

Country Fair Committee Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2006 meeting

Present: Barney & Tara Sheridan, John Warehime, Lucy & Dale Clouse, Jim & Robin Miotke, Roger Christopher, Larry Henderson, Jeri Ball, Charlie Deschamps, Jeri Delys, Jerry Marks, Tracy Charles, Lori Zeiser, Scot Meader, Lisa Mills, Colleen Terrazas

Barney Sheridan called the meeting to order at noon.

Map of fairgrounds

Lisa reminded the group to bring their colored maps to every meeting.

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Charlie said there is a change regarding a motion he made on January 18. Charlie said he did not know LeRoy Christopherson, Open Class Beef Barn Superintendent, planned on having a pen of four Long Horn Cattle at the fair when he made his motion recommending that Long Horn Cattle not show at the fair this year due to space limitations. Charlie said they may have to be penned outside.

Open Class Beef

Charlie reported that 40 open class beef will come in and show in one day and then leave the grounds. Once they leave, 40 mini cattle and/or mini horses will arrive.

Tent

Options:

1. \$10,000 to rent
 2. Purchase a refurbished 120x60' tent for \$15,000-\$20,000 plus shipping and set up
 3. Purchase two refurbished 60x60' tents for \$18,000 plus shipping and set up
 4. Purchase a Coverall building 72x100' with straight walls, installed for \$59,564. The fabric is guaranteed for 15 years.
 5. Contact all the tent resources in our area and find out if they would be willing to donate tents for our use during the fair this year.
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- ▶ The committee's general feeling was that since the Fair Management is working on a Master Plan for the fairgrounds that is not final, and this is our first year organizing the Country Fair, perhaps we are better off looking for donations of tents this year, rather than purchase tents. If we have to purchase a tent, that is workable. However, if we could put it off one year while we have our trial run at running a Country Fair, it would be excellent.
 - ▶ Tara was assigned the responsibility of contacting Montana Party Time, Coca Cola, Pepsi, Zip, Summit, US Army and anyone else she can think of regarding tent donations.
 - ▶ Tent decision next week.

Fund raising for Tent or Country Fair in General

- ▶ Barney does not think fundraising for \$20,000 to pay for a tent is a problem. The money would go into a Country Fair account through the 4-H Council, the Fair Office, or this committee will open their own Country Fair account. Charlie said this committee can open a checking account for the Country Fair independently.
- ▶ This committee needs to be prepared to thank every individual or business who contributes anything to the Country Fair, whether it is a can of paint or a large check. We need to identify who will handle that responsibility. When committee members receive donation, contact name and addresses are necessary in order to follow up with a thank you.
- ▶ Barney says he sees the fundraising efforts as two separate issues.
 1. Donations specifically for 4-H which has nothing to do with fair.
 2. Donations for fair improvements for the Country Fair.
- ▶ Lisa said she would research setting up a separate account, IRS non profit designation, etc. for fundraising regarding the Country Fair.
- ▶ No decision was reached regarding fundraising.

Beef in a Tent vs Sheep & Petting Zoo in a Tent

- Discussion involved moving the sheep and petting zoo into tents and the beef back onto the ice rink.
- Dale Clouse is going to apply a sample of epoxy with sand to the wash rack cement and contact the Ice Rink Representatives regarding applying this finish to the entire ice rink. This finish would help with the slippery surface we encountered last summer. Dale approximated the cost to run \$1500.
- Jim Miotke mentioned the use of heavy rolled roofing, but it tears easily, so is not a good option.

Country Fair Logo, Fence, Gates, Signs, Bleachers, Pig Boards, Picnic Tables

1. Lori Zeiser offered a font for the wording "Country Fair" for review.
2. Lori also offered a gate idea: two gates which resemble a red & white barn, large enough for emergency vehicles to pass through. On the side of the gate, there could be a silo that could serve as an information booth.
3. Direction signs could be held in place by a tractor tire.
4. "Whoa" signs in the shape of a stop sign to direct trailer movement on the grounds.
5. Larry Henderson offered to build and paint a white ranch fence which would separate the carnival area from the Country Fair. Larry said he would need pine 1x4's.
6. Larry spoke with Gene McClure regarding having his Ag Education class build bleachers. Gene said he was in favor of it and they would be inspected for sturdiness before bringing them to the fair.
7. Jim and Scot reported that they both have tried to call Trapper Creek Job Corp. and have not connected yet.

8. It was suggested that we use bails of hay around the Country Fair for seating, or see about having some benches built.
9. New pig boards are needed and extra boards are needed to separate pigs in their pens - for those who fight with their roommate!
10. Lisa will contact Opportunity Workshop regarding the construction of benches and/or picnic tables.
11. 4-H club community service projects need to go back to the old tradition of improving the fairgrounds. Kids can identify with fairground projects and have an ownership in the result.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, February 1 @ 5:30 pm** in the Extension Office conference room.

1. Tara will report on donations of tents.
2. Dale will report on the epoxy results.
3. Decision on tent.
4. Lisa will report on fundraising accounts.
5. Lisa will report on communication from Opportunity Workshop.

In addition, we will discuss:

6. Educational demonstration ideas.
7. Site Plans Update.
8. Sub-committee reports
9. Other

Oops!

This was missing from the
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Scot said the Country Fair boundaries could be increased to have an entry way into the "Country Fair" by the Cenex building on the South end of the fairgrounds. The 4-H Exhibit building and the 4-H Café would be included in the Country Fair. No decision was made.

Sorry for the deletion
Colleen