

Country Fair Committee Meeting Minutes February 1, 2006

Present: Charlie Deschamps, Joey Hennes, Jim Dixon, Jim & Robin Miotke, Lori Zeiser, Gene McClure, Larry Henderson, Daryl Thompson, Erin Demerle, Roger Christopher, John Warehime, Barney & Tara Sheridan, Scot Meader, Dale Clouse, Linda Dunlap, Caryn Kahm, Jeri Delys, Lisa Mills, & Colleen Terrazas

Barney Sheridan, Chair, called the meeting to order.

1. Epoxy Coatings for Cement

Dale Clouse reported that the epoxy coatings he mentioned last week as a possibility to lessen the slippage on the cement in the ice rink will not hold up and will cause the cement to crack. Dale said he will continue looking for options.

2. Tent

Barney Sheridan reported that the National Guard has tents that are 60' x 120' and are sand colored. They have a variety of other sized tents as well. The tents are not stored in Missoula. If the tents can be routed from storage to Missoula, the National Guard will donate the use of it to us at no cost. Barney said he will have a commitment from the National Guard by next week.

It was decided that the tent's maximum width must be 60 ft, and the maximum length 140 ft. The minimal size we need is 60' x 120'. We want truss type tents.

Tara reported that there are no deals available through Eastgate Party Rental. Montana Party Time has 20' x 40' fire tents @ \$360 rental per tent.

Daryl suggested contacting Big Sky Tent & Awning, where they will do the researching for us. Tara will contact Big Sky Tent & Awning and report back next week.

The US Forest Service is not willing to commit to tent usage to anyone but the Forest Service during the month of August.

3. Benches/Picnic Tables

Scot Meader gave Trapper Creek Job Corp an idea of what we needed in terms of benches and picnic tables. Trapper Creek is figuring out prices. Scot will report back.

4. Fundraising

Barney Sheridan suggested a radio fundraiser on a weekday. The four Fischer radio stations will participate. Donors can drive through the parking lot where people will be available to collect donations, OR they can call in pledges and place a donation on their credit card, or they can call in and we will bill them. Prior to radio fundraiser, we would want to mail letters to major businesses explaining the event. The fundraiser will be coordinated with TV, newspaper, and by having some 4-H members available to speak during the broadcast.

Lori Zeiser moved that the Country Fair Committee hold a fundraiser to raise funds for the Country Fair. Jim Dixon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

This committee, the Country Fair cCommittee, will raise funds to create the Country Fair. All purchases are owned by the Country Fair Committee.

Suggested purchases:

Tent	\$25,000
Site Prep	\$4,000
Signage	\$5,000
Construction materials	\$5,000
Creative entrances & fencing	\$2,500
Generators	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$43,500

Fundraising proposal:

Goal	\$100,000
2006 expenses	<u>- \$43,500</u>
Projected carryover	\$56,500

Scot Meader made a motion setting a \$100,000 goal for the Country Fair fundraiser. Daryl Thompson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Country Fair Donations Already Received:

- Larry Henderson advised the group that J & R Planing in Florence donated all the materials for the fencing he agreed to build.
- Lisa Mills reported that Dale Mahlum already has contributed to the Country Fair account.
- Lucy Clouse has expressed an interest in writing and mailing thank you notes to donors.

6. Charlie Russell Riders

Sixteen Charlie Russell Rider horses are housed on the fairgrounds. Eight horses have to perform in the arena twice a day. It was suggested that the horses be located in the Butler Barn and in the area in front of the Butler Barn, on the Westside of the open ice rink.

7. Logo

Lori Zeiser said she was working on a logo. Joey Hennes said the committee needs a strong logo which can be used for years. Joey let the committee know she has two graphic designers in the family that might be able to help with design once we have a general idea of what we want.

The next Country Fair Committee meeting will be **Wednesday, February 8 at noon**. Lisa will be away at a conference, but will call in and communicate via speaker phone.

Reports due on February 8:

- Barney will report on National Guard tents
- Tara will report on contact made with Big Sky Tent & Awning
- Barney will suggest a date for the radio fundraiser
- Scot will report on Trapper Creek Job Corps/benches & picnic tables

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas