

Country Fair Steering Committee
January 18, 2006 meeting

Present: Lucy & Dale Clouse; Jim & Robin Miotke; Tara Sheridan, Roger Christopher, Lori Zeiser, Marijka Wessner, Charlie Deschamps, Jerry Marks, Jeri Ball, Scot Meader, Larry Henderson, Daryl Thompson, Tracy Charles, Jim Dixon, Jeri Delys, Colleen Terrazas, Mia Andrews, Lisa Mills

Roger Christopher chaired the meeting (Barney Sheridan away on travels)

The meeting was held from 5:30-7:20 p.m. at the County Extension Office

Goals to accomplish for the Country Fair were identified; certain people were assigned or volunteered to research and report back on items.

1. (Lisa will check with Ambassadors) Commentators at shows to educate public on what the judge is looking for with regard to a quality meat product.
2. (Charlie) Numbers & times for Open Class livestock.
3. (All committee members) Locations for adequate space and safety.
4. (Daryl, Tracy, Marijka, Lisa) Decorations, perimeter & entrances will identify our image. (White fence idea with ribbons)
5. (Charlie, Scot) Traffic flow, timing of unloading and loading, access onto South Ave.
6. (Jeri Delys, Tara, Lisa, Scot) Publicity for Country Fair and livestock sale.
7. (Lisa, Marijka, Lori, Daryl) Form partnerships with landscaping businesses & Montana Native Plant Society.
8. (Tara) Speaker systems for both rings with four speakers.
9. (Scot) Seating at both show rings and picnic tables throughout the Country Fair.

10. Perhaps special seating reserved for livestock buyers.
11. Better space for Mountain West Coop's buyer breakfast. Scot suggested by the livestock sale trailer.
12. (Jerry Marks, Scot, Lisa, Daryl, Charlie) Tent.
13. (Dale, Jim Miotke, Scot) Grading ground and establishing pathways.
14. (Jeri Ball) Signage.
15. (Scot) Open Class entry deadline.
16. (Scot, Lisa) Schedule for Goat Shows.
17. (Lori, Lisa) Make sure that the name we call ourselves (Country Fair) is used on all signage, logo/font design.
18. (All committee members) The committee expects to okay all vendors that will be part of the Country Fair so that they are thematic.
19. Activity area: apple bobbing, stick horse races, pedal tractor races, etc.
20. (Absolute deadline is end of January) Meeting schedule for fairbook.

The Awards Ceremony was discussed. *Dale Clouse made a motion to advise the 4-H Council to eliminate the Awards Ceremony from the fair and to hold it at least one week after the fair. Jerry Marks and Lori Zeiser seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Charles Deschamps offered the Fair Board to host a barbeque for the ceremony.*

The whole fair schedule was discussed. Recommendations regarding breeding beef shows would be presented at the Livestock Committee meeting at 7:30 pm.

There was much discussion regarding space for beef since we are resorting to a tent structure to house beef this year. Lisa Mills said that Rollett Pruyn has offered the first \$2500 for the tent. *Scot Meader & Charlie Deschamps made a motion to recommend to the Fair Board that Long Horn Cattle do not show at the fair this year due to space limitations. Tara Sheridan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.*

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 25 at noon** in the Extension Office conference room. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas.