

**BAKER COUNTY
FAIR BOARD MEETING
July 11, 2001**

Attendees:

Chuck Buchanan
Curtis Jacobs
Bonnie White
Jerry Herbes

Fred Cockram
Allen Hack
Ginger Savage
Kay Markgraf

John Leonard
Rob Ellingson
Debby Schoeningh

Fred Cockram called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Rob moved, John seconded that the minutes be approved of June 6, 2001. Passed unanimously.

Curtis will talk to the Sheriff's Posse about security for the Fair. Rob suggested we send them a letter to properly confirm their position. Bonnie would like security from Tuesday night through Saturday night.

Curtis and Fred will bring in straw for bedding. Bonnie needs at least 50 small bales for seating and decorations around the grounds, Fred can cover this. Some clubs would like to use shavings instead of straw, there is no problem with this if they pay for the shavings out of their own pockets.

We need a water truck for the arena and the back side of the grounds to keep the dust down. Curtis will get this taken care of.

Foot & Mouth disease signs – Bonnie reported that most fairs this year are posting general information signs about this and asking people to bypass the livestock barns if they have visited outside the country in the last 30 days. Bonnie will check with Jay about this.

We will have an opening ceremony this year on Wednesday, August 1, 2001 at 12 noon at the main stage. Ginger Savage's boy scout troop will do the flag presentation. We will do a simple greeting to kick off the Fair.

Doug McCauley has checked into our current electrical capabilities at the scale house and feels that we can revamp the outlets and not need to rent the generator. The generator rental fee is over \$400. and Doug can fix this for about \$200.

We have two flag poles on the grounds that are not used because the pulleys are broke. Bonnie asked about trading one for fixing the other so we had one good flagpole to fly the American Flag on. An eagle scout had approached Bonnie about one of the poles and about a possible trade. Discussion took place. Fred suggested that after the Fair we give the flagpole out by the beef barn to the scouts. Fred moved, Allen seconded, passed unanimously.

Bonnie has lined up a float for the Miner's Jubilee Parade on Saturday, July 21, 2001. She would like any and all board members and their families to ride on the float.

Bonnie has been asked to be a part of the new "Leadership Baker" program starting in September. It is normally a \$500. fee but there are some scholarship / grants this year for this new program. The program is a one day a month class to learn more about the community and to promote leadership. Bonnie did this in Caldwell, Idaho and felt it was worth the time and money invested. Meeting new people and networking is very valuable for any business, even the fair. Rob moved, Fred seconded that we pay ½ (\$250.00) if the scholarship / grant can provide the balance, passed unanimously.

We have hosted several RV's for the Church of Christ, John Goodyear. There has been some miss-communication about this set up. Bonnie will bill them accordingly from our regular hook-up rates and present it to John Goodyear for payment.

Other new business – Fred announced we are still waiting for our conditional use permit. Rob has several points / questions about the plans of the new building. Will it be insulated? Yes. What about rest rooms? Depends on the budget and building bid. Are the grounds big enough for this type of facility? Rob doesn't think so with parking demands. Rob feels this is the wrong plan for this ground. Discussion followed.

Bonnie announced the Governor has signed our funding bill for this year.

Chuck moved, John seconded that we send our budgeted amount to the Fair Foundation Fund again this year, passed unanimously.

Fred moved, Chuck seconded to pay the bills presented, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. There will be NO scheduled meeting for August. The next fair board meeting will be September 5, 2001 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Chuck Buchanan, Secretary
Baker County Fair Board

Curtis Jacobs, Chairman
Baker County Fair Board