

Board Minutes

February 13, 2020

Board Members in attendance: Jennifer Rigg, Josephine Bangs, Minnie Knych, Brad Fincher, Barbara Bevens

Parks & Fair Staff in attendance: Jennifer Allen, Adrienne Bourne

Convened: 9:02am

Approval of December Minutes: Minnie Knych moved to approve December and January minutes. Josephine seconded the motion; minutes approved.

Guests in Attendance: 4-H Program Coordinator, Wendy Waxman

County Staff in Attendance: Mark Tompkins, Interim Parks & Fair Director

Guests Open Forum: Wendy said 4H enrollment deadline is 3/1/2020. Wendy said there are currently 92 participants enrolled in 4H. A 4H knitting club will be starting soon, and a LEGO club has been meeting at the San Juan Island Library. Wendy said the \$5,000 revenue from 4H's budget for Fair expenses was not formalized with Brook Brouwer and is not in the 4H budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

FAIR:

- Sponsorship: Jennifer Allen said she has updated the Fair sponsorship brochure for 2020 to include the Vuelta la Luna Variety Circus.
- Entertainment Update: Jennifer Allen & Lars Sorensen are looking at the possibility of having escape rooms at the Fair this year, and may charge fairgoers an additional escape room entry fee. Jennifer said Lars is also going to see if the Fair can have VR games this year.
- Putt-Putt Golf / Stick Horse Races: Jennifer Allen asked if Fair Board wants to have Putt-Putt Golf at the Fair again this year. Discussion of Putt-Putt and Stick Horse Races. Fair Board may have Stick Horse Parade at the Fair in 2020 for High Noon Games.
- Fair Housing Needs: Jennifer Allen reached out to Wayfarer's Rest. Jennifer Rigg said she would reach out to Roche Harbor. Barbara Bevens said there would be housing for the Horse Judge again this year.
- BBQ Nights / Late Night Acoustics: Jennifer Allen said the only nightly BBQ vendor last year was Purple and Gold. Discussion of having a "farm to table" fundraiser dinner for the Fair. Jennifer said Lars would like to use the western facing awning for nightly acoustic music or sponsor seating for Main Stage entertainment. Barbara suggested using the Tack Barn for acoustic music during fair. Discussion of having a community/fundraising dinner in the Ag Tent.

- Vendor Layout: Jennifer Rigg said she'd like to move her vendor space and be closer to the Poultry/Rabbit Tent, where the Ag Tent has been in the past. Discussion of selling Parks merchandise at the Fair, near where Fair merchandise/Loea booth has been previously.

OTHER:

- Friday Harbor High School Community Projects: Jennifer and Adrienne went to FHHS to suggest volunteer projects for Comm. Projects Class. Two Friday Harbor students have expressed interest in painting a mural emphasizing Leave No Trace principles.
- Online Purchasing Update: Jennifer Allen has been working with Rhonda Pederson in the Treasurer's Office. The Treasurer's Office uses Point & Pay, which is compatible with Sapphire. Discussion of online ticketing and selling merchandise online.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Poster Art Refined Draft: Board reviewed Eliza Habegger's latest sketch for "2020: A Fair Odyssey". Jennifer Rigg suggested a more futuristic font for the poster. Jennifer Rigg will work with Eliza for Superintendent/Staff t-shirt design.
- Ordinance Revision: Jennifer Allen said she will be meeting with Mark Tompkins and Mike Thomas to discuss possible revisions to the Fairgrounds RV camping program. Discussion of dry camping, increased RV sites, care to share camping, longer term off season camping/parking.
- Spring Fling, March 28th, 2020: Jennifer Allen said fairgrounds is starting to collect donated decorations, and On Sacred Ground Land Trust has applied for liquor license for the event. Brad Fincher left the meeting at 10:01am.
- VR Event, February 8th, 2020: Jennifer said many people enjoyed the event. Lars is trying to see if Heady Virtual Realty, from Bellingham, could come back for the Fair.
- Discussion of Carnival Contract: Jennifer said she has been communicating with Monica on number of rides and no live animals as prizes.

ADJOURNED at 10:14am