

Kathie McWaid, President: PRESENT
Jedidiah Haney, Vice President: ABSENT (UNEXCUSED)
Kya Ramirez, Secretary: PRESENT
Theresa Reid, Sgt. Of Arms: PRESENT
Heidi Thomsen, Member: PRESENT
Paul Longwell, Member: PRESENT
Don Wadsen, Member: PRESENT
Mike Rendon, Member: ABSENT (UNEXCUSED)
Peggy Zimmerman, Member: PRESENT
Larry Stamp, Member: PRESENT

THURSTON COUNTY FAIR BOARD

JULY 7TH, 2022 @7PM

HERITAGE HALL

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 1ST, 2022
 - a. Don approves, Larry seconds, motion passes
3. CORRESPONDENCE
 - a. There is a girl named Madison Keller who sent the fair board a buyer letter. What is said, in summary, is explaining her market lamb project and looking for support in one of the three ways: buying her market lamb, bidding on her lamb (to raise the bid, so she can receive more money), or giving her what is called an add-on.
4. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Agriculture
 - i. Not met
 - b. Promotions
 - i. They talked about the welcoming ceremony cupcake decorating contest. The commissioners will decorate a cupcake and the audience will decide who won. We, the fair board, will provide the frosting and cupcakes. There will also be cupcake decorating throughout the day for kids.
 - ii. The fair board can't thank the 4Hers enough for coming out to the Tumwater 4th of July Parade. There was so much participation and animals that showed up and we ended up winning the *Best Animal Award* and the *Most Cuddling Animal*. This parade was a huge success. The next parade is Lake Fair Parade. This is coming up on July 16th and we need to be there at about 2:00 for judging and set up. Peggy will try and get the word out to the 4Hers to get participation for that parade. The last parade

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of the season is the Rainier Parade and is on August 28th.

- iii. The fair board also got some magnetic signs for cars to have on.
- iv. We have had some trouble getting all the gardening done ourselves, so we are having a work party tomorrow, July 7th from 9am-12pm. Larry is also recruiting some other gardeners to help with the front.
- v. On July 12th, we are meeting to clean out Moms Spot, the Fair Board Office, and if time is on our side, we'll clean out the School House.

c. Facilities/Safety

- i. Not Met

d. Scrapbook/History

- i. In the process of printing pictures and making the scrapbook. Also, Olympia Photo Club will be able to take pictures of the fair, so the committee doesn't have to.

e. Commercial

- i. They continue to get applications. There are things outside that are getting filled, but there are still open spots inside. We have new food vendors Egg Roll Hut, a new milkshake company, a new cotton candy company (they're shaped as animals), etc.

f. Still Life

- i. None

g. Entertainment

- i. There is a group that had taken over the Battle of the Bands. They have 3-4 bands perform on Thursday and Friday. Each round there will be a winner and they'll go up against each other and the winner will win \$1500 and the second place winner will win \$750. The winners will be determined by the audience.
- ii. We will have the reptile place that has the tortoises back behind the market sale office. In their old spot is Grizzly Art and they are chainsaw carvers.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Bylaws are done and Kathie will get it signed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Recruiting new Fair Board Members

b. Preparation of Fair

- i. There are some tiny details that may not get done this year, but we need to know to not worry about it because we are doing everything we can to get as much done as we need. There has been some staffing issues, so we are doing this all on our own.
- ii. There have been 25 hanging baskets purchased, so if you are around the fairgrounds they are all around. Kathie has been trying to maintain the upkeep and watering of those baskets.
- iii. Pen Set Up is being changed to July 21st

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- c. Superintendent Ice Cream Social-REVIEW
 - i. It went very well. There were a couple of questions, but nothing shocking. Theresa got great input from all the groups when she made her rounds at the end of the event.
 - ii. We still have electrical spots available, but everything else is sold out.
 - d. Avian Flu (Bird Flu)
 - i. With recommendations from the state veterinarian, there will be no poultry display, no poultry showing because of the bird flu. The poultry barn will be filled with pictures of the kids and other things to fill the barn. We are allowed to have poultry if there is no verified case in 30 days (the last case was June 28th). The exhibitors will be allowed to show virtually.
 - e. Nominating Committee Report
 - i. Kathie for President and Hedi for Secretary
 - ii. Peggy motions, Don seconds, motion passes
7. FAIR FOUNDATION REPORT
- a. The new shed has been completed (the inside is ivory and the outside is sky blue).
8. EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT: Theresa Reid
- a. Advertisement: There is a half page ad as well as an article about us in the *Showcase Magazine*. They have a calendar of all the events and there unfortunately was a mistake on the calendar and they put the wrong date, but everywhere else was the correct dates. There is someone we have named Alec Beers who is going to run our Facebook during the fair as well as during the off-season. He will also be at the fair taking pictures and videos.
 - b. Public Health has bought things for their vaccine clinic that will be stores at the fair if they need to use in the future. There are over 200 cones that we will get to use, the sheds that are around the fair are also ours, and we got their radios as well.
 - c. We were approached by Coastal Farm and Ranch for a sponsorship. They are sponsoring us \$5,000 in cash. During weigh-in, they are bringing buckets and other things for the exhibitors and there will be a BBQ for the exhibitors and parents from 5pm-7pm. Also, they are having a booth at the fair that also goes with their sponsorship.
 - d. Our t-shirts are in!!!
 - e. There is a new ticketing company, *Sasquatch Company*.
 - f. Theresa has been trying as hard as she can to recruit workers. She went to the Yelm FFA Alumni Firework Stand and the Yelm Track and Field Firework Stand to try and get some workers. We need 12 more workers (not including maintenance) and we are willing to hire 15 year olds rather than only doing 16+.

MEETING ADJORNED @8:02PM

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