

Board Minutes

March 14, 2019

Board Members in attendance: Josephine Bangs, Minnie Knych, Brad Fincher, Barbara Bevens, Kira Sable

Staff in attendance: Jennifer Allen, Adrienne Bourne

Convened: 9:01am

Approval of February Minutes: Brad Fincher moved to approve February minutes, with correction as to month of January, Barbara Bevens seconded, minutes approved.

Guests in Attendance: County Councilman, Bill Watson; 4-H Program Coordinator, Wendy Waxman; Whit Dunham, Individual

Guests Open Forum: Wendy said enrollment for 4H has ended, 126 participants enrolled. Wendy is updating 4H premium books, may have a lead on a Sheep Superintendent for Open Sheep or for 4H Sheep. 4H Horse department is still considering options; Elizabeth Guerry is no longer interested in being the Overall Admin Superintendent. Whit Dunham is a member of the public who said he is here to observe the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

FAIR:

- Sponsorship Program, Outreach: Jenn Allen said Lars Sorensen may have a housing sponsor; adjusted production sponsorship amount at \$12,500 in our brochure. Lars is also hoping to secure sponsorships with Oskar Blues Brewery, San Juan Seltzers & San Juan Airlines. Josephine said she believed participant camping will be sponsored again this year. Jenn also said she had reached out to the previous youth exhibitor sponsor and will reach out to Valmark. Barbara said she has not heard back from Heritage Bank about sponsorship.
- Agricultural Tent: Jennifer said there have been staffing changes at WSU Extension; Angie Freeman-Shepard may contract with Fair to coordinate the Ag Tent. Jennifer plans to have the Ag Tent near the Historic Cabin.
- Entertainment Housing Update: Jennifer has reserved the main suite and some rooms at Wayfarer's Rest; cost is approximately \$600 per night.
- Premium Book Launch: Jennifer said Premium Book is almost ready. Wendy said she should have updates ready by end of next week.

OTHER:

- Spring Flea Market: Jennifer said Spring Flea & Craft Market is scheduled for April 20th and a handful of vendors have signed up. Wendy said she would

check to see if 4H would want to have a bake sale. Two FHHS students may have a booth space to fundraise for Fairgrounds outdoor game project.

- 2019 Salish Solstice Festival: Jennifer confirmed that Salish Solstice Fest is happening again on 6/21 & 6/22. Lars is hoping Oskar Blues Brewery will help sponsor. Discussion of admission fee, may be a "pay what you can event". Wendy said San Juan Ted X Talks are happening that Saturday. Discussion of location of festival on Fairgrounds. Barbara & Brad suggested the festival be on the front lawn, less windy, sunset view. Barbara and Kira said they should both be here on those days and may be able to volunteer.
- Historical Information Panels: Jennifer Rigg has been working on panels for the Historic Cabin, which ties in with suggested projects in the Fairgrounds Master Plan, goal is to have 1-2 panels for each fair department.

OLD BUSINESS:

FAIR:

- Final Poster Art: Jennifer Allen said that Jesse Carter McDonald is ready to get the Fair Poster out to the public. Jesse has created posters with blank squares for event advertisements during Fair. Jennifer said Jesse is also working on a design for badges, and Superintendent t-shirts. Discussion of posters with blank squares for kiosks during fair (i.e. auction, demonstrations, performances, high noon games etc.) fair staff can print.
- Superintendent Needs: Sheep, Swine, Food Preservation Co-Superintendent: Jennifer Allen said there may be someone interested in being the open sheep superintendent; Jennifer & Wendy haven't heard from Derek Buffum about being the Swine Superintendent; Minnie Knych suggested Terri Brown be the Food Preservation Co-Superintendent. Fair staff have reached out to Terri and Derek, but have not heard back.
- History Features / Agricultural Area / Historic Cabin: Stan Matthews may assist Boyd Pratt with Island Writers. Jennifer Allen discussed ADA accessibility of cabin; may be easier to access if coming from the food court area. Barbara Bevans asked if the Historic Museum would be using the cabin; Jennifer said there might be a static display in the Agriculture Tent. Whit Dunham said he has several items that could be used for cabin display (i.e. an old stove and bed).

OTHER:

- Mystery Theater Dinner: Minnie said she has not talked to Susan Williams; still putting scripts together and is concerned about food preparation. Discussion of possible caterers who are close to the Fairgrounds and may want to collaborate (i.e. Deb Nolan).
- 2019 Drive-In Movies: Jennifer Allen shared the Drive-In Movie lineup. Fairgrounds will show *Brave* in May, *Galaxy Quest* in June & *Little Shop of*

Horrors in July. Wendy Waxman confirmed dates and said she will let us know if 4H is interested in helping with concessions. Brad Fincher asked if Drive-In Movies were posted online, Jennifer confirmed they have been.

- FHHS Community Projects: Jennifer Allen said Jonathan Olsen & Maesen Lineback are hoping to create three outdoor games for the Fairgrounds to use during Fair and other events (i.e. Children's Festival). Games will be free to play. Game ideas include Scrabble, Checkers, Bean Bag Toss, and Ring Toss. Jenn said games should be ready by Children's Festival because of timing with FHHS Community Projects course.

CAPITAL FACILITIES:

- Master Plan: Jennifer Allen said she and Dona are working with Makers; public comment period has ended. Barbara Bevens asked about the plans for a commercial kitchen. Jennifer Allen said she met with Aaron Rock who is working with a national non-profit to start a zero waste "pay what you can" kitchen. Jennifer said Aaron would like to operate a kitchen from 11am-3pm and close during Fair. Jennifer said Aaron has experience in the restaurant industry and this could be a great partnership. And the commercial kitchen project is in the Master Plan.
- Overlay Revamp: Jennifer said the final draft of the Master Plan would go to council for approval in May. Dona and Jennifer will be presenting the initial plan at the meeting with the Planning Commission tomorrow, in preparation for any needed changes to the overlay district.
- Main Building Steel Beams: Jennifer Allen said she has not gotten the final assessment back; a few areas on the northwest side of main building have been identified as needing repair. The steel beam painter's contract has been extended through end of April.
- Camping Restroom hot water heater: Jennifer said the contractors should be done by the end of March.

Other discussion:

- Barbara Bevens asked if the Town of Friday Harbor was going to put up directional signs in town for the Fairgrounds.
- Discussion of the sidewalk improvements from town to Fairgrounds, crosswalks & parking on Argyle.
- Kira Sable asked if there had been discussion of a memorial for Shel Bedsole. Minnie suggested a memorial bench or plaque. Jennifer said she would discuss ideas for a memorial with Christine Miller.
- Barbara asked if Fair departments needed items. Minnie said Food Preservation could use measuring cups and spoons for prizes. Jennifer said fair staff would reach out to Fiona to see if Flowers needs vases.

ADJOURNED at 9:53am