demo Derby: Kyle reported the derby went well and the facilities were great. He had no issues with anything. He is asking for a 2-day derby in July and also his September date. He is asking for July 9-10, 2021. On Friday, July 9th the derby will be followed by a concert. Ben suggested to give him the dates and then told Kyle on Jan. 4th when the office is open for the first day of the new year that he come in and sign a lease agreement and make the deposit. Glenda asked about the TV stand that was built for the derby and where it was currently. Chris stated it was in bull pens for now. Glenda asked that pictures be provided for the next meeting. Kyle also asked if he could donate some of the concrete blocks for the manure pit and when he has a derby, he might need to use a few of them. He would put them back after using them. Fair board agreed to this.

Lars Jacobson with Jake's Landing came and asked for a few minutes to speak to the fair board. He was informed he could speak but that no matter would be voted on at this meeting due to the open meeting law requirements. He stated he understood that and asked to be placed on the agenda for next month. Lars asked the fair board for a financial hardship waiver due to his business being severally impacted by the border closure. He

commented that the booth fees doubled this year between the regular increase and the 3% sales fee. Ben noted that the board paid out \$232 in meal tickets to Jake's Landing.

MINUTES – Glenda motioned to approve the minutes. Stacie seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved with unanimous vote.

MAINTENANCE – Chris presented quotes for getting the trees trimmed. Glenda motioned to have work done after Ben and Ken could look at the trees and see if they could do the work before hiring it out. Ken declined the motion, Ben stated he knows the work needs done but would look at the job and see what he could do. Ken made a motion to table it to next month. Stacie seconded the motion. Motion was approved by unanimous vote. Chris asked about withholding the deposit for the Saddle Club from the bull bash due to the piles of dirt they left in the warm up area after the event. The fair board agreed that the full deposit should not be returned. Discussion took place over the lease agreement and it states "Deposit will be returned to Lessee if the buildings, grounds and equipment used are in good, clean and undamaged condition, all materials brought onto the Fairgrounds have been removed, and maintenance has determined the facility as clean, as determined by the Fair Board at the next scheduled meeting after termination of this agreement. If extended maintenance/repairs/replacements are needed beyond the cleaning/damage deposit maintenance labor will be billed at a fee of \$25/hr. with a minimum of \$50 or the difference between a new purchase price and the withheld deposit for replacement of equipment damaged. Chris said he had already started removing the extra dirt and then left remaining until the meeting and a decision could be made. He estimated another few hours of work to do. The board decided to withhold half the deposit in the amount of \$300. It was asked that we add the disclosure "at the discretion of the fair board" to the lease agreement. Chris also asked about having the plumbing lines to the toilets cleaned out. He presented quotes from KG&T for about an hours' time of work and \$150 fee. Ken asked to get the cost for renting a 100' plumbing snake from Boundary Tractor and doing the work ourselves. Also, to ask KG&T what exactly they would do. Chris has talked to Dave Duarte regarding the Beef barn. Dave knows it still needs completed. Ben also reported that the bearings in the fan on the beef barn have already gone out and it was tied shut for fair because of the noise it was making. Glenda asked Chris if he was moving the bleachers from the parks and rec to the arena for events. She told him that should not be happening, that the event holder needs to contact parks and rec for permission and make arrangements for them to be moved. Concern for if something happened to bleachers during moving who would cover the cost. Ben agreed that Chris should not be moving them.

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ADMINISTRATOR –Paula reported she will be stepping down as Fair Administrator. She is taking a job at the middle school. She will stay working in the office until a new administrator is hired and trained. She also said she will help in whatever way is needed next spring/summer to help with fair preparations. Board asked Paula to post the position and arrange for interviews. She presented a letter and a \$5000 donation check from Burt and Kathleen Wells in honor of their sons Paul and Robert Wells. Paula has been working on getting fair budget information finalized and preparations for new administrator to take over. Paula gave numbers for fair entries and exhibitors. The numbers were down but not as much as we expected due to the current situation. Glenda commented that she really enjoyed having the floral department in the wildlife building and having the open middle section on the slab. Paula said she had received a lot of positive comments about not having fish and game in the wildlife building this year. Public enjoyed the

cleanliness and brighter feeling. Suggestions were brought up to no longer have fish and game in building and maybe rename the building.

3.0 EXPENSE/FACILITIES RENT/BUDGET REPORTS – Glenda motioned to pay the August bills in the amount of \$45,000.44. Stacie seconded the motion to pay the August bills; motion was approved by unanimous vote. Ben asked what the amount was we collected at from the baked goods auction and t-shirt sales. Baked Goods auction was \$1085.00 and the T-shirt sales was still unknown but sales from the office were \$370.

4.0 INCOME REPORT –

5.0 BUSINESS –

2021 Fair Dates: Paula reported that historically the dates should be Aug 18-21st. Ben would like to extend the fair by one day. He would like to have an event every night of fair. Discussion was made to have opening ceremonies combined with Family Fun Night on Wednesday night. Ben asked Stacie to look into a rodeo for Saturday night or Challenge of Champions with Selkirk Saddle. Stacie said she would reach out to Jason who brings in the animals, but she would prefer to not work with the saddle club herself. Ben is talking to Copper Mountain Band for the concert. No set dates or plans were made other than Paula will contact the magician to have him return next year.

Preliminary Budget: No discussion was made on this. Other than Ben asked board members to consider redoing another barn and looking into buying portable bleachers.

ADJOURN – Glenda motioned to adjourn, seconded by Stacie. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41PM by unanimous vote. Next will be held Oct. 5, 2020 @ 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Paula Burt, Fair Administrator

Approved by:

Ken Goggia, Chairman