

Paul Longwell, President (Present)
Michael Carney, member (Absent, Excused)
Lance McElroy, member (Present)
Don Wadsen, member (Present)
Kya Ramirez, Vice President (Present)
Mikhail Cherniske, member (Present)
Kathie McWaid, member (Present)
Justin Wikoff, member (Present)
Heidi Thomsen, Secretary (Absent, Excused)
Oscar Hernandez, member (Present)
Larry Mahan, member (Present)
Theresa Reid, Sgt. Of Arms (Present)
Linsey Lyons, member (Present)
Larry Stamp, member (Absent, Excused)

THURSTON COUNTY FAIR BOARD
October 4, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- a. Theresa Scott from home and arts and Kyla Poland from Yelm FFA
 - i. Kyla Poland proposes a Weight of Gain Race that will be with both 4-H and FFA. The showman will be weighing their animals in the spring as well as at the fair. During the spring weigh in day, there will be a show clinic held as well. Kyla will be talking to the TCYMAS sometime this month and bring back the feedback back to the next meeting.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF: September 6, 2023

- a. Oscar Hernandez moves to app

3. CORRESPONDENCE: None

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Agriculture
 - i. None
- b. Promotions
 - i. None
- c. Scrapbook/History
 - i. They have been meeting weekly and the scrapbook is a work in progress, but someone will need to take it to the state convention.
- d. Commercial
 - i. None
- e. Facilities/Safety
 - i. There were some pictures given by Mike to Theresa of things that need to be fixed before the next fair.
- f. Still Life
 - i. None
- g. Entertainment

- i. Theresa did meet with the sound company over things done well and things that needed to be worked on. There has been a bid done for next year but we are waiting for an entertainment committee to be formed to commit.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Committee Sign ups
 - i. Each person has a form to sign up for a committee. A recommendation is to have the committees set and stone and have one meeting before the November meeting. The importance of committee meetings is crucial in getting a great, fair going.
- b. Required trainings: Open Public Meetings Act & Safe Driving (*see attachment for instructions*)
 - i. Current Board members-renew Open Public Meeting Act:
 - a. **Open Public Meeting Act**
 - Don Wadsen
 - Theresa Reid
 - Mike Rendon
 - Lary Stamp
 - Paul Longwell
 - Kya Ramirez
 - Larry Mahan
 - a. **Safe Driving Training**
 - All current board members need renewal
 - ii. New board members required: Open Public Meeting & Safe Driving:
 - Michael Carney
 - Linsey Lyons
 - Oscar Hernandez
 - Mikhail Cherniske
 - Lance McElroy
 - Justin Wikoff

7. FAIR FOUNDATION REPORT

- a. Secondhand Safari was a success, but we are moving the next year event to October rather than September.

8. EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT: Theresa Reid

- a. Theresa had reports handed out to members about the numbers from the 2023 TCF Event ONLY and they were great numbers. So much better than last year. Something to think about for the agriculture committee is to maybe not charge the open class animals for entry as there is not much revenue from it. Attendance was over 20,000 and that was 5,000 more than the last year fair.
- b. The Washington State Fair Commissioner came to this years fair this year and left us a great review and great feedback, but there were some things that were missed by the commissioner and we got 40 more points than we did from last year, but as the commissioner did miss some

things, we could have gotten a 100 more points. This review always determines how much money we get from the Washington State Department of Agriculture.

Meeting adjourned @7:40PM

Minutes submitted respectfully by: Kya Ramirez

Thurston County Fair July 24-28, 2024

Next FB meeting November 1, 2023

Open Public Meetings Act Training Link:

<https://wacities.org/data-resources/open-public-meetings-act-elearning>

Safe Driving Training:

This training will need to be done at the Fair Office on a county computer. You may call the fair office or email to set up an appointment to take the Safe Driving Training course.