

**Teton County Fair Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 9, 2022 Teton County Courthouse and via Zoom**

**Open:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by John Smaellie. Board members present were John Smaellie, Sarah Hoffman, Phyllis Hansen, Jared Bevan and Randy Fusi, Cara Olaveson and Roger Kaufman. Others present were Commissioner Michael Whitfield, Tammy Sachse, Audrey and Mark Gomm, Lisa Grimsley, Lane Hillman and Hallie Poirier.

**Minutes:** February 9, 2022 meeting minutes were read. Phyllis motioned to approve the February 9th minutes. Jared seconded. All in favor.

**Financial Reports:**

**FY 2022** expense budget starts at \$212,332. Year to date; \$46,224 or 22% of the budget has been spent. That leaves a balance of \$166,108. The projected Revenue for FY 2022 is \$91,900. Year to date revenue collected is \$25,205 or 27% of the budget.

**Discussion items:**

**A. 2022 Fair:**

**1. Persons in attendance**

Audrey & Mark Gomm do historical interpretations and would like to create a historical presence during Fair. There will be an 1880-1920 era encampment north of the museum along HWY 33. The public will meander through the different tents to learn about the settler way of life. Mark will demonstrate how to build a log cabin and there are other interested residents to demonstrate era games, candle making, blacksmithing, trapping, flint mapping, etc. This would be a great way to also engage the museum. Audrey is hoping to reenact some local family stories. They will volunteer their time; history is their passion and they believe in educating the younger generations via a hands-on approach. It makes sense to camp for several days given the work it takes to set up. They will provide their own security.

AJ Woolstenhume is interested in doing a few draft horse clinics during Fair. He would like to create an opportunity for those interested in farming with draft horses to experience what it's like to pull a team and so much more.

Lisa Grimsley has been involved with the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association since 2007, which is the fastest growing equine sport in the country. She is part of the Wyoming Desperados, a local sanctioned club in the state of WY. Riders shoot at 10 balloons using a 45 caliber single action revolver. Heat and gas break the balloon, certified ammo goes 10-15 feet max. Classes range from junior to senior levels. Additional added money for their event is \$5000. Lisa would like to have a clinic in June to introduce the sport to those local riders that would be interested in competing at Fair!

**2. Events:** Pig Wrangling - Mark Romriell will provide 40 pigs per our requested wrangling classes for \$3000. Tent- Canvas Unlimited has a 40x60 B quality tent for sale for \$7,500.00 and Sky High Rental in Idaho Falls is \$3,100. Hallie will continue the hunt for tent rentals. Marvin has replied yes for Figure 8 races. Music-Thomas Sneed has us on his radar.

**3. Theme:** A healthy discussion on fair themes concluded the 2022 Theme: Trails & Tales of Teton Valley

**4. Sponsors:** Sponsor forms/list of 2021 sponsors/hats handed out. List of additional sponsors discussed.

### **B. Fair Board & Friday night Rodeo concessions**

**Action Item:** Vote on selling concessions @ Friday night rodeos. Majority of Fair Board members voted no. Eleven rodeos is just too much to commit to with the uncertainty of the members' summer schedules and the amount of work it takes to pull off a single shift.

**Action Item:** Vote to compensate non Fair Board members who help with pick up/deliveries: N/A.

## **5. Old Business:**

**A. Teton Valley Balloon Rally 2022:** Virginia Powell Symons has confirmed they will not be doing the balloon camp this summer. They want to wait until next year to allow for more prep and planning.

**B. Pavilion use:** Reservations are less but still steady.

**C. ARPA funds and request to Bocc:** Commissioner Whitfield recommended getting in front of the Bocc to talk about requesting ARPA funds for a building at the fairgrounds. There are a lot of requests coming in and he thinks it is important for the Fair Board to talk about how the fairgrounds is an asset and this would be an opportunity to create a shared space that will continue to benefit the community. Our current master plan includes a new building that would house the Fair Board office, 4-H office and classroom space, including a conference room and storage. John said other partners could include the County Emergency Management. Roger and John both suggest Search and Rescue could be a good partner. Randy commented that a nicer bigger facility would bring in more revenue especially with commercial kitchen availability.

**6. Other news:** Food Trailer: the original water tank arrived but the drain is in the wrong spot. Eagle Rock RV is looking to order another tank from a different company. Roger and Hallie attended the Grand Teton Canal Co meeting Feb 25th 7pm. The board members present confirmed that the Grand Teton Canal Co is the authority that would either approve or deny any disturbances to the ditch that runs along the northern fairgrounds' property, for any reason. Officers were to be nominated but that has been postponed until further review of water share ownerships are confirmed.

**Adjourn:** Cara motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:08pm, Jared seconded, all in favor.