

## Park County Fair Board Meeting Minutes

Jan. 19, 2016

Guests Attending: Carla Williams, Mary Anne Keyes, Tyler and Jesse Sarrazin.

Members Attending: Stacy Sunvison, Amanda Hamm, Heather Malcolm, Mike Adams, Jim Sykes, and Bill Rambow.

Stacy, the board chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

LRA-Carla handed out the inventory of the sound equipment that LRA so generously donated to Park County Fairgrounds. She gave some highlights about the Boots & Buckles festivities coming to the fairgrounds on Feb. 13. Kim thanked Carla for the list and a big thank you to the entire LRA for the wonderful donation of the sound system in the arena.

Mary Anne jumped in to offer community service to LRA to take care of the clean up after their Boots & Buckles Ball so they could continue to have shooting sports. Carla reported she would follow up with her group and get back to the fair manager. Both Stacy and Kim reported LRA had rented the building for the entire day on Sunday.

Mary Anne reported on the numbers they were seeing within the 4-H program as far as livestock. During the early January beef weigh in they saw 30 steers and 7 heifers. Jim followed with a report of roughly 40 kids for shooting sports.

Mary Anne also asked about the fair vet inspection. Kim reported it was addressed at the Dec. board meeting. The board along with the vets agree to have all large animals walk in front of the vets during inspection.

Kim reported Shields Valley was working on a motor cross event for their evening of the fair.

Heather moved to accept the minutes as written and Amanda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: Jim moved to take it to council to recommend all animals come out of the trailers for the vets to see them walk. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Then we progressed through the LRA contract with Carla.

Amanda reminded the group we should take care of the ranch rodeo committee members to patiently waiting on us. Tyler and Jesse answered questions and delivered info to the board and guests present. They promise to make it bigger and better with additional sponsors and iron out some of the little things. They were the highest pay out in the state. Tyler stated if we keep the contestants happy –they will keep coming. He did point out the issue with Park FFA Alumni over the banners. He encouraged the board to get those things ironed out now instead of at the fair.

Under fair entertainment, Amanda moved we amend to give Shields Valley FFA \$2500.00. Jim seconded the motion. Mike moved to amend the motion by adding the words until Mar or we take the money back. Heather seconded the amendment. Both actions carried.

The fair manager presented further options to finish out the fair entertainment budget. She also reported entertainers or agents were still asking to get booked via phone or email. Heather moved we have the Amy and Pat from Billings that do a little bit of everything Thursday of the fair. Amanda seconded the motion. Amanda then amend the motion by striking Thursday. Heather seconded the amendment. Further discussion felt we needed to see what worked for them and where they could best help us. The amendment passed as did the main motion.

Stacy's committee involvement ideas was touched upon, but action was taken.

Kim reported Charter would be present on Feb. 18 along with Erica, the IT manager, to see if they could improve our situation with the Wii. If it works they will go ahead and install it on this date.

New Business: A quick reminder that the Livingston Gun Show was coming in a couple of weeks. This is a big money maker for the fairgrounds. Please support it.

Stacy encouraged the board to get behind the kickoff celebration idea for the fair on July 23. We could have some music, food, and preview what is going to happen at the fair this year. There is a lot of support out there to make some changes and changes are needed. Plus folks are wanting music this addresses it. We need to check out the options and move forward. Heather moved we move forward to working out the details for the kickoff celebration of the fair before we go to the commissioners. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried. A meeting will be scheduled sooner than our next board meeting. Kim is to take care of the details and notify the board.

A brief discussion lead by Kim asking if the Feb. meeting could be moved to late Feb. It was agreed Feb. 29 would be the date.

Mike and Heather moved to adjourn this January Park County Fair Board Meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Knutson, Fair Manager