

Country Fair Minutes
March 7, 2007 - 5:30 pm meeting

Present: Charlie Deschamps, Lori Zeiser, Kim Thomas-Wilde, Jim & Robin Miotke, Jeri Delys, Jerry marks, Lucy Clouse, Campbell Barrett, Colleen Terrazas

1. **Budget**

In 2006, \$11,333.55 was donated to the Country Fair. \$7,249.24 was spent, leaving a balance of \$4,084.29.

2. **Fairgrounds Master Plan**

The Fair Commission has received approval from the Board of County Commissioners to develop a Master Plan for the fairgrounds property. The Fair Commission is currently seeking comments and advice from the public and partners regarding what they would like to see on this property.

Jim Miotke stated that he would like to see a 4-H complex in the southwest corner of the fairgrounds, which would provide access in and out of the fairgrounds on Russell Street. No one objected to Jim's recommendation.

Charlie Deschamps said he would take this information back to the Fair Commission.

3. **Incorporating other buildings into Country Fair**

- The Culinary Building, 4-H Exhibit Building, and 4-H Café will be included as part of the Country Fair this year. Details will follow on how these building will be incorporated into the Country Fair.
- Invite Carolyn, Russ Parrish, LeRoy Christopherson to attend Country Fair meetings and encourage their input.

4. **Committees**

- ▶ Themes Committee members are: Jeri Delys, Joey Hennes, Tracy Charles, and Lori Zeiser. In 2007, better schematics & clearer communication are necessary in determining where everything is located.
- ▶ Events Committee fell apart last year. Clearly, someone needs to be in charge of this and it cannot be a 4-H member. We need to actively solicit a qualified individual for this. Lucy will check to see what is available through the University of Montana.
- ▶ Fundraising Committee needs to assess what we need this year, as well as accessing damaged items and what it will take to repair damaged signs, fence, etc.

5. **Tents**

- Separate the two large tents. One tent will house the Petting Zoo by itself and the other tent could house the llamas by the outside show ring.
- Set up tents the first of week of July and at that time make the determination regarding cutting vents into the roof.

6. **Mountain West Coop (Cenex) Tent**

Logan Braaten from Cenex informed Campbell Barrett that Cenex did not want to "man" the tent with Cenex employees this year. Logan asked Campbell for recommendation on what the tent could be used for. Whatever the committee recommends, it must be approved by Mountain West Coop.

7. **Volunteer Orientation**

It was suggested that an orientation be held for volunteers this year, which would include walking them through the Country Fair. Those volunteering at the Information Booth should work 1-2 hour shifts at most. When a 4-H parent is volunteering in the Information Booth, and their child needs them, all of a sudden the Information Booth is empty!

8. **Chair of Country Fair Committee**

Barney Sheridan will chair this committee starting at the April meeting.

9. **Next Meeting**

The next Country Fair Meeting will be held **Wednesday, March 28 at noon** at the County Extension Office.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Terrazas