

Board meeting for May 26th, 2020

All board members present except for John Gray, Scott Shatzer, Eddie Cotter, being excused.

Guests: Judy Overocker, Jackie Wasileuski, Lynn Claudill, Dave Grauer, Jeremy Strine, Mark Cook, Mike Lantz, Brandon Walp, Dianna Kelley, Lauren Mellot (JFB), Savanna Harriman (JFB), Brandon Lewis (JFB), Bill Reiman, Vickie Debolt, Deb Boyce, Kelsey Snyder(JFB), Candence Fairchild (JFB), Lisa Crain, Katie Paxton.

Minutes Approved for April Motion made by Dale/2nd Angie

Treasurer's report was discussed and accepted

Events: all events are cancelled as of April 1st Do to cover 19 restrictions.

Fair managers' report - The fairground is shut down due to COVID-19

Gary opened the Meeting most events are cancelled

Discussion had on phone system and phone bill looking for a lower rate.

Gary talk with the electric company in the commissioners and they will waive the payment to read the meter and they will try and give us the lowest possible rate.

Shirley reported we had 34,000 approximately in the bank, Dave D. questioned at expenses provided on the treasures report Shirley explained what they are.

Shirley stated that the ODA determines what category line item treasures use on their report. Shirley was also asked to email out a detailed expense report for prior meetings. Shirley also did a cost chart with expenses for 2020 discussion was had on trying to generate income. Motion to accept the treasures report was made by Amanda seconded by Angie motion carried.

Discussion was had on The grounds if we were to open up senior fair board members need to be available in at the grounds to help clean set up and maintain the property.

An estimate of \$20,000 would be the cost for COVID-19 cleaning for one week if we were to open for fair. we will have to follow.

Discussion had an insurance rider policy's for events if we were to do rentals again. Rentals are down currently, and the flea market and bingo want to open as soon as possible. Questions of liability will come back on us we need to get clarification from our insurance agent. There are also weddings and other smaller groups wanting to rent the facility as well. Lengthy discussion held I know weather our insurance would cover things versus people home insurance. Per our local health Department at this time we cannot open the flea market or bingo. Per the health department's guidance, we can only open for weddings if we were to approve opening the grounds. Gary is looking into determining the cost of opening the grounds versus the cost of staying closed.

Corey discuss the draft horse show for his club he approximated 300 horses and 10 to 15 campsites which would be needed over a three-day period if we can open.

Motion made to move to have a meeting Friday the 29th at 7:00 PM to discuss further opening the grounds made by Matt Harriman Second by Carol Toms motion carried.

Diane Kelly discussed a contract that was signed with Brian for her daughter's upcoming wedding reception. Brian did not have a rental contract so Diane did a contract and had Brian sign it. Senior fair board is going to investigate further with this event.

Committee reports.

Building and grounds are having mowing and weed eating every Saturday from 9:00 o'clock until completed. Jim Schaub turned in the application for the grant for the matching funds it was signed and approved to move on with lighting upgrades in the amount of \$50,000. Three Bids needed for the grant work, upgrades to fair haven Hall, arts and crafts building, Youth Hall and main office. We qualify for rebate with the electric company if the upgrades are completed. Grandstand lights also need to be replaced Gary has a company needing to test lights and that could be a possibility to get them replaced.

Christy discuss the website and our Facebook site they should be up and running soon.

Matt discussed vision 2020, they're looking into a 92 by 180-foot show arena doing additions to the existing arena to double the size. The plan is to extend the current show arena towards the hog barn And then extend the hog barn out to the East plans need to be drawn up and they will need board approval to continue to move forward vision 2020 presentation of the building to be done at the June meeting.

Lengthy discussion had on our local health Department rules for COVID-19 along with the Richland County Sheriff's Department as it relates to the fair. Further clarification of rules through the health Department to hold a fair will be forthcoming.

Executive committee will meet June 3rd to have discussion with the Health Department to move forward with some sort of modified fair.

Concern about donations for the fair discussed if we do not have a normal fair. some donors may not want to Give a donation If it is only an animal junior fair. Matt discuss the livestock getting 6% of the kids auction check, Pause the question should we change that amount.

Kim M. discussed a spreadsheet she is prepared with different counties and what they charge for grounds fees for exhibitor's vs what we do currently.

Matt made mention of charging advisors for entry rather than doing free passes for everyone.

Events coordinator needs to locate phone numbers with individuals with scheduled events and or rentals.

Motion made to move the meeting to next Thursday June 4th at Seven made by Dale Hewlett 2nd Kim motion carried.

Lynn Caudill discussed signage that was in violation in the horse areas house bill 564 equity liability act needs to be displayed. ROSS and Barn raisers agreed to help we need approximately two dozen signs we also need to place signs in the speed barns on the other side of the grounds.

Judy discuss junior fair livestock judging will be done virtually via zoom over the course of three days. She is also asking for help with judging July 7th 14th and 16th will be livestock judging July 14th and 22nd will be still projects.

Old business

Ladies auxiliary reports Jean green will no longer be working they have about 5 folks left and need volunteers to help with events to raise money for the grounds. pat will not be spearheading the fair Four 2020 we need volunteers to help run the kitchens for events once we resume operations.

Winter storage still has items left in the barns, Gary and grounds crew is working to make contact and get those items out. Tom is getting you keys in a lock box for the gates there are individuals with keys that should not have keys to the grounds.

Discussion had on County Fair cost in preparation Are we going to be able to have a fair with no income. Entertainment costs approximately \$38,000 at this time we cannot have any ground grandstand entertainment per the governor's orders. We must maintain all COVID- 19 restrictions. Fairs start up is approximately \$84,000 for a full fair. \$20,000 is approximated cost for COVID-19 cleaning. Questions were asked as to whether we must supply masks? also it was made mentioned to do online ticket sales versus in person sales. Discussion was had on doing a possible modified show and what that might look like. Livestock committee as well as Ladies auxiliary both can contribute money to do some sort of exhibit for the junior fair if needed.

A letter from a junior fair board member Kelsey Snyder was read by Gary to the board.

Shirley stated it would cost around \$62,500 for the junior fair if we would proceed. Dave Dick discussed pushing for a full fair.

Discussion had on the concert, could we buy out of the contract? Gary is gonna speak with RJ. It's going to be hard to socially distance her governor's orders with our grandstands.

Nick move to adjourn the meeting second by Carol Toms

Minutes respectfully submitted

Jessica Pace Calhoun