

Board Minutes

June 13, 2019

Board Members in attendance: Josephine Bangs, Jennifer Rigg, Brad Fincher, Kira Sable, Barbara Bevens

Staff in attendance: Jennifer Allen, Adrienne Bourne, Dona Wuthnow

Convened: 9:02am

Approval of March & April Minutes: A quorum was present; Jennifer Rigg motioned to approve May minutes. Josephine seconded the motion, minutes approved.

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

Guests Open Forum: Wendy Waxman said the Livestock Weigh-In was on June 8th at the Fairgrounds and that it went well. 4-H used the Marie Boe, horse arena & livestock arena. Wendy said she has been busy helping 4-H members get ready for fair.

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER:

- Levy Lid Lift & Bi-Annual Budget: Dona gave Fair Board members an overview of the levy lid process, explained that we are currently in year 5 of a 6 year levy. County Council has proposed that the next levy provide \$100,000 per year for Parks & Fair repairs & maintenance. Dona said \$100,000 per year for repairs and maintenance will not cover projected costs for Parks & Fair. Dona said Mike Thomas & Jamie Stephens plan to present their proposal at the County Council retreat on 6/25/19. Bill Watson explained the county's general fund, and said that services that are not state mandated may need to be cut. Jennifer Allen said that this would make Parks & Fair more vulnerable, and Bill Watson stated that Parks and Fair is an optional service. Dona said she hopes to have more information after Council's retreat on 6/25. Dona and Bill also shared that the county is moving to a bi-annual budget.
- Seasonal Staff: Jennifer Allen said that she has hired Lucy Urbach & Gail Schnee for temp office staff. Tim Dustrude, James Asher, Dylan Allen, and Austin Pierce will be working as seasonal grounds staff for Fair. Dorian Oliver, Linda Vander Houwen, Jennifer Herda & Darla Jungmeyer will return as seasonal fair employees as well, to assist with night security and ticketing.

FAIR:

- Main Stage Acknowledgements: Jennifer Allen said that Lars Sorensen has asked if the Fair Board would like to present the Fair Board Award and Best of Awards on the Main Stage. Brad Fincher and Kira Sable discussed possible times to present awards on Saturday. Fair Board members agreed awards should be presented after Trashion Fashion or after Fair Feud on Saturday, when there is already a large crowd at the main stage. Brad also said he feels all Fair Board members should be present for awards presentation. Fair Board decided that awards will be given to booths on Thursday of Fair week, and awards ceremony will be at the Main Stage on Saturday evening.
- Fair Board Award Presentation Thursday: See above
- Best of Award Presentation: See above
- Journal Guide: What do you want published?: Jennifer asked Fair Board what they want published in the Journal of the San Juans / Islands Sounder printed Fair Guide. Board Members said entertainment schedules, High Noon Games schedules, Food Preservation Ace Award information, PADS demonstrations. Barbara also said there should be info for 4-H's silent auction, Wendy agreed. Barbara asked what the deadline is for getting in the printed Fair guide, Jennifer said early July. Barbara suggested that Adrienne let Fair Vendors know they can advertise in the Fair Guide. Adrienne will reach out to Fair vendors. Jennifer Allen said she had read about a cherry pit spitting contest. Josephine recommended having a cherry flavored jellybean spitting contest. Kira remarked that Jennifer Allen was looking very pretty, and Bill Watson suggested having a baby-naming contest.
- Sponsorships: Gaps to fill: Jennifer Allen asked if Fair Board members had received any sponsorships. Barbara said she had reached out to some but has not heard back. Jennifer Rigg suggested staff reach out to Roche Harbor Farms. Bill Watson suggested staff reach out to state senate candidates. Dona asked if there was a sponsor this year for youth exhibitors. Jennifer Allen clarified that this sponsorship was not received last year, but that ticket revenue was not down as a result. Jennifer said this youth exhibitor sponsorship has a \$2,500 value, and that staff have advertised that youth exhibitors are free to schools and in Island Rec's program guide.
- 2020 Fair dates: Jennifer Allen said that Skagit County Fair has expressed concern about 2020 Fair dates overlapping and possible issues with carnival rides. Josephine suggested we not move fair dates and Fair Board members agreed. Jennifer said she would reach out to Skagit to let them know 2020 dates won't be moved. Discussion of 2020 Fair theme, "Pigs in Space". Barbara suggested Drive-In movies play off Fair theme.
- Superintendent gift: Jennifer Allen said in the past Fair Superintendents have received gifts like water bottles, hats, notebooks, tote bags, aprons and asked what would be good this year. Josephine said she likes having a practical gift that can be used during Fair. Brad asked about budget for

buying gifts; Jennifer clarified approximately \$10 available for each superintendent, and this doesn't include cost of printed t-shirt. Bill Watson suggested food vouchers; and Josephine liked the idea of wooden nickels or "fair bucks" that can be used during fair.

OLD BUSINESS:

FAIR:

- Sponsorship Program: see above under Fair.
- Fair Feud... and other game ideas: Jennifer congratulated Kira for her work on Fair Feud and for having Alameda County Fair reach out to Kira about how to implement Fair Feud in 2020. Kira said that Vic's, Town of Friday Harbor, Printonyx, Rocky Bay and Island Rec have all reached out and expressed interest. Jennifer Allen suggested Kira confirm with first 4 teams who expressed interest to confirm they are in, if a team can't participate Kira will reach out to the 5th possible team. Kira also shared her Fair Feud survey questions and asked that an online survey be available. Jennifer Allen confirmed that Fair Feud would start at 5:30pm.
- Superintendent Needs: Sheep, Food Preservation Co-Super: No discussion.
- History Features / Agricultural Area / Historic Cabin: No discussion.
- Leading Articles up to event: Kira and Brad said they would write articles if needed. Barbara said she can help edit.

OTHER:

- 4th of July Parade: Jennifer Allen said Francie Hansen would like to be in the parade to raise money for Family Resource Center and/or collect food donations for the Food Bank. Josephine liked Francie's idea and Kira said she might be able to be in the parade depending on timing with other events that day.
- WSU MOU/Facility Use: No discussion.
- Mystery theater dinner: No discussion.
- Drive-In Friday June 14th: Brad, Kira & Barbara won't be here.

10:00am – Brad leaves meeting.

CAPITAL FACILITIES:

- Main Building Exterior: Jennifer Allen said the Main Building roof has been sprayed, and that Greg Sawyer has said that concrete will be poured by the staff entrance to Admin area and west side of main building under awning in July, allowing time to cure and be ready by Fair.

Discussion: Barbara suggested we reach out to Lautenbach Recycling for garbage/recycling duties during Fair. Bill Watson shared that County Council & Town of Friday Harbor are discussing homelessness in San Juan County and

researching options for services. Bill also shared information about Town of Friday Harbor's Wastewater Treatment Plant & Public Works expansion at Tucker & Harbor.

ADJOURNED at 10:25am