

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

**Open:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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, Margaret Rose Breffeilh, Virginia Powell Symons, Reed Sullivan Lane Hillman and Hallie Poirier.

**Minutes:** January 12, 2022 meeting minutes were read. Roger motioned to approve the January 12th minutes. Phyllis seconded. All in favor.

**Financial Reports:**

**FY 2022** expense budget starts at \$212,332. Year to date; \$36,649 or 17% of the budget has been spent. That leaves a balance of \$175,682. The projected Revenue for FY 2022 is \$91,900. Year to date revenue collected is \$18,925 or 20% of the budget.

**Discussion items:**

- A. Teton Valley Balloon Rally 2022 and Current Facilities Use Agreement: Margaret Rose Breffeilh and Virginia Powell Symons. The 2021 Balloon Rally was very successful from the number of pilots, volunteers, spectators, etc. They anticipate 25 pilots for 2022 and 20% more campers. The field will stay closed to the public to allow pilots more mobility. Fair Board will now be promoted as co host of the Event. Requested camping dates: June 28th-July 5th. A nonprofit is desired to provide breakfast July 1-4th. Margaret appreciates the use of the fairgrounds for summer launches. She is happy to be a liaison with other pilots if needed. Some of the balloon pilots are interested in putting on a balloon camp possibly around July's Tin Cup event day. The Fair Board agrees the grounds could be used for launches and the fair building (if not rented) at a discounted rate. Margaret and Virginia will keep in touch with Hallie on camp dates. No significant changes are needed for the current Facilities Use Agreement.
- B. Teton Valley Rodeo 2022 rodeo dates: Lane Hillman said their rodeo dates this summer are: June 17, 24, July 1, 4, 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, 12 and maybe the 19th. Lane will confirm.
- C. Fair Board & Friday night Rodeo concessions: Roger said he and Natalie will help with the rodeo concessions as long as they are in town. John says he can commit to five of the rodeos. Sarah said she would do three Friday nights but could possibly also help with supply pickups in Idaho Falls on Thursdays or Fridays. Phyllis, Cara, Randy and Jared said they'll help some nights too. Everyone agreed that Natalie needs to be compensated for Idaho Falls trips. Menu should stay consistent to help with ordering supplies. Could look at asking local nonprofits to help out, Fair Board could then donate to their organization. Roger thinks we need the same cooks in the trailer, who are familiar with the grills and know how to keep food moving. Hallie will add an action item to the March agenda: Fair Board to vote on selling concessions at the Friday night rodeos, and paying non Fair Board members to manage and run the food trailer when needed.

D. **2022 Fair** Theme, Updates, Sponsor forms & Committee sign up:

**Sponsor form-** Reed Sullivan: Draft of new Sponsor Form reviewed. Fair Sponsor and Fair Book ads now combined into one form. Edits to include: moving the mission to the front page, combining contact info, total sponsorship amount and signature into the same area. Hallie will compile a list of previous sponsors and fair book advertisers. Reed suggested sending a postcard in March as a reminder to the community of open class. Estimated postcard mailer cost is \$1200. Phyllis suggested putting an article in a paper and taking flyers to the schools and using last year's fair photos for advertising, especially the contest winners. Hallie mentioned having the middle school robotics team do a demo of their class project at Fair. Committee signup options are on the website under "volunteer".

**Pigs-** Dan Hill is unable to supply pigs for our pig wrestling event. If anyone has any contacts, let Hallie know.

**Tent-** Canvas Unlimited is unable to bring us a tent due to lack of staff. John suggested asking them if they have one we could purchase. Tammy mentioned the community foundation has a few they lend out to non profits. Quotes requested from Sky High in IF 30x60 **\$3,170** which includes delivery and set up. And no response from Signature Rental also in Idaho Falls.

John said AJ Woolstenhume would like to have a working draft horse clinic and possibly an evening event in the arena. Provide wagon rides and bring farm equipment for display.

### **Old Business:**

**A. Building/Grounds update:** Katie Matkin would like to use the Fair Building for Girl Scouts troop #607 meetings this year. Everyone agrees to collect a deposit but waive rental fees. The Fair Board would like the troop to participate in open class at Fair, have a booth and help with any related service projects at the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Whitfield reminds the board that a new building at the fairgrounds is still on the BOCC's ARPA list. It would be a good idea to get in front of the commissioners to emphasize the value our current building brings to the community and what a new building could offer.

**B. Pavilion rentals:** HS Rodeo, Winter Sports have reserved times. John said the Fair & Rodeo Royalty will likely reserve time in the pavilion to practice weekly until Rodeo season. Fair Board agrees to enforce the rules posted on the entrance to the pavilion.

**C. Other news:** Fairgrounds ditch and easement(s):

Jan 24th Hallie went to Eagle rock to check on the food trailer. The step and awning both look great. They are waiting on grey water tank delivery. Hallie also went to Agri Service to pick up the tractor sensor and pay the bill.

Hallie is planning on attending the Grand Teton Canal Co meeting Feb 25th.

John said AJ Woolstenhume would like to have a farming with horses clinic. Possibly use the ground west of the community garden.

**Adjourn:** Cara motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:48pm, Jared seconded, all in favor.