

**Teton County Fair Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 11, 2023 Teton County Courthouse and via Zoom**

**Open:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by John Smaellie. Board members present were John Smaellie, Jared Bevan, Cara Olaveson, Brenda Simirl, Randy Fusi. Absent: Roger Kaufman. Others present were Wade Kaufman, Tammy Sachse, Abby Grundler, Connie Deraps, Jason Wilcox, Lane Hillman and Hallie Poirier.

**Minutes:** Dec 14, 2022 minutes were reviewed. Cara motioned to approve the minutes. Brenda seconded. All in favor.

**Financial Reports:**

**FY 2023 Report.** Expense budget starts at \$239,161. So far \$42,381 has been spent or 18% of the budget. That leaves a balance of \$196,779. The projected Revenue for FY 2023 is \$97,300 Year to date revenue is \$21,130 or 22% of the projected amount.

**Persons in attendance:**

**Wade Kaufman** with (TVTAP & Trail Grooming District 33) updated the board that they will wait until Jan 2024 to apply for the facility grant from Idaho Parks & Rec. Wade talked to them about the possibility of a joint grant with the fairgrounds and they welcome collaboration projects. Teton County would be the applicant of the grant given the structure would be at the fairgrounds. Wade said they would need 60x80 just for the grooming district's equipment, heated building with power and water. Current prices on insulated metal buildings are around \$145.00sf.

**Connie Deraps**, local 4H Sewing Club leader, was present to talk about the Style Revue at Fair. Style Revue is when the club members model and celebrate what they have made for their Fair projects. Historically it takes place the first Friday of Fair, but Connie is open to other dates as long as it is early evening so family members can attend. Connie would like to "jazz" things up this year, she wants it to be compelling for her 19 club members. There may be a new backdrop painted to place on the stage, perhaps with a 1920's theme to match our 100 year anniversary. Connie also asked if the 4H clubs could sell their made items at Fair. Any revenue will go to their individual clubs. An overall positive response was received.

**Discussion items:**

- A. Fair & Rodeo Royalty MOU:** Randy thought it looked good. Please let Hallie know of any additions.
- B. Fair Board Chair/Co Chair positions (review Fair Board handbook)** John read the handbook, a healthy conversation followed. Suggested edits: Change Fair Board monthly meeting length from 2 hours to 2-3 hours. Add members are expected to attend 75% of the annual meetings. Remove *Represent the Fair Board's position on issues in the community*. John reminded everyone that members are asked to donate approximately 4 hours a month between meetings to advance our mission. Hallie is available to help members in their role, use her as a resource.

**C. 100 Year FAIR: Budget, potential/confirmed events, committees:** Hallie provided a budget printout with detailed 2022 expenses and revenue for comparison to our 2023 budget expenses and projected revenue. Fair Board discussion on original (1923) Fair poster and theme took place. *Bring Your Best* is our centennial Fair theme. John said he hopes that we can show the valley how the Fair Board is still promoting our western heritage and rural traditions 100 years later. He hopes the board uses some of their monthly hours to do some research to find something cool we can commemorate at Fair from archives at the Historical Museum to binder notes in Hallie's office etc. Abby, a prior museum volunteer, confirms how much history is at the Museum. John said we owe it to the community to push the history of the valley over the last century and why our mission is so important. Perhaps the museum could lend us some items or photos for a 100 year Fair display. Hallie went over the Fair budget projected revenue and expenses. Draft fair schedule was reviewed. Hallie asked if archery would do a demo at Fair since they have their events prior to Fair week. Abby said *100 year Fair and Club Demo* topic is on all 4H committee meeting agendas. Jared said he wants to do the truck and tractor show again. Brenda suggested a display and maybe a contest of 1920's farm tools/equipment. Abby said the museum does have some old ag equipment, that might be a way to get the ag community involved. Hallie will contact the museum.

**Saturday 8/5 Wagons & Tales Heritage Day.** No updates.

**4H Horse shows** Abby looked into what other counties have done when horse shows had to cancel due to weather. A few attended Madison County's Fair. Abby reached out to Madison County and said that they were very welcoming, and that is an option. Their horse show is Aug 19th.

**Sunday 8/6 Open Class Trail Course.** Continue event unless it turns into a demo with other 4H clubs. If it stays an open class event for public to participate, we may need a committee.

**Monday 8/7 Pig Wrangle-** Hallie confirmed Mark Romierll is interested and willing to provide pigs this year. Jason Wilcox said that Mark talked about bringing another pen to put the pigs into post wrangle instead of directly back into his trailer. Jason suggested blocking off areas in the arena where people are allowed or not allowed so judges, announcer and spectators can see the wrangle without people in the way. Lane would like Mark to confirm whether he wants pigs to be washed or not. Jason said the pigs do need a way to stay cool. It might be a good idea to check in with Mark every few weeks leading up to Fair regarding pig weights and other details.

**Tuesday 8/8 Mounted Shooters-** Full day event with evening show start at 7pm. Riders likely to show up Monday and camp back at the arena.

**Open Class drop off- committee needed.** Discussion took place on our open class system; departments, ribbons, judging criteria, etc. Having rules, regulations and judging criteria on our website (prior to Fair) will help the public and the judges. Connie said she'll help with the sewing and quilting committee. Abby offered to help Connie with advertising for an open class sewing and quilting committee.

**4H Club Demos- Big Top Tent/ Pavilion-** Llama, Packgoat and STEM clubs are confirmed.

**Wednesday 8/9** Fair Board dinner and band under the big top tent. Committee would be helpful. Things to consider: band and food costs.

**Thursday 8/10** Horse Pull 6pm Julie Palmer Martin confirmed 6pm start time.

**Friday 8/11** 4H Shows, 4H Buyer's Dinner 4-6pm, Rodeo 7pm

**Saturday 8/12** Figure 8 Race- may need committee. Does the Fair Board want to use Mad Marvin? Lawn Mower Races Gary Johnson is interested. Hallie to request road grader from road & bridge.

**Music update:** Hallie attended the January 9th BOCC meeting and pitched the July 3rd concert to kick off 100 year Fair in collaboration with DDA and TREC. The commissioners were impressed by the collaboration and motioned to approve a July 3rd concert at the courthouse lawn. The collaboration with DDA is a good idea because they hosted a July concert at the same location last year. They can assist with the logistics in securing necessary permits and food and beverage vendors. They also have lots of sponsors and volunteers. The collaboration also provides lots of exposure via cross promotion. Hallie is still waiting on Ned LeDoux's rider. An MOU between DDA, Fair Board/Teton County will need to be established.

**B. Building/Grounds:** Lane will be gone Feb 3 - 23rd. Things that need to be covered while Lane is out: Plowing the parking lots, grooming the arena, using floor cleaner at minimum in the building on Feb 6th. The public is in the fair building Monday- Thursday for the month of February.

**Rentals/Community use and events:**

Feb 4-6th Building Sled Dogs Banquet  
Feb 25th Building Boots & Bells Dance TVFRR  
Feb 24-27th Pavilion Skijoring Horses  
April 17th Building 4H Scholarship Dinner  
April 21-23rd Building Teton Valley Earth Day  
May 12-13 Outdoor Arena District & HS Rodeo  
May 21st Building TVFRR Pageant  
June 3rd-11th Building and Grounds Teton Wilderness Adventures  
June 28th- July 5th Building and Grounds Teton Valley Balloon Rally  
Oct 30-Nov 4th Building TVSki Swap

**C. Security Cameras** No updates

**D. RFQ/RFP** Fairgrounds master plan. No updates

**E. Water storage tank:** Hallie spoke to the County Clerk and Public Works about our water issue. They are looking into resources. We might be able to use Solid Waste's water truck this summer. While a possible long term solution would be to get the current Road and Bridge water truck when they get a new one.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44pm, Jared seconded, all in favor.