

Kitsap County Fair & Rodeo Advisory Board Meeting
Eagles Nest, Wednesday
January 9, 2008, 7:00PM

Call to Order

Doug called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Doug Dillon, Jim Rye, Meredith Myers, Debra Rye, Wendy Davis, Joe Drouin, Sonya Roberts, Cassie O'Hara-McLaren and Ken Kramer were present. Department Staff present: Frank Abbott, Lauran Erickson and Angie Hauschel.

Doug introduced Cassie as the new Livestock Director and Sonya as the Entertainment Director.

Approval of Minutes

Board members reviewed minutes.

Jim made a motion to approve minutes

Ken 2nd.

All in favor to approve minutes

Kitsap Fair Stampede & 5K Run

Greg Chapman presented an outline of the Kitsap Stampede & 5K Run and asked for the Fair Boards' support again for 2008.

Meredith made a motion to approve the request.

Debra 2nd.

All in favor to approve.

Directors Reports

Ken-Still Exhibits

Ken stated he is scheduling a meeting for Super School and will let everyone know when it will be.

Debra -Admissions

Nothing to report.

Cassie-Livestock

Cassie reported that the Exotic Animal group had been lined up again for this year along with the drivers.

Meredith-Parking

Meredith stated she will be working with Cassie to implement some changes for livestock parking area.

Wendy-Commercial Exhibits

Nothing to report.

Doug-Concessions

Doug asked to have some of the revenue from the Beer Garden be used to get new counters for the Van Zee. Frank asked how many and what kind. He stated he needs specifics so we can check the budget. Frank also stated we could possibly work with the Carpenters Union to possibly build the counters.

Doug thanked Lauran for the Christmas Party.

Jim-Security

Nothing to report.

Joe-Rodeo

Joe announced our nomination for Rodeo of the Year. He stated the Wranglers are keeping very busy with a lot of little projects. Joe stated he they are ordering new panels.

Sonya-Entertainment

Sonya stated she is listening to more demo CD's and working with Frank and Lauran for possible new entertainers. Frank stated he gave Sonya a copy of the contract for the Rhinestone Ropers. He stated she will need to work with Cassie for housing the horses and camping.

Doug asked if we signed up any entertainers at the conference. Sonya stated we penciled in the Rhinestone Ropers, the Tractor Pull and the Science Attraction. All of the Fair Board members stated they liked Plasterman and would like to see him return.

WSU Extension Report

Nothing to report.

Rodeo Queen Committee Report

Toni briefly reviewed the Queen report that was passed out to all Board Members. She also passed out a copy of the financial report. Toni announced that Mandy's coronation party for Miss Teen Rodeo Washington is on Saturday in the Presidents' Hall.

Jim asked for some additional information on their financial report. Toni clarified some of the questioned expenses.

FFA

Mark inquired about Super Saturday. Date not yet set. Frank stated it is typically toward the last Saturday in July. Mark stated he emailed the FFA Exhibitor guide with changes to Marsha last Friday. He stated Spring Fair is in April. He will have more next month.

Manager's Reports

Lauran

Lauran stated she received a letter and certificate from Department of Agriculture for poultry testing. She reported some contracts have been mailed out including Super Science. Lauran stated she is working on the state report which is due by 2/15/08. She reminded everyone that all reimbursements need to be pre-approved due to budget cuts.

Lauran stated the dates available for the Fairboard Retreat are February 2nd at Island Lake or February 9th or 16th at the Training Center. Fairboard members chose February 16th at the Training Center at 9am. Lauran asked that board members email topics they would like to discuss. She also needs accomplishments for 2007 and goals for 2008.

Frank

Frank reported he met with event representatives in Las Vegas-very informative. He stated we are planning to go back to back for the rodeo this year. Frank stated the benefits will be increased ticket sales and improvement on the parking issues. He stated it will cost between \$2000-\$3000 and that pen space may be tight.

Frank reported we are moving away from Sankey as our stock contractor. They wanted a raise and we do not feel they are worth it. Sankey provided 38 outs and we need to determine where to distribute them. Frank stated we are also moving away from Salt River for the bulls.

Frank reported that Xtreme Bulls contacted him and they want to make Bremerton one of the nationally televised stops. He is looking for sponsors to cover the \$40,000 purse. Frank stated there has been a lot of sponsor interest but it needs to be new sponsor money.

Franks stated he needs to get together with Cassie to review the budget. He also needs to meet with the llama superintendents and Cassie to see about re-designing the area.

Frank reported we have booked Emerson Drive for the country act this year. He stated he is working on Styx for the classic rock act but it is not looking good.

David Corey stated he needs to get together with Frank, Lauran and Doug to discuss scone booth. Scheduled meeting for 1/18/08 at 9am.

Frank stated that Coors would be covering most, if not all, of the cost of the shirts this year.

Laurie Zinter distributed a proposal to the Fair Board to reduce the operating hours of the pet me farm. Lauran stated she would like to see 11am to 6pm on Wednesday and Sunday and 12pm to 7pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Mark Boardman recommended closing in the middle of the day for a few hours. Lauran is not opposed, just needs to be worked out between the superintendents.

Greg Chapman stated he appreciates the closure at Nels Nelson Rd. He stated the problem is now down Stampede with the illegal parking. Greg expressed his appreciation of our support of the Olympic High School parking fundraiser.

David suggested using large concrete blocks to block the shoulder to prevent parking and provide a safe walking area for pedestrians.

Jim inquired about the problem with the salmon. Lauran stated it is not even on the table anymore.

Ken made a motion to adjourn.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.