 Curry County Fair Board

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**Minutes for meeting on August 20, 2024**

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1. **Call to Order**
	1. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM
	2. Board members present: Ezekiel Harms, Samantha Roberts, Lynn Dewald, Brad Alcorn, and Shala McKenzie Kudlac.
		1. County Employees present: Teri Hughes (Curry County Fair Manager)
2. **Amendment and Approval of Agenda**
	1. Roberts motions to approve the agenda as written. Dewald seconds the motion. The motion is carried unanimously.
3. **Approve Minutes**
	1. 07/22/2024: Roberts motions to approve the minutes with removal of iii. 3. (blank) Harms seconds the motion. The motion is carried unanimously.
4. **Public Comment (Three Minutes)**
	1. Ron Bures and Moose Lodge
		1. Presented a letter from the Moose Lodge higher-ups requesting information from the meeting on June 18th, along with board member information from the meeting. Harms is passing the letter on to county counsel to carry out the request.
		2. Randy Waters from the Moose Lodge stated that he has been helping with parking since 2010 and has never seen anyone drinking while on duty. Also, stated that the previous entrance worked better than the one used this year. Need to have someone at the crosswalk during the parade for safety.
		3. Another member stated the reason people were grumpy in the past is because the police stated the Moose Lodge was not supposed to let people exit through the entrance and they would be held accountable if something went wrong. There were customers who became belligerent when told they couldn’t exit there.
		4. Upset about being slandered on Facebook. Alcorn asked if the comments being made on Facebook were by Fair Board members, because the comments he had seen were not. Members said they didn’t know.
		5. Unhappy with the cost of parking and that there was no ticket given to be able to re-park if they had to leave.
5. **Discussion Items/Action Items**
	1. **Fair**
		1. Roberts stated that there was a lot of foot traffic on Saturday night when the fair was close to closing time. Hughes would like to investigate if it would be a good idea to stay open later. She had received a lot of feedback that people would stay later if it were.
		2. Carnival area needs more seating.
		3. Members of the Moose Lodge suggested getting the arena set-up to be able to do the truck pulls next year.
		4. Mckenzie stated the fair is lacking commercial type exhibits and doing something farmers market related may be good.
		5. Moose Lodge stated they used to have a food booth but stopped doing it after the fair changed the payment for the space to going off of the net and not the gross sales.
		6. Harms would like to see a breakdown of ticket sales for all days from the upper and lower ticket booths.
		7. Harms believes gate times and fees should change.
		8. Volunteer and sign-ups need to be done much earlier.
	2. **Moving Fair Dates**
		1. Harms would like to research moving the fair to Thursday-Sunday.
		2. Harms believes the reason it was switched was because of competition with the Coos County and their 2-day rodeo.
		3. Dewald stated it may cause an issue with getting exhibits to the state fair.
		4. Moose members stated when the fair was held on Sunday there used to be a piece of meat roasted and a discounted or free dinner for attendees. It was a big attraction.
	3. **Grant Update**
		1. $94,000 from COVID relief received. Need a decision on how to allocate the funds from the OR Business grant for the arena roof.
	4. **Arena Roof Quotes**
		1. Kudlac motions to use Professional Quality with an added 20-year warranty and gutters. Alcorn seconds. Harms abstains from voting due to conflict of interest. Motion is carried unanimously.
6. **Reports**
	1. **Commissioner Liaison Report**
		1. Alcorn thanked the board for their willingness to serve in a difficult time and with difficult circumstances. Alcorn also thanked Hughes for taking the Fair Manager position, knowing the challenges it presented.
	2. **Superintendent Report**
		1. Becky Schafer commented that the superintendents are having a fair follow-up meeting on Thursday and Hughes and Swank will be attending.
		2. Jeanne Knowles will be retiring, so someone will need to be found to take over working on the Exhibitor’s Handbook. Schafer knows someone who is willing to do it for $500-$600.
	3. **Fair Manager Report**
		1. Would like to know from the board what the procedure is for funding if events are being created to have at the fairgrounds. It was decided that as long as the events stay within the event budget, and follow county finance policies, the fair manager has the ability to create events without the approval of the board.
		2. Failed the sprinkler test. Hughes is working on getting quotes to replace the sprinkler heads.
		3. Hughes is working on getting quotes for fencing.
	4. **Next Meeting**
		1. September 17, 2024, in the County Annex Board of Commissioners room, at 5:30 PM for a finance workshop followed by a board meeting at 6:30 PM.
7. **Adjourned meeting at 7:27 PM.**