

## Notes from Country Fair meeting March 28, 2007 – Noon

### In Attendance:

**Campbell Barrett** – Extension Office, **Logan Braaten** – Mountain West Coop, **Dale Clouse** – 4-H, **Lucy Clouse** – 4-H, **Jeri Delys** – 4-H/KPAX, **Joey Hennes** – 4-H, **Andrea Holland** – Quality Supply, **Bob Rummel** – Quality Supply, **Bill Scullion** – Sport Land, **Tara Sheridan** – 4-H, **Barney Sheridan** – Country Fair, **John Warehime** – Barn Super, **Lori Zeiser** – Country Fair

**The meeting was chaired by Barney Sheridan**

**Correction to Minutes from March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting:** Lucy Clouse will check to see what the dimensions of the Deer Lodge livestock facility are. [Not Lucy Clouse will check to see what is available through the University of Montana (regarding Events Committee chair/members).]

### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

Themes/Events – No formal report.

- Jeri made the point that outside groups that are contacted to be part of the Country Fair need to be organized/run by the Country Fair (CF) Committee.
- **The CF Committee is in search of an individual or a group of individuals (preferably without children in 4-H/FFA) to head up the Events Committee.**
- It is the opinion of the CF Committee that we should have the final say on what goes where within the Country Fair (tents, exhibits, etc.).
- It was noted that feedback from the public indicated that the Kiddy Rodeo and the Mini Horses were very popular.

Fundraising, Scheduling – No Report.

### **Old Business:**

Information Booth Chair – **Campbell will work with Colleen on getting the word out that the CF Committee is in search of a non-4-H parent or group of individuals to serve as the Information Booth Chair(s).**

Cenex Tent – Logan Braaten from Mountain West Co-op confirmed that it is Ok to re-locate the “Cenex Tent.” **The CF Committee still needs to come up with a good use for the space and present the idea(s) to Mountain West Co-op for final approval.**

Llama/Sheep location – At the March 21<sup>st</sup> Livestock Committee meeting, it was determined that a meeting of all livestock Superintendents, Scot, Charlie, Barney and Campbell would be the best way to resolve this issue. A meeting date of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at the Extension Office is set and a decision will be reached that night.

- There was discussion again about cutting a door in the side of the llama barn for easier access to the show rings. It is not certain at this point if the Fair Commission would approve this alteration.
- Some new sheep pens will be constructed by Trapper Creek, but not the full amount we originally anticipated.

Culinary/4-H Café/4-H Exhibit Building included in Country Fair Theme – **Additional sections of white picket fence will need to be constructed so we can include these areas in the Country Fair.** The fence will not enclose these sections, but will perhaps line the front of the buildings with fence to be consistent with the Country Fair theme.

### **New Business:**

Layout/Changes – More information will be available following the Superintendents' meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>. **May 1<sup>st</sup> is the goal date for final layout plans to be completed.**

Fundraising, etc. – Lucy Clouse has a list of everyone who donated to the Country Fair in 2006. **May 1<sup>st</sup> is the goal date to have notes out to last year's donors, thanking them for their support and where appropriate asking for their continued support in 2007.**

- Joey is investigating the steps necessary to copyright/trademark the Country Fair name and logo, including domain names for website.
- **It was requested that members bring pictures from the 2006 Country Fair to share at the next meeting.**
- The National Guard will need to be contacted well in advance so we will have their help setting up the tents possibly 2 weeks or so prior to the start of the Fair.
- **Campbell will work with Barney to draft a letter to the parents of 4-H/FFA members inviting them to join the Country Fair Committee, and informing them that they may be volunteered for specific roles as we get closer to the time of the Fair.**
- Lori mentioned that several members of the Livestock Committee are interested in working with the Livestock Sale Committee and Campbell to enhance our marketing efforts related to the Sale. A brochure developed by Sharon Gaffney and Colleen was shared with the group. **A meeting has been set for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at the Extension Office to discuss these ideas in greater detail.**

Notes submitted for review by Campbell Barrett.

**Next Meeting:** April 11, 2007, 5:30pm, Extension Office