

**Country Fair Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 5, 2006, noon**

Present: Barney Sheridan, Chair; Roger Christopher, Jeri Delys, Dale Clouse, Lisa Mills, Tracy Charles, Jack Hane, Jerry Marks and Colleen Terrazas

1. **Accomplishments made so far were identified on a flip chart**

- Layout of Country Fair
- Country Fair livestock schedule complete
- Logo
- Fence design, donation of materials and building has begun
- Two tents purchased
- Memorandum of Understanding complete for Fair Board review
- Accounting process defined
- Sub-committees assigned
- Donations have begun
- Fair book sent to Fair Office for printing

2. **Horse Racing**

Barney mentioned that the overwhelming feeling is that retaining horse racing is a one year commitment.

3. **Theme subcommittee report by Jeri Delys**

- Joey Hennes is researching ropes and signs.
- Larry Henderson presented one section of fence at the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. The section is 12'1" long, 4' tall and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide. There will be a special section built to allow emergency vehicles on the grounds.
- Once Larry has the fence built, the Frenchtown Valley 4-H Club will purchase paint and paint the fence.
- Daryl Thompson has the lumber donated for the entry gate. He still needs concrete and paint. An engineer is examining the plans to make sure it is structurally engineered. Daryl will meet with Scot Meader regarding anchoring the gate in place. Barney suggested that a sound system be installed in the gates.

4. **Memorandum of Understanding**

Jerry Marks reported that the document has been approved by the Chief Deputy Civil County Attorney and has been forwarded to the Fair Board for review and hopefully, approval.

## 5. Fundraising

- ▶ Barney Sheridan reminded the group that Montana First Credit Union will have the "one million pennies" collection soon. This collection will raise \$10,000. At least half of this will go to the Country Fair and the other half may go to the Watson Receiving Home.
- ▶ Lisa Mills reported that a DNRC for a grant for the Country Fair was not funded, their board felt the fair should provide more financial support.

## 6. Entities in Country Fair

- Reminder: Cenex and Quality Supply are partners in the Country Fair, have provided in-kind donations and will not be charged a booth fee at the Fair. Other businesses we have performing a clinic or demonstration as part of the Country Fair will not be charged a fee, and entry into the Fair will be provided. They are not allowed to actively sell their products at the Country Fair.
- *Lisa Mills moved to have the Country Fair Committee form a subcommittee called the "Educational/Events Subcommittee" whose duty is to determine who will be scheduled to conduct clinics or provide entertainment at the Country Fair. We welcome new people to also join the subcommittee, even if they are not on the Country Fair Steering Committee.. Tracy Charles seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*
- *Lisa Mills made a motion to exempt commercial entities that provide benefits to the Country Fair such as in-kind services, educational clinics/demonstrations or entertainment, from paying a fee to the Fair. Roger Christopher seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*
- It will be the responsibility of the Educational/Events Subcommittee to plug in the Country Fair schedule with the various events.
- Those volunteering for the Educational/Events Subcommittee so far are: Roger Christopher, Tracy Charles, Jeri Delys, Jack Hane, and Colleen Terrazas. Barney asked Roger to Chair the committee meetings.

## 7. Leveling/Grading

Dale Clouse reported that he will know Thursday if the Vo Tech students will be willing to level and grade areas in the Country Fair area.

8. **Community Service Days**

- In June we will start working on the fairgrounds and we are counting on 4-H groups/families to come forward and help all of us make the Country Fair as attractive and welcoming as possible.
- It was suggested that a barbeque/ribbon cutting ceremony be held after interview judging on Sunday, August 6. We will invite 4-H/FFA families, the Fair Board, Board of County Commissioners, and the media.

**The next Country Fair Committee meeting will be Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 pm.**

**The Educational/Events Subcommittee will meet Wednesday, April 26 at 6:00 pm.**

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas