

Park County Fair Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Dec. 15, 2015

Guests Attending: Livingston Roundup was represented by Carla Williams, Shields Valley FFA Advisor Aly Gill was present, Justin and Judy O'Hair, along with Tim Henson.

Members Attending: Chair Stacy Sunvison, Vice-Chair Heather Malcolm, Bill Rambow, Mike Adams, and Steve Caldwell.

The meeting was called to order by Stacy at roughly 7:06 p.m.

Carla great announcement is LRA met with the commissioners and have generously donated their old sound system. Kim requested a list of the inventory of the system. Carla will get it. Kim thanked Carla and asked that she passed it onto the rest of her group. She also inquired as to why they were donating it and the answer was they have outgrown it.

No one was present for Park County 4-H Council.

Aly addressed the group in regards to the music. She agreed that the same committee would be able to work out the details. She was in agreement with Charley Jenkins on July 29 at 8-8:30 p.m. and had no information about the Ringling 5 or Crazy Mountain Express. One of her students was going to be in contact. Further discussion about it followed with advertising, sponsorship, presale tickets, credit card machine, etc.

The Park FFA Advisor sent an email. He communicated the chapter would continue to host the Sundown, Showdown for the 2016 fair. It was too early for them to make any additional comments.

Mike and Bill approved the minutes. The vote passed.

Old Business: Kim explained the results of the Christmas fair with 1,050 folks attending, which is down from a year ago, but the weather was nice and folks tend to go over to Bozeman. There were several new vendors along with the favorite returnees. Over a \$5000.00 deposit from the vendors was made. Kim thanked the board for all their help before, during and after with the dismantling. In regards to the business of the Xmas fair, it was there were two vendors that had to cancel at the last minutes due to deaths. Kim expressed their disappointment in not being able to come, but these were unexpected circumstances. She felt strongly their vending fees should be returned. Mike moved we return their money to them. Stacy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A quick rundown of fair entertainment was made. In addition Stacy reported she had visited with Matt Strong and they wanted a vending spot this year. Kim asked if they were supplying a tractor for the arena. Stacy will check on it.

Mike and Heather moved and seconded to have the Reptile Lady back. Motion carried.

Discussion about the CIP ensued. Stacy delivered information and asked questions of Steve. Kim is to schedule a walk through with the commissioners after Jan. 1.

New Business: Kim passed out two letters from folks that vended at the Aug. Livingston Gun Show requesting we update our Wii services due to the fact they have to perform gun checks on the spot. It has been addressed before and the board had chosen not to update the system due to the high costs

involved and not much demand to improve our services. Further discussion followed with Tim explaining information he had collected about changing servers and costs involved with it. Heather moved we update our Wii. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kim will be in touch with Erica, IT Dept. Head, to get moving on it.

Stacy spoke about her idea and feelings about board members getting involved with the fair and fairgrounds by forming committees. Everyone is involved and helping to plan and get involved. It will help with communication, work as a team and help Kim. Results are the positive feedback from LRA.

Kim comments with the fact it has been a straight up arrow for her in every part of the fair. She appreciated and continues to appreciate the board members that have helped and continue to help with the fair and fairgrounds. They are very valuable folks! Committees are fine, but there has to be communication back to me and I need to be a part of all of it.

Carla added it has been very positive for LRA. It has improved the communications very much.

Stacy added it helps make the decisions and there is consistence with it. She likes open communications that is why she emails everyone and encourages everyone to email her back.

She asked Kim to email minutes and agenda prior to the meetings.

A quick Manager's Report also included rentals, storage, projects, etc.

Under public comment Stacy added she was working on a proposal for the Bop-A Dips with a car show on the grounds in June. She would be explaining and giving the details at the Jan. meeting.

Mike and Bill moved and seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Knutson, Fair Manager