

SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2023

Opening:

The regular meeting of the San Juan County Fair Board was called to order at 9:02am on March 10th in person, by Barbara Bevens.

Present:

Barbara Bevens, Josephine Bangs

Staff: Brandon Cadwell, Angelica Hadeen

County Council Liaison: Absent

Community Members: Bruce Rebhan, Christy Desermeaux, Kevin Roth, Becky Shanks, Jennifer Krembs

Approval of Agenda - Approved

Approval of the February 10, 2023 – Minutes were not sent out ahead of meeting.

Chair Message: None

4-H Directors Message: A Demo day on Orcas Island was done last week with more to come. 4H is up to 150 enrollments. 8 Horses are confirmed for Fair. There will be a Baseball/Softball Camp next week.

Directors Message: None

New Business:

FAIR:

Introduction of New Employee: Carmel Rubin the Parks & Fair Projects & Grants Coordinator was introduced to the Fair Board.

Vendor numbers by type-2018/2019/2022: Brandon listed total fair vendor numbers for 2018 (91), 2019 (73) and 2022 (75). The Fair is looking to increase the 2023 vendors to exceed or match the 2018 fair vendor total.

Fair/Ticket Booth Hours: The 2022 Fair hours were 11am-9pm, it was decided that the 2023 Fair hours will be 10am to 9pm with vendor/Departments open 10am-8pm with the ticket booths open at 9:00-9:30am to 8pm.

Map/Layout Discussion: A review of the Fairgrounds map and layout of vendors for the 2023 Fair was done.

Tent Discussion-Pac Party: Pacific Party is now open and available to rent Tents for the 2023 Fair. Their pricing is

Burning update: The Elementary School has some concerns about burning at the Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds did reach out to the Department of Ecology prior to burning. The placement of the burning was moved back an additional 100ft. Earlier in the day there was no wind therefore the smoke was going up, later in the day the wind did pick up a bit and started to move around. Going forward a review or request for the Elementary School schedule will be done and a notification will be sent out when burning.

Food Vendors: There was a discussion on whether to make flexible hours for food vendors or whether to have a food vendor tent where a food vendor can do one day at the fair instead of committing to four days. It was decided to reach out to past vendors and find out why they haven't come back and see if they would be willing to do one day.

Possible Vendors: Barbara would like the Board Members and Staff to come up with Five vendors outside the box for the next Fair Board meeting.

Publicity: A Fair Ad will be placed in the Island Rec mailing. There will be a County mailer sent out and electronic Ads in the electronic newspapers as well as social media alerts.

Old Business:

Capital Improvements update: Boy Scout House is scheduled to be demolished by end of the month. Hydro-seeding and grating will be done in its place. Construction will begin on the Marie Boe Building starting April 3rd.

Fairgrounds Events update: The Annual Car Show is on May 13th. The Great Island Garage Sale is on May 6th & 7th.

Poster Art Review: A review of the 2023 Fair submission was conducted, #9 was chosen for this year's 2023 Fair poster.

Fair Entry & Superintendent mtg update: A meeting will be held next Wednesday on setting up demos, fair entry, and State standards that have changed.

Entertainment update: Contracts are currently being processed for nighttime acts. The next step will be to reach out to local entertainment.

Junior Grange Update: To be involved in the 2023 Fair an existing Junior Grange organization must be in existence. A Junior Grange organization is currently being set up for next year's Fair.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

Next meeting will be April 14th at 9:00am

Minutes submitted by: Angelica Hadeen