

Teton County Fair Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2022 Teton County Courthouse and via Zoom

Open: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by John Smaellie. Board members present were John Smaellie, Randy Fusi, Jared Bevan, Roger Kaufman, Phyllis Hansen. Absent: Sarah Hoffman, Cara Olaveson. Others present were Dan Reyes, Jim McNall, Tammy Sachse, Abby Grundler, Lane Hillman and Hallie Poirier.

Minutes: July 13, 2022 were reviewed. Roger motioned to approve the July 13th minutes. Jared seconded. All in favor. No September meeting due to lack of quorum.

Financial Reports:

End of FY 2022 Report. Expense budget started at \$212,332. Total FY 2022 expenses: \$200,747 or 95% of the budget was spent. Leaving a balance of \$11,585. The projected Revenue for FY 2022 was \$91,900. Year to date revenue collected \$100,988 or 110% of the projected amount.

FY23 Report: Expense budget starts at \$239,161.00 Revenue for FY23 is \$97,300.00

Persons in attendance: Dan Reyes, County Manager introduced Jim Mcnall, a rep of ICRMP, county insurance carrier. Jim gave a presentation on Idaho Open Meeting Law and a summary on statutory boards.

Discussion items: 2022 Fair

A. Fair Budget Review: Fair Rev totaled \$25,326.00 of which \$16,585 came from sponsors

B. Review of Fair schedule with discussion/feedback:

Style Revue- went well per Tammy.

The **4H Horse Show** took place at the outdoor arena until the judge called to move it to the indoor pavilion, due to weather. Discussion on a weather contingency for 4H horse show and fairgrounds facilities took place. Tammy stated that ultimately the 4H judge decides the location of a show and whether relocation is necessary due to weather. Abby said that she could add a "weather contingency plan" discussion item to the Horse Club Committee Nov 7th agenda and report back to the Fair Board. Working Ranch took place in the outdoor arena.

Hallie reported that the ***Open Class Trail Course** was successful. Lots of volunteers showed up to help set up the course and the Horseless Rider Club was very excited to be able to participate at Fair for the first time. A handful of public riders went through the course multiple times and a total of \$100 was donated to Hapi Trails.

The **Pig Wrangle** event had a new pig supplier this year. There were lots of new and seasoned volunteers. Participant rules and pig weights should be reviewed by the board and pig supplier prior to next year. Rules should be included with the registration paperwork and possibly signed by each team member. It was obvious that a few pigs were stressed in the arena.

Open Class drop off was busy with lots of entries. Four new volunteers were very helpful in setting up, organizing items and assisting the public. An Open Class committee could be beneficial given all the details including departments/classes, entry tag information, organizing and displaying items, finding judges, judging forms for certain departments,

ribbons etc. Phyllis, Tammy and Abby all said there were lots of comments on the judging of the quilts, several participants had questions on their ribbons and comments made on their judging forms. Phyllis suggested that we offer a way to mark entries that are for sale if participants are interested in selling their work.

***4H Packgoat Club** demo was a success.

***The Mountain High Mounted Shooters** event was a big hit, positive responses all around. Their group would like to come back next year Aug 8th for a day event and a showcase at 7pm. No objections. Tammy said it was a great opportunity for 4H Shooting Sports clubs to earn money; club members reset balloons during the event.

4H Dog Club went well, lots of kids this year.

***4H Llama Club demo** will need to change time for next year, they got spooked by the cattle weigh in. Livestock shows went great, they had one amazing judge for all the shows. Discussion took place on having the Livestock Committee come to a meeting prior to Fair 2023 to talk about what they do and how the Fair Board could help promote the sale.

Day events on Saturday were quieter this year compared to last. School sports started the same week as Fair. Revisit having vendors next year and what that could look like; who will organize it and be the contact.

Figure 8 Race had fewer participants. Lawn mower racers were very excited to be there. Hallie will get the 2023 dates request into Public Works for use of the road grader.

***Wagons and Tales Living History** encampment west of the exhibit hall was a site to behold. The hands-on experience and engagement with fair goers was a great addition. Their daily demos were well attended, especially the black powder demo. There was a historic map of the valley at the entrance and a way to check your family history. Volunteers eagerly told stories of original townships and demonstrated settler life from kitchen cooking, tin making, broom making, quilting, candle making, ropes and clothes, a gunsmith, even a milking cow and two calves were present. Considerations for next year: Security and waivers should be reviewed for any overnight campers. There were a few incidents of marauders sifting around the encampment, getting on the roof of the exhibit hall and taking the golf cart without permission. Committees will help with event planning and details, especially for our 100 year Fair. If vendors are present, registration and fees need to be reviewed.

*new events at Fair

Old Business:

ARPA: Committee should be established to apprise the Fair Board.

Tin Cup: Raised \$955.00, with the Community Foundation match award \$477.50 = \$1,432.50 total. Tin Cup could be another way to raise money for any special projects once we start building infrastructure with ARPA funds.

Building/Grounds:

Hallie brought the Harmony Existing Conditions Survey for the board to review.

Building rental fees and contracts have been updated, translated and are posted on our website.

John and Jared mentioned an incident that happened during a recent weekend rental where a security guard's tires were slashed. Hallie recently spoke to the Sheriff and a deputy at two separate county meetings. Apparently a few knife fights took place during the past few weekend rentals. Hallie emailed the Sheriff's office our public calendar link so they know what weekends are rented and requested drivebys when their schedule allows.

The BOCC approved \$15K (total) from our FY22 and FY23 to be spent on camera supplies and installation. County IT, Greg Adams, had a company install the conduit for fiber last week from HWY33 to the outdoor arena. Hallie is still hoping to receive a bid from Bart for the electrical work and camera installation. Randy said to be sure and get plenty of surveillance signs to post.

The Community Garden has had several successful workshops this season and recently received a USDA People's Garden sign to display.

Lane updated the board on the water pipe up to the arena that needs repaired as well as the pipe that intersects the runway. About 4 feet of 10 inch diameter pipe is needed. It was originally damaged when a fence was put in years ago. Lane also repaired pipes connected to the pressure tank. There is still the question of ground water availability after surface water ceases. Tractor heat and a/c is fixed. Food trailer is winterized and parked between the sheds. The exterior needs to be degreased and washed near the vent.

Adjourn: Phyllis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm, Jared seconded, all in favor.