



Board of Directors
92937 Walluski Loop
Astoria, OR 97103

Board Meeting Minutes

May 5th, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Autio, Chair
Kallie Linder, Vice Chair
Brittany Israel
Jack Edwards
Jack Ficken

In attendance:

John Lewis, Fair & Expo General Manager
Mark Kujala, County Commissioner via Phone
Sandra Carlson, 4H Extension Office via Phone

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Mike Autio, Chair.

Public Comment

Sandra Carlson of the 4H Extension Office addressed the Fair Board with the question of, if Fair did not take place due to restrictions, if the grounds would still be accessible for 4H participants to still possibly show their animals if guidelines allowed. All Board members were in agreeance that the grounds would still be available. She also asked about hand sanitizer and whether or not it would be available and provided by the Fair Grounds or if they would have to supply it. John Lewis, Fair Manager, advised Sandra that they would have to cross that bridge when they got there, dependent on supply and availability at the time.

Sandra also advised the Fair Board that 4H and OSU were working on three different scenarios for possibly having *some type* of Fair for the kid's sake and their animals, including a virtual option as worst case scenario.

Consideration of Agenda & March Meeting Minutes

Jack Ficken made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Kallie Linder, second. Motion passed.

Old Business

Report from John Lewis, Fair General Manager.

Concert

John Lewis advised the Fair Board that the contract had been routed to the County Commissioners and for the time being has been signed and approved by the County Commissioners and Manager. At this point it is being routed back to the Production company for final signatures. John noted that no payment is required at this time and would not be required until a couple weeks before the event. Board members asked how many tickets were sold and if they would be refunded in the event of a

cancellation. John Advised them the number of sales and that Brown Paper Tickets would handle any refunding if the Concert does become cancelled due to regulations.

New Business

Report from John Lewis, Fair General Manager.

New Building

The Donated tent-like building that was used as a temporary outdoor gym at Seaside Elementary has been dismantled and relocated to the Fairgrounds and is being stored until its placement has been figured out and paving has taken place. The building will not come down once it is up. The canvas has a 15 year life expectancy and is very thick to allow for the ambient temperature inside to be stable. The Building is planned to be the future Small Animal Barn. There were some concerns raised about air flow and it getting too hot. John advised The Board that there are two large doors to allow for air flow, as well as a vent tube that can be hooked up to a fan for increased air flow if temperatures do raise.

Open Discussion

John advised The Board there may be some hurdles to overcome if Fair is going to take place. Vendors have been hard to contact. The security companies are not responding to phone calls, messages or emails at this time. In the event of Fairs around us cancelling, it could be difficult to get some of the food vendors that travel from areas like Idaho, Washington, Southern Oregon, Etc, to come and participate due to the fact that they usually do one fair, move on to the next and so on. John let the Board know that he had a conference call with Oregon Fairs Association and though many details are still not clear, the President of OFA pleaded for the Fairs to wait as long as possible before cancelling. The Clatsop County Fair Board agreed that we should hold out as long as possible for the sake of the Kids and their time/money investments in their animals. Though, there was some discussion about *when* exactly that cut off would be, there was no conclusion at this time.

Financial Statement

John Lewis presented Financial Statement. John advised the Board that we will still receive the Oregon State Fairs Lottery Funds, with or without Fair happening. Jack Ficken asked that a figure be presented at the next Board Meeting with how much money is being spent per Month at this time. Mike Autio noted that we are fortunate to have our operating levy to keep the Fair afloat and open during this time.

Board Members/Staff Communications

Jack Ficken noted that he has spoken with Betsy Johnson, our area 16 Senator, and she had been in discussion with the Governor about possible time lines for the Fairs in her area and was not able to get definitive answer at this time but is pursuing it.

Commissioner Report

Mark Kujala let the Board know that things are changing and evolving everyday. The County Manager has drafted a "Reopen Plan" and is sending the draft to the governor to start taking the steps required to move forward with opening up the County. A Certain amount of testing is going to be needed to reopen and the test kits have been received and increased testing will start next week. There is a minimum of 14 days required in between Phases. There are still no set dates for reopening at this time, but things are developing daily.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting Date

June 2nd, 2020 - 5:30 pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall.