

# SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Meeting Minutes  
March 11th, 2022

## **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the San Juan County Fair Board was called to order at 9:03am on March 11<sup>th</sup>, in person and virtually through Teams, by Barbara Bevens.

## **Present:**

Barbara Bevens, Jennifer Rigg, Brad Fincher, Josephine Bangs.

Staff: Jennifer Allen, Carlene Balcomb-Bartok (by phone), Brandon Cadwell (Teams), Angelica Hadeen.

Community: Christine Minney, Wendy Waxman

Approval of Agenda- Motion was made by Barbara, seconded by XXX.

Approval of February, 2022 Minutes- Motion was made by Barbara, seconded by Josephine, moved with full approval of the Fair Board.

## **Open Forum**

**4-H Update:** Wendy Waxman; 4H Leaders Council has a new Board. In April they will look over the 4H Fair schedule, 4H will be advertising in the Island Rec. catalog. They have 69 enrolled across SJ, Orcas, Lopez, and Shaw, 10 are in the Clover Bud level. A questionnaire will go out to see who is really bringing animals to the Fair.

**Council Liaison Message: Christine Minney;** Update on Lodging Tax funds. Mask mandate gets lifted tomorrow, Beaverton Valley shop construction is moving along fast. Ferry reservations are open, but there will not be a Sidney run. Discussion about the sidewalk on the corner of the fairgrounds that had graffiti on it and how much it cost to fix. There was a question about the vacation rentals; Christine said the Council just got the recommendation of the Planning Commission on Tuesday, so just getting a chance to look at them. She did say that over 200 permits were dropped last year.

**Directors Message:** Brandon Cadwell; LTAC, we submitted 5 applications. One was for the PTNA update; adding the Fairgrounds as an urban park and renovations of the Main building and RV restrooms, leveraging current projects to these areas as a match.

**Chair Message:** Barbara Bevens; A decision on Fair hours needs to be made, it could be a selling point for vendors if they don't have to be open for 11 hours. Discussion on who to reach out to for Sponsorship and made a list.

## **New Business:**

### **FAIR:**

Poster: the artist is making changes and will provide a line drawing for printing and coloring contest.

WSDA Fairs Health & Safety Grants: Jennifer submitted 2 more to provide heat in the main building and RV restrooms.

Discussion on purchase vs. rental of radios. \$30-\$70 a piece, life span, are there other times we can use them.

Bingo games: we need to get a permit, with Bingo every night we should get the max permit needed. Discussion on how Bingo should run, how many cards to sell, looking into cards and stamps, and prize money.

Orcas Events has tents to rent, Jennifer is meeting with them for prices.  
Restroom floors are getting done soon.

Car show; April 23<sup>rd</sup>, sponsoring Cody Balcomb-Bartok's Community Projects Class project.

Bandon gave an update on the Historic Cabin and what needs to get fixed.

Update on Boy Scout House; The Scouts have until the end of May, but looks like there are no potential suiters to take it away.

### **Old Business:**

**Entertainment Coordinator:** Caleb Turner, with Going Left Music, will be our coordinator this year and the ball is rolling.

**Contracts:** talking to the Conservation District for Garbage & Recycle duty, Jennifer has been reaching out to service groups for Ticket gates, parking lots, and Agricultural Tent.

**Fair Layout:** Going to try for the second stage, green village to triangle area, moving vendors around, Fleece is willing to move to the Main building, but no word from Fiber & Fine Arts.

**Superintendents:** The Library has passed for Island Writers, put will reach out to their writing groups. There are still a few departments left to fill the Superintendent roll.

**Social Media:** What is this years #, Jennifer is working on a rubric for posting.

**Planning & Vision Discussion:** March 25<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting with Jeff. Question is "Direction; what you want the Board to look like"

**Announcements:** Matt's last day is May 6<sup>th</sup>, the position should be out for hire soon. Discussion on a combined the Facebook and Instagram pages for Parks & Fair, Board is in favor of the merge.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:17am.

Next meeting will be Friday April 8th, 2022, at 9am

Minutes submitted by: Carlene Balcomb-Bartok