

MINUTES FROM THE YAMHILL COUNTY FAIRBOARD
monthly meeting held in the Rodeo Show Office at the YC Fairgrounds
at 6:30 PM, May 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Chairman Gary Wertz. In further attendance were board members Don Parrish, Reg McShane and Leslie Lewis; Joe Sharp was not present. Also in attendance was fair manager Al Westhoff, office manager Lana Drew, and County Commissioner Liaison Stan Primozich. Portland Karting Association was represented by Mark Reese and Paul Smark.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT GIVEN

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes from April were reviewed. Leslie Lewis noted a needed correction on a date and moved to accept the minutes as corrected; Don Parrish seconded and the motion was carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Leslie Lewis presented the StateYam Report as well as the April receivables and payables reports. Notation was made as a note of appreciation to the staff for the financial success shown on the reports. The investment of capital improvements has resulted in a notably positive return noting that the \$42k investment brought in \$3.5m in economic development to the county. Reg McShane moved to accept the reports as presented; Don Parrish seconded and the motion was carried.

Al presented changes to include a \$100 increase for his wages; the adjustments are within the budget dollars. Leslie Lewis motion to approve the budget changes as presented; Reg McShane seconded and the motion was carried.

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Zero Waste Study – Daryll Alt presented a proposal and request to conduct a ‘zero waste study’ at the fair. The organization will also be collecting results from Alien Days this year. The board was very receptive to the idea and is eager to hear in September how things went this year.

OPERATIONS REPORTS

PKA – Paul Smark reported that the city of McMinnville wants a decibel readings and report made to the city council regarding the noise generated by the track; all else is going well. The board shared their concern over motorcyclist speeding through the grounds when coming in to use the track. There was also an apparent misunderstanding in that those users were also

under the impression they were to have use of the shower facilities in the pavilion. PKA representatives will speak with them.

Ambassadors – Leslie Lewis reported that the clothes have been purchased and pictures done; the disc should be ready this week and will be made available for the board as well as the Ambassadors. Contacts are being made to the regular civic organizations to schedule presentations. Alan and Nancy White will be making their Mustang convertible available for the Ambassadors’ parade appearances. The first week of June will be the senior assemblies at which last years Ambassador Joann Kubes will be receiving her Ambassador Scholarship as well as the OFF FFA Scholarship for this year; Al Westhoff will be presenting. This year Ambassador Sasha Perez will be receiving her Ambassador Scholarship and the OFF 4-H Scholarship; Joe Sharp will be presenting. Austin Lebsock-Binz, another of this year’s Ambassadors, will be receiving his scholarship as well; Leslie Lewis will be presenting.

Leslie proposed that the board again purchase an ad in the premium book introducing and congratulating the 2015 Ambassadors; the board was in agreement.

Manager’s Report – Al Westhoff reported on that OHSET still has an outstanding invoice from their North Valley district show held the first week of March. They have not yet responded to our many emails and calls. The office will send a certified letter to the organizer and CC the state office as well as each athletic director at the schools in the North Valley district regarding the outstanding invoice.

There are a number of miscellaneous items that need to be moved on. Dwight will make a list of items so they may be put on an online auction.

The arena and the boarder barn are currently closed through Memorial Day due to the HEV.

The RV electrical is coming along well. Maintenance is being done on stalls and bleachers needing new wood and a gate are being stalled at the lot we will be using for our youth exhibitors parking. John Nyberg would like to re-build the handicap area at the rodeo. He would like to make it more viewing accessible. The board is in agreement.

Al would like to propose moving the boarding to aisle A only when some of our current boarders move-out. He is also proposing we move the monthly fee back to \$150 and reduce it to \$125 during the OHSET months due to the lack of arena availability with re-consideration of these changes this next fall/winter. Reg McShane moved to proceed ahead with the recommendations; Leslie Lewis seconded and the motion carried.

The USW contract for the mobile home rental has come under consideration. The current contract was a 90-day contract signed in 2009 for \$400/month. Local president, Joe Munger, is proposing we enter into a 5-year contract with a 5 year option at \$500/month providing a 90-day notice provision for either party. He would like to proceed ahead with this immediately. County Counsel is checking and at this point sees no objection. Leslie Lewis moved to proceed ahead as proposed; Don Parrish seconded and the motion carried.

Al reported that we now have an opening band for Warrant on Saturday. Rokit will be opening for free so there are not new contract dollars.

Youth – The hog weigh-in brought over 100 exhibitors with over 140 hogs. The sheep and goat weigh-in will be this next weekend.

Rodeo – The OFA now has a rodeo committee so there may be a unified voice concerning rodeo issues.

The question was brought concerning recognition of the rodeo queen. Gary reported that has been covered however he will speak with her again so the plan is clear.

Gary also reported on the OFA Spring Conference he attended. He obtained a list of grant resources as well as information on how the new law regarding marijuana may affect fairs. He will provide copies of what he has to the rest of the board.

Seeing there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Minutes submitted by Lana Drew.