

**Baker County Fair Board  
Minutes of November 4, 2008  
Board Meeting**

**Members Present:** Chairman Ron Rowan, Vice Chair Dean Defrees, Rob Ellingson, Mark Johnson

**Members Not Present:** Dan Morris, Ann Kniesel, Tony Britt

**Advisory Board Members Present:** none

**Advisory Board Members Not Present:** Janice Cowan, Donna Lowry, Cory Parsons

**Guest:** Carl Stiff, Curt Martin, Martin & Amber Arritola

**Staff:** Colleen Taylor

Chair Ron Rowan called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

**Public Comment Period:** BCLA representatives, Curt Martin, Martin & Amber Arritola were present to discuss use of the Fair Ground Facilities for their meetings and events. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed to look at the uses needed on separate basis. The monthly meetings would be held at the Extension Bldg with an exchange of serves. Ideas were discussed, one being to have a "PeeWee or Family Fun Day" on Thursday of the Fair. BCLA will bring those ideas to their meeting Nov 20<sup>th</sup> and will return the Associations ideas to the January 7, 2009, Fair Board Meeting. BCLA will reimburse the Fair Board the amount of \$80 for the utilities used during the annual meeting held at the Community Event Center.

**Minutes:** Mark moved and Dean seconded to approve the minutes for the October meeting. Board members passed the motion.

**Financials:** Financials were reviewed. Dean moved to approve and Mark seconded, motion passed by members.

**Correspondence:** Letter was received from the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon thanking us for the use of the Baker Community Event Center during their recent convention.

**Old Business:**

**Update on Grants:** Mark reported that he had visited with USDA on some questions on the grant request we had submitted. The Leo Adler grant will be reviewed shortly. Colleen reported that Ann is looking at a Parks and Recreation Grant now, and will be visiting with the TRT Committee and Economic Development to solicit more funds from them.

**General Caldwell Conference Call:** To date we have not heard back from Fred on his visit with General Caldwell. Board requested that Colleen email Fred on status of letter and meeting.

**'D' Street Easement:** Mark visited with Gary VanPattan on 'D' Street improvements. A short discussion was held on the improvements. A 10 foot sidewalk will be installed on the Fair Grounds side of the road.

**Floor Cleaner Purchase:** Colleen reported on the research completed on the different types of floor cleaners available. Crown Paper also has floor cleaners available and they are sending information to the Fair Office. The internet provided information, however, no names for local dealers. Cost run from \$3,000 for used to \$6000.00. Board requested that Colleen contact Crown to provide a Demo of the cleaners they provide and report back to the board.

**Phase II:** A short discussion was held on the priority list for the remainder of Phase II. The Board agreed that the completion of the meeting rooms, store rooms, and then offices should be the lineup.

**New Business:**

**2009 Fair Theme:** Board reported fair theme ideas submitted by 4-H. The board agreed on the Lone Pine Heirs submittal of "Oregon Pride Shared County-Wide Happy 150<sup>th</sup>". The board requested that Colleen contact Barbara Wendt and request that we remove the word "Shared" to shorten the theme. The fair colors would be Blue and Gold. The board requested that we have a different artist this year also.

The next board meeting was discussed. The December meeting is traditionally a Christmas Party. Colleen to email the board members for input on time and place. The week of December 8 would not be a good week for the event.

The next public board meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2009, 6 pm. The BCLA and Andrew Bryan will be on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Colleen Taylor