

Park County Fair Board Meeting Minutes

Mar. 8, 2016

Guests Attending: LRA-Carla Williams, Sue Nelson, and the others were unable to attend.

Members Attending: Board chair Stacy Sunvison, Amanda Hamm, Jim Sykes, Christina Goehring, Bill Rambow, Mike Adams, and Kim Knutson.

The rescheduled board meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Carla reported the LRA Boots & Buckles Ball was a great success. They raised over \$12,000 for the rodeo fireworks and everyone attending had fun and enjoyed a fine meal.

Mary Anne sent an email which was copied so folks could read about the 4-H items. We learned shooting sports will not need the building this weekend, the wash rack has not been scheduled, horse pre-fair has been scheduled and confirmed for June 11, and the council would like to request all livestock be vet checked on Tuesday so they are in the barns on Wednesday and all are guaranteed healthy.

Stacy asked for the Special Meeting Minutes to be approved. They were approved with the proper motion from Jim and Mike with the correction of spelling for the word audition.

The January minutes for the Park County Fair Board were approved as written by Christina and Jim. Motion carried.

Old Business: The LRA Contract was reviewed again with the LRA changes. Further discussion about the electricity bill, RV sites, and coming to terms with the rest of the contract ensued. Mike moved we split the power bill with LRA until all the questions about the electrical usage are ironed out for the length of the contract. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parking was the other issue discussed. Kim was concerned about the open-ended use of "emergency" on p. 4 under item 5. Shannon will be consulted.

Carla will take the concerns and motion back to LRA.

Moving on with Aly not showing. Committees for the fair and fairgrounds were discussed further. Various committees were suggested by Steve Caldwell, such as public communication, sponsorship development, vendor recruitment, etc. Further discussion followed but no action happened. It will be continued at the next meeting.

Stacy reviewed the pre-fair kickoff celebration. Discussion, questions, comments followed. Jim, Bill, and Kim shared his sponsors. The sponsor letter and sponsor donation breakdown were discussed and altered with changes and corrections. Christina and others felt strongly that anyone and everyone who gives should be recognized for their contribution to make this first event happen. Kim is to contact Liz to get further information for advertising. Carla suggested doing something with the Chamber of Commerce. Further game plans will be discussed next week.

Christina moved to table the CIP list. Mike seconded it. Motion carried.

New Business: A review of the issues with the banners hanging during the fair was given by the fair manager. It involves the entire grounds, but in particular the arena. The hardship comes with Park FFA Alumni selling their sponsorship for the week of the fair and wanting to maintain their sponsors' banners in the arena. This is not fair for the other groups that hold other events each night of the fair so it creates a hardship and conflict with everyone. Much further discussion about making it fair for everyone from the folks putting on the event to sponsors to who is monitoring them.....Mike moved to table the banner policy at this time. Jim seconded it. Motion carried.

Park County Fairgrounds RV Dump Station has been listed on the City/County meeting on Mar. 9 at 4:00 p.m. at the MSU Extension announced by the Chair Stacy. She encouraged those that could attend to do so. Additional discussion followed. Stacy discussed the letter from CTA which Parks Frady passed on to her. The holdup has been the city and their old septic system.

Kim reported the internet had been upgraded and changed to Charter. Hopefully, services will be better however we have not had a true test yet. And currently we are paying for both, which needs to change immediately since we are not rich.

Other Business—Stacy reported Steve is working with Eric Austen who mediated the November town hall meeting to attend the board meeting in April. Eric has some ideas to assist the board. He will have a 30-45 minutes presentation or involvement session for the board.

It was determined the next board meeting needs to be Mar. 15.

Public Comment--Sue Nelson told the board she has decided to improve the Exhibit Building during the fair. She is going to start recruiting vendors and business to be a part it. The board needs to change their requirements for hours of service and expectations for this to happen. She has various ideas and connections to make this happen. She wants to go back to the "Farm to Table" concept.

Mike and Bill adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Knutson, Fair Manager