



Whatcom County Youth Fair

Board Meeting

February 9, 2023 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Members in attendance- Janel Black, Monica Henken, Kirsten Hicks, Caitlyn Paris, Jeff Kentch, Lyle Bronkema, Heather Oostra, JoAnn Oden, Devin Longoria, Oliva Bosscher, Tanya

Johnson

Secretary Report: Minutes were read aloud by Tanya Johnson. The correction was made to add that the Youth fair sign up will remain open for 3 weeks once it is launched. A motion was made by Kirsten Hicks to approve the minutes as amended, second by Jeff Kentch. Motion Carries.

Treasure Report: Bank of Pacific has been reconciled up to the end of January balances with [REDACTED]. A motion was made by Caitlin Paris to approve the treasures report, second by Jeff Kentch. Motion Carries.

Kulshan Update: There are no animal related concerns at this point. Olivia will talk to the staff about Vet talks during Youth Fair. They will continue to have vet checks done by the superintendents and be on call if there are any concerns or questions.

Old Business:

Youth Fair Registration should go live on the 15th and will be open for 4 weeks.

It was proposed to make an amendment to the bylaws to add one board seat that will be held by a representative of Kulshan Veterinary Hospital for 10 years or until 2033. A motion was made by Jeff Kentch to approve the amendment. Second by Caitlyn Paris. Motion Carries.

Janel reviewed the mission statement. We would like this to become very familiar with board members.

There will be a superintendent meeting February 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm to go over planning, budgets, buying materials ahead of time, and end of fair duties.

There are several scrapbooks made by Chris Paul from years past. They are starting to deteriorate. A plan is needed to digitize them to preserve the memories. It would also be nice to be able to display them on TV's in the eating area of the youth fair. It was asked that someone look into a way of preserving the scrapbooks. Because no volunteer was willing the matter was tabled.

Looking forward there is a need for someone to take photos at the youth fair. In the past someone was hired to do this. This will be looked into more as we get closer to fair. Tanya volunteered to take pictures of different divisions during the fair.

The cancelled divisions this year are Rodeo, Rabbits, and Sewing.

To help clean up get done efficiently the grounds will be split into areas with a team of board members in charge of the area. The areas are as follows:

Grounds -Theresa and Lyle

The Henry Jansen Barn – Jordan and Colby

Horse Barn - Jason

Old Dairy Barn-Jeff

Expo building -Janel

Janel will compile a list of tasks for each area with the help of Amanda and Dean.

Janel has a water tank for filling hand washing stations.

New Business:

The new website is up and running. It is now whatcomcountyyouthfair.com it is no longer a .org. They are trying to combine the .org and .com it is taking some time. Board members were asked to go check out the website and look for any bugs or errors. We are also testing show works. Janel will send out the info to have a few people check that for bugs and errors as well.

We are working on contacting the high schools to make sure FFA chapters know about the youth fair.

Janel will contact Mt. Baker and Ferndale

Monica will contact LC, Meridian, and Nooksack

Olivia will contact Lynden

Our insurance will renew in April. Everything is set and good to go. Each board member does need to fill out the contact information before leaving. Monica will send it to the members online or not present.

Joann asked about the ability to bring back field trips for the dairy division. Janel stated it is mostly about leaving the grounds. She will get clarification from Marty and let Joann know if they will be permitted or not.

There is still not an update on funds that will come from the state. We will not know until March 1st. Typically our fair runs on a 30,000-35,000 budget. With our current funds this will be a tight year. Some grant opportunities were brought up by Janel. The first being a grant from the Doug Erickson foundation. Another options is for Thrivent members to apply for action teams.

Janel will send out a list of sponsors from past years. Tanya will update and send the sponsorship letter. It was asked that board members contact the sponsors they have relationships with from asking in the past. Donation papers will be available at the superintendent meeting.

Janel counted the ribbons. We should have enough for this year and not need to order. There are no trophies left over.

Currently we have 16 small and 9 medium black sweatshirts of the old design. We also have 3 youth extra small, 5 youth small, 6 youth large, 9 youth extra large, 8 medium, 4 large, 3 extra large left of the gray sweatshirt with the new design. We will discuss ordering more at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Caitlin Paris and second by Heather Oostra. 8:07 pm meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Tanya Johnson