

Country Fair Committee Minutes
June 18, 2008 meeting

Present: Lisa Mills, Kris Handley, Jeri Delys, Lori Zeiser, Joey Hennes, Laura DeNitto, Dale Clouse, Peggy Goodsell, Jerry Marks, Larry Henderson, Leroy Christofferson, Colleen Terrazas, Campbell Barrett

1. **May 21, 2008 Minutes**

There being no objections, the minutes stand approved as presented.

2. **4-H Agent Report by Campbell Barrett**

Our large tent, and the one belonging to the Fair Office as well, has damage caused by mice chewing on it. Campbell does not know how extensive the damage is or what it will look like once repaired.

The tents will be laid out, patched, etc. on July 12th prior to the tent raising by the National Guard.

3. **Charlie Russell Riders**

Peggy Goodsell was present to ask if there is room in the Country Fair area to house the 10 Charlie Russell Rider horses. The horses need 12x12 pens. In 2007, the CRR were in the horse barns by the old race track and a mare and foal were on display in the Country Fair. CRR performs in the evening. The committee acknowledges that people come to the fair to see horses and other animals, so to have horses in the Country Fair is a draw.

Peggy committed the CRR to keeping the picnic table area and small show ring picked up and clean.

Lori Zeiser moved to tentatively place CRR horses on the north side of the sheep barn provided CRR agrees to volunteer to keep the picnic area and small show ring picked up and clean, that there is ample space, and that safety concerns are addressed with regard to the horses going from the Country Fair to the grandstands. Jeri Delys seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Committee expressed that at the very least they can commit to what they did last year by allowing a CRR display in the Country Fair. The Committee acknowledged that Scot Meader would have to be involved in the final decision. Peggy added that she was not interested in having CRR in two different locations like last year.

This item was tabled until July 2, 2008.

4. **Volunteer Responsibilities Identified**

Kris Handley and Lisa Mills identified responsibilities that need to be handled by volunteers during the fair. Kris will get the phone numbers of the organizational leaders, call them and hopefully get an entire club to volunteer for certain jobs.

5. **Event Update by Lisa Mills**

New Holland wants to display tractors at the fair and may help sponsor the petting zoo. Other entertainment commitments are: Bitterroot Gymnastics, Frenchtown Fireflies, Dairy Milking Experience, Laser Shooting sponsored by Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

We ran out of time, so not further business could be addressed.

The next meeting is **Wednesday, July 2, 5:30 pm, County Extension Office.**

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas