

Baker County Fair Board – Meeting Minutes

7/13/21

The monthly meeting of the Baker County Fair Board was held on July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fair Board office. Those present were: Ron Rowan, Dean Defrees, Cliff Schoeningh, Terri Siddoway, Michelle Kaseberg, Mark Johnson, and Christina Smith. Also, present was Rob Ellingson, Ginger Savage, Angela Robb, Christena Cook, Katie Hauser, and Devon Colton. Amber Van Ocker joined via zoom to review master plan. Jason Mattox joined the meeting to discuss upcoming Bull and Bronc event.

The board moved the visitors to first on the agenda.

Amber and Mark reviewed the master plan and the changes that had been discussed at the last meeting. It was decided to leave the 5-acre field as it is for now.

Amber mentioned she was concerned about the boundary lines for the fairgrounds and including the Leo Adler field. She recommends getting this surveyed.

Christina said that the county was asked to put the transfer of the Leo Adler field on hold by individuals that are wanting to include this field in a new parks and rec district they are trying to form. She indicated that Mark Bennett said that the fair board should continue to work with the Leo Adler foundation and the Little League committee. Carrie Folkman has indicated that the Leo Adler Foundation board would like the field to be incorporated into the fair grounds.

Jason Mattox of the Broncs and Bulls joined the meeting. He was very complimentary of the town as he is working to put this together for his first year. He mentioned that he did rent a tractor and Hyster from EO Rentals after the first 4-5 hours. Internet has been installed at the rodeo grounds. He highly suggested working on grants for permanent bleachers. The events will be live through their Facebook page. He said he wants to come back next year. He invited the board members to the kickoff event on Thursday night at 6 p.m.

Ginger Savage talked about the Oktoberfest scheduled for the 3rd weekend in October. Crossroads is wanting to grow the event and she was excited about the future plans. Last year's virtual auction and drive through meal was a success. They are hoping to use more of the fairgrounds this year. In 2019 they sold 250 tickets, during 2020 they were between 200-250 and made about half of the money they did in 2019. They are adding a few more events for this year and anticipate to-go menus in addition to the in-person event.

Devon Colton, the new fair manager, who also works with OSU extension was introduced.

It was moved by Dean Defrees and seconded by Terri Siddoway to approve the minutes, upon vote, the motion carried.

Upon review of the financials, it was moved by Mark Johnson and seconded by Cliff Schoeningh to approve the financials. Upon vote, the motion carried.

The reader board was discussed. Christina indicated that the application to place the reader board on Campbell Street has not been completed yet. She will follow up with Mark Bennett. Mark has indicated there is CARES money to help pay for this.

The event center floor was discussed. Mark and Terri are waiting to hear from Dan McQuisten on when he can travel to Prineville to look at their event center floor.

Angela and Devon gave an update on OSU activities. The premium book, which is online this year, is complete. They are working on: website, fee schedule, and Facebook page. They have secured entertainment for Wednesday and Thursday night. They have also secured the items for the Kids Zone. Elkhorn Media Group will do the advertising for \$1,000 and will be doing interviews with participants. Marvin's has donated the shavings for this year, instead of straw. Barley Browns will have the beer garden again this year. For Peewee Showman, Charlies Ice Cream & Deli donated gift certificates for each participant. Val's Veggies has donated the watermelon for the watermelon seed spitting contest.

Rotary Club has asked to get ice from our ice machine. We will ask them to make a donation to the Friends of Fair.

We have had a request from a person that is going to have a bazaar in November and has asked for the same rate as in the past which was 5 days for the Cockram Arena and the event center for \$500. The board felt that we need to stick with the fee schedule and go with the current rate.

The County officials (Heidi Martin) has asked to use the event center. At this time, because the county has helped us through the last year, Michelle Kaseberg moved, and Cliff Schoeningh seconded that we charge a rate of 30% of the posted fees for county/department use. Motion carried.

The barricades in the Leo parking lot were discussed. Terri said not to worry about them for this year.

Devon will try and get with Patti Bachman to help clean during the fair.

Devon is keeping a spreadsheet of expenses for fair, at this time, she indicated we are at \$4,000.

The work party to get the grounds ready for fair was scheduled for Thursday, 7/29, at 6:30 p.m. Terri said that she gave her list to the county employees, and we will finish what they don't get done. Terri reported that Behlen (thanks to Clint Morrison) donated a sheep ring for outside.

Terri reported that the Buyer's dinner will be a little different this year. It will be served inside the Cockram Arena. Buyer's will get their dinner ticket(s) when they pick up their buyer number.

Katie reported on fair activities: Veterinarians are scheduled from 6-11; Pepsi products will be in the food booth, volleyball game tournament between clubs, breeding animals will be released on Saturday, same as clean up.

Michelle reported on Friends of Fair. They made approximately \$7,000 on the golf tournament in June. They are having the pie auction on Tuesday, July 27th.

It was moved by Mark Johnson and seconded by Terri Siddoway to appoint Rob Ellingsen to another term on the Advisory Board. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be 8/31 at 6:00 at the Extension office. Summer party will be on September 19th at 3:00 at Kaseberg's.

Meeting adjourned.

Michelle Kaseberg

