

**MINUTES FROM THE YAMHILL COUNTY FAIRBOARD**  
**monthly meeting held in the Rodeo Show Office at the YC Fairgrounds**  
**at 6:00 PM, April 11, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Dean Schulze. In further attendance were Leslie Lewis, April Courtney, John Kemper, John Nyberg, Stan Primozich Commissioner, Manager Gary Wertz, Fair Coordinator Al Westhoff ; Office Manager Lana Drew arrived later.

**Public Comment: None**

**PKA: Paul Smark** talked about future event being held on the track. They would like to get the fence back up between the Steel Mill and existing fence. Manager Wertz said when we had time we would get it up, we had most of the materials.

**Previous Months Minutes:** Leslie Lewis moved to approve the March 14<sup>th</sup> minutes; April Courtney seconded and the motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Leslie Lewis went over the financial reports. Manager Wertz reported to the board regarding outstanding accounts being brought current. Wertz reported to the board that the commissioners approved an increase in the fairs portion of the Lottery Funds from \$42,000 to \$70,000 for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year. There was discussion about putting the money into fair improvements line items. Due to increase in revenue the beginning balance for the 2018-19 Budget has been increased.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:** Manager Wertz talked to the board about the current organizers of the Pacific Overland Expo were going to give it up as it was too much for them to do. This would be a big loss to the fair and we have a chance to take it over and run it ourselves. We would expect to receive the rent on the buildings and possibly give a scholarship to the Anvil Academy. The loss of business to the community would be big for that week. After much discussion the board decided that we should continue to have this event with the fair being the promoters of the event. This would expose the fairgrounds to the rest of the west coast. April Courtney moved to take on the Pacific Overland Expo and Auction per Gary's suggestions; John Nyberg seconded and the motion carried.

**Operations Reports:**

Al Westhoff reported that the fair sponsorships are up, vendor spaces from last year are all filled with new spaces being filled in the new area, and we have one new concessioner. The theme artwork is in place and the 'FREE Park & Ride' is in motion.

Gary Wertz reported on the progress of the New Small Animal Barn; contracts are signed and everything is moving ahead with the project. He reminded the board that the fair is hosting the Chamber Greeters meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>; Kim Cooper will be catering it.

Wertz further reported on the equine influenza and how that has spurred on the work for our Bio-Security Policy and Practices. Due in large part, we believe, to our sanitizing practices we've

not had an outbreak at this facility. Hand sanitizers are being installed in the barns to encourage personal hygiene practices.

**Ambassadors:** Leslie Lewis reported on the upcoming events and plans; all is going smoothly with presentations and appearances being scheduled.

Meeting Closed 7:34 pm

Submitted by Gary Wertz & Lana Drew