Park County Fair Board Meeting Minutes

Aug. 16, 2016

Guest Attending: Dan and Sue Nelson, Carla Williams, Linda Floyd, Bev McClealand, and Robin Albright.

Members Attending: Commissioner Steve Caldwell, Chair Stacy Sunvison, Vice-Chair Heather Malcolm, Amanda Hamm, Mike Adams, Jim Sykes, and Kim Knutson.

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:02 p.m.

Dan addressed the group and passed out the information he collected on the two bids for the arena fence. He wants everyone on the same page moving forward and is asking for financial assistance from all the groups involved. Dan explained the bids and there was some variation in the prices. In addition to upgrading the fence around the arena there would be permanent pens where panels have to be put up for the rodeo and other events. The sidewalk in front of the grand stands would be widen too. Further questions and discussion followed. Kim thanked Dan for taking on the project.

Mary Anne had a family emergency.

Linda Floyd and Bev McClealand visited with the board about their motorcycle stampede and the use of the sound system and the deposits. Kim was drilled with sound questions. She assured everyone the sound system would be up and running.

Mike and Jim moved and seconded the minutes from July. Motion carried as read.

Further discussion about the donated shed to LRA in the back parking lot followed. Stacy explained it would be available for fairgrounds use only. It was offered for Vet Inspection and the derby for this year’s fair. The shed was not used for the vet inspection but was used for the derby. Additional information was expressed from Stacy about the shed being a donation to LRA and it was a huge upgrade from the old one. Various questions were asked and comments made. Heather communicated other options such as charging rent for the space or Kim stated the fairground purchase the building so all the lessees could use it. Mandy moved we table the LRA donated shed until more information from LRA is gathered and address it at the special meeting. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pre-fair Concert was a beautiful evening with super performance. A big thank you to those 4-Hers and FFAers that participated with their projects. We learned to stage it differently after the show was starting. Liz thanked us and appreciated all the hospitality and great food. Stacy is ready to book them again and Kim reviewed some of the numbers.

A review of the fair summarized the entertainment, less parking, vets, thank yous, and a reminder that the fair wrap up meeting is on Aug. 30 at 7:00 p.m. Problems addressed were the need for more garbage cans around show area, dumping them, dogs, Republican display..........

Further discussion about different 2017 entertainment options was tabled by Mandy and Heather.

Gift certificates for the vets and superintendents were discussed. Mike moved we do the same amount for the vets. Jim seconded it. Mandy amend it by adding to the Feedlot 49. Mike seconded it. Amendment passed as well as the main motion. Mandy moved we give six--$50.00 gift certificates to The Stockman & five--$50.00 gift certificates to The Beanery. Heather seconded it. Motion carried.
Livingston Classic PBR had an incredible show with a larger crowd even with the rain.

Livingston Gun Show was a success. It was reported more folks were in attendance on Friday and they were happy with the weekend. Vendors expressed different feelings to Kim.

Kim assured the board again the person working on the sound was a professional and it would be working for the Steele Horse Stampede. Kim is to collect $1000.00 deposit for both the arena and the sound system. Insurance and the rent for the arena and the sound system will also be collected.

New Business: Discussion/Decision of Special Meeting has not been set. It was determined it would be a meeting with just Jacey and Andy Watson and the fair board. Kim had not heard back from them yet.

RMAF---Jim and Stacy both want to attend fair convention in Spokane.

IMAF---Mandy and Jim showed interest in attending convention in Las Vegas.

Heather moved we table the rent discussion. Mandy seconded it. Motion carried.

Other Business: The cutting horse have visited more with Kim about holding an event. Kim explained to the group some of their thoughts and concerns. Discussion followed. Some direction was given to the fair manager to hopefully acquire their business.

Mike and Amanda moved and seconded to adjourn the Aug. Park County Fair Board meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Knutson, Fair Manager