

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD

June 22, 2011

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Hughes calls the meeting of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board of Directors to order at 5:01 p.m. in the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Grounds. Directors Abbott, Butterfield, Chance, Hughes, Neer, and Olson were are present. Directors Goss, Johnson, Joyce, and Viscarra are absent and excused. Fair Manager John Steffanic is present. Administrative Assistant Willo Vieira is present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Neer makes a motion to approve the agenda for June 22, 2011. Motion seconded by Director Abbott, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

May 25, 2011

Motion is made by Director Abbott to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2011 meeting. Motion seconded by Director Butterfield. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC

Judi Madden of American Valley Speedway and Madden Plumbing and Heating

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Judi Madden reported hat the Civil War Sprint Car races were “absolutely amazing” with 23 teams competing on Friday night and 33 teams on Saturday night. They did however lose a transponder which she requested that the fair staff keep an eye out for.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Feather River Publishing was recognized.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Financials-

Financials were not available as it is the end of fiscal year.

Budget Update –

Manager Steffanic deferred this to the Finance Committee to report on.

Fair Update-

- Livestock area – The livestock area will once again have Jane Roberti’s Livestock Opportunity Area and the barn tours. New for this year is that we will not have a manure hauler so the exhibitors will have to cart it to a designated sight. As we are working with a local composter, only shavings will be allowed in the barns. The Fair does not have the budget this year to pay for any overrun in the livestock awards. There will be no golf carts or gators available for extra staff or contractors.

- Mineral Building - Sandra Lee will be placing an exhibit in the building and providing docents. The will be wine tasting on Saturday with Evergreen Market hosting the event.
- Carnival – In order to hopefully relieve the last year’s confusion the Board recommends that label be placed on each of the coupon books stating the days and hours that they can be exchanged for wristbands. They also wanted the information placed in the daily newsletter that is handed out at the gates.
- Kid’s Area – Puppets and Players, Swan Brother’s Circus, and Dr. Solar’s Medicine Man Show will be located in this area. The Fair will be placing a large shade structure in the middle of the lawn for the audience. There will not be a hay maze this year as it was too much work for the donor. Calvary Chapel will run the play area. Manager Steffanic has stressed to them that this is to be a secular area. They are planning to take the contract money to hire Blues and Gospel groups for the grandstand area.
- Serpilio Hall – The 200 year Anniversary of Fairs Display and the local winning science fair displays will be show cased in this area. The booking of commercial exhibits is on target for this time of year.
- Grounds Acts – Spike Maguire Juggling and Magic by Bill will be performing all week. Thursday will be the Governor’s Own Military Band and Friday will feature Sourdough Slim courtesy of the Cattlemen’s Association. There will be nightly bands playing in Old Town. Gymnastics and dance demonstrations are also being worked on.
- Possibilities – The Texaco Country Showdown is looking for a venue for their Northern California Finals. It will cost \$5,000.00 plus \$3,000.00 for lights and sound. We are currently waiting for a response from Supervisor Kennedy’s possible sponsor. Director Hughes would like to see the Fair secure them as a possible long term event.
- Parking – The Chester Wrestling Team will be handling the parking. They will charge \$3.00 per vehicle starting at 12 noon each day and will pay us 50% of the proceeds.
- Sr. Day Luncheon – After discussion, it was decided that both Fair staff and Directors would explore various avenues to see if the event could still be sponsored.

Exhibit Guide Update

A limited amount of Exhibit Guides will be printed this year. Everyone is encouraged to go on line to view the Exhibit Guide. It has been uploaded so people can view or print as many sections as they need.

Other information –

The High Sierra Music Festival has requested that Directors pick up their wristbands in person. Manager Steffanic reminded them to bring a photo ID.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reported that they had reviewed the proposed 90 day and 12 month budget. The 12 month budget reflected a \$180,000.00 shortfall. Director Olson and Director Chance had attended the Board of Supervisors Budget Committee meeting. It was noted that a complete shutdown of the Fairgrounds would cost the county about \$50,000.00.

Interim Use Committee

The Interim Use Committee discussed the Texaco Country Showdown, the Film Festival and the Over-the-Line tournament. They stated that they could not make any decision until after the budget situation has settled.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director Chance reported that preparations for the Sled Wars were going well and that there was a lot of excitement in the community.

OLD BUSINESS

None was on the agenda

NEW BUSINESS

A. East Quincy Services District

Director Hughes and Manager Steffanic reported on the progress of the joining of the East Quincy Services District (EQSD) water lines through the Fairgrounds. The project is not running on schedule due to the weather and the unexpected find of an illegal (outdated) septic system, used for food concession grey water, that the Environmental Health Department required be abandoned. EQSD will assist with the hook up to the sewer system. This will not be able to take place before the music festival so a grey water tank is being delivered. There are also large expanses of dirt that will have to be covered before the music festival arrives. Maintenance Supervisor Morrison does not think that sod will survive the music festival if it is laid this close to the event. EQSD has a goal to make everything whole again at the Fairgrounds as the contracted company has not performed as well as expected.

B. Awards Budget

Due to the current budget there is very little money in the awards budget line for ribbons, showmanship awards and champion buckles. Director Neer offered to contact the Awards Committee Chairperson to see where things were for sponsorships.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Assistant Vieira announced that due to the current budget situation that she will be working full time with the Agriculture Department. However she will still be volunteering at the Fair as much as possible and would be available for phone calls at anytime. Ms. Vieira provided the Board with her cell phone number.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn is made by Director Abbott and seconded by Director Neer. Motion is carried unanimously. The Regular meeting of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board will be held on July 27, 2011 at 5:00 pm in the Mineral Building at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds. Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

I, WILLO VIEIRA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2011 MEETING OF THE PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE ACCURATE AS RECORDED.

Willo Vieira
Administrative Assistant

John Steffanic
Fair Manager

Howard Hughes, Chairperson
Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board