

Country Fair Committee Minutes
July 18, 2007 meeting held at the fairgrounds

Present: Dale & Lucy Clouse, Shawna & Tiffany O'Neill, Tara & Barney Sheridan, Larry Henderson, Joey Hennes, Lori Zeiser, Robin Miotke, John Warehime, Charlie Deschamps, Jerry Marks, Jeri Delys, Lisa Mills, Colleen Terrazas

1. **Fair Commission Report**

Charlie Deschamps reprimanded the Country Fair Committee on behalf of the Fair Commission for installing a door in the llama building. That being said . . . Charlie stated that it might be a good thing as the door will add cross ventilation to that building. Charlie said what is done is done and we will move forward now. We all agreed there was a miscommunication.

2. **Budget Report**

Joey Hennes, Treasurer, had no formal report. However, she informed the group that Triple W Equipment had donated \$500 and \$650 was received from a penny drive sponsored by Montana First Credit Union in the amount of \$650. Barney added that the penny drive actually netted \$150 and the Credit Union added \$500.

3. **Fundraising Sub Committee Report**

Tara Sheridan reported the following:

- Pony ride sponsors so far are Sportland Trailer and Les Schwab Tire
- Stage sponsor is Mountain West Coop (Cenex)
- Clown sponsors so far are Reed Williams, Energy Partners, and tonight Charlie Deschamps graciously volunteered to help sponsor the clown as well
- Triple W Equipment will donate three kiddie tractors for use during the fair, which will be auctioned during the livestock auction. These tractors will need to be placed in a secure location at night.

4. **Themes Sub Committee Report by Jeri Delys**

- Cenex Tent. Cenex did not donate this tent to the Country Fair Committee, but we are allowed to use it until they do decide to sell it. They will relocate it within the Country Fair to an area decided upon by this committee.
- The Charlie Russell Riders will have an informational booth that will be "manned" from open to close of the Fair every day. Along side the trailer will be a pen with a mare and foal. The Country Fair Committee prefers that performance horses not be penned in the Country Fair area due to safety issues moving horses to shows across the fairgrounds.
- Maria Freeman will operate a beverage/ice cream truck again this year as a satellite of the 4-H Café.
- The Country Fair map must be finalized tonight. After this meeting the committee members will walk the grounds and arrive at a decision on where everything will be located.

- Lines will be spray painted on the grounds so people know where they are to set up, just in case they arrive to set up when a Country Fair Committee member is not present.

5. **Events Sub Committee Report by Lucy Clouse**

So far . . . Blue Grass Bands, Clown, Kiddie Rodeo, Pony Rides, Irish Dancers, Bitterroot Gymnastics Performances, Eric Haines, Autographs by Famous Rodeo Clown, Flint Rasmussen, Llama Demo, Face Painter.

6. **Petting Zoo Report by Tara Sheridan**

- FFA members and perhaps Opportunity Resources will help with the Petting Zoo this year.
- Animals in the petting zoo: mini horse, bottle fed calves, goats, rabbit, baby chicks, llama, dairy cow with calf, and a pig.

7. **Sound Systems**

- Tara Sheridan has received a sound system from Hi-Tech for the large show ring.
- The Extension Office has a sound system for the small show ring.
- Lucy Clouse will have a sound system from Morgenroth for the stage.

At night, all mikes and anything else for the sound systems can be locked in the Charlie Russell Riders informational booth.

8. **Location of Various Events/Performers within Country Fair Boundary**

- **Charlie Russell Riders.** *Barney Sheridan made a motion to allow the Charlie Russell Riders space enough on the west end of the exit gate on South Avenue to accommodate a pen containing one mare and one foal; and space for a 7x12 enclosed trailer. The trailer will provide a space for CRR members to organize educational information and to run a video of their performances. The trailer will also be used as secure storage for any sound system equipment. Lisa Mills seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*
- **Open Class Beef.** Discussion was held concerning Leroy Christofferson's space requirements along the South Avenue fence for mini cattle and bison displays. Lisa Mills will contact Leroy to confirm whether he will need this space or if he intends to display the mini cattle and bison in the livestock barn.
- **Mini Horses.** Tara Sheridan will contact the mini horse people to see if they would be interested in bringing a few mini horses to the Country Fair. If so, we will provide space for their horses either along the South Avenue fence or along the present Sheep Barn. *(Note: since this meeting we found out Leroy Christofferson has an exhibit of mini horses coming already).*

- **Cenex Tent.** *Dale Clouse moved that the Cenex Tent be placed parallel to the Country Fair's white picket fence near the west gate on South Avenue. Larry seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*
- **Performance Stage.** *Lisa Mills moved that the performance stage be placed between the two trees on the grass. Lori Zeiser seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.*
- **Ice Cream Truck.** Joey Hennes will contact Maria Freeman regarding the two locations available for the ice cream truck.
- **Antique Engine/Farm Truck.** Richard Foster offered a fully restored antique engine to use as a decoration that would add interest to the Country Fair. Gene McClure offered his restored farm truck for the same purpose.
- **Safety/Flow of Traffic.** The Themes Sub Committee will "decorate" the grounds with careful consideration paid to the safety and flow of livestock unloading and loading.

9. **Other Items of Interest:**

- a. Richard Foster has secured a generator from Western States Equipment.
- b. Janet Hunter will contact someone in Ronan about borrowing 4 fans.
- c. We may ask Quality Supply about the use of barrel fans.
- d. Tara Sheridan will contact Little Caesars Pizza and Dominos Pizza about pizza for the National Guard and the work crew on Saturday July 21.
- e. Gene McClure will deliver bales of hay as soon as they are needed.
- f. Signs will go up the weekend before the Fair.
- g. For the most part, Lisa will "man" the Information Booth 10 am to 5 pm during the Fair, but evening volunteers are still needed.
- h. The Livestock Sale Committee would like to move a trailer onsite for their office. It was suggested that if the Livestock Sale has an onsite office
- i. Safety on the cement is a major issue. Kevin Mytty paid for the flooring last year and he is not going to do that this year. Jim Miotke has been saving sander rolls and has 63 right now. The use of indoor/outdoor carpeting was suggested as well. Because this is not as much a Country Fair issue as it is Extension and Fair Office, *Lisa Mills suggested that the Committee refer this issue to Jerry and Campbell at the Extension Office, and the Fair Commission to find a safe solution for animals and spectators. The Committee agreed with Lisa's recommendation.*

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas & Lucy Clouse