**FAIR BOARD MEETING**

**DATE: Tuesday, June 18, 2019**

**TIME: 5:30 pm**

**LOCATION: BLG 4**

**ATTENDEES:**

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| 🞏 **Jeff Wade, Chair**  🞏 Michael Everts  🞏 Ann Marie Moran  🞏 Kelton Jensen | 🞏 **Brenda York, Vice Chair**  🞏 K.C. McLaughlin  🞏 Tawnya Dykstra  🞏 Scott MacFarlane (Commission Liaison) |

**AGENDA:** *(subject to change at the discretion of the Board)*

***Time Topic Presenter***

**5:30 pm 1.0 Welcome** Jeff Wade

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Call for Attendance – **Jeff Wade, Kelton Jensen, Brenda York, K.C. McLaughlin…no quorum**

1.3 Review & Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2019 meeting – **no quorum**

**5:40 2.0 Call for Public Comment** - **None** Jeff Wade

**5:50 548pm 3.0 Presentation**

**3.1** Wild Animal Events on Fairgrounds Melanie Johnson, PETA **Melanie Johnson, Sr. Campaign Dir., Wild Animal Division called in and requested that the board consider not allowing wild animal shows on the fairgrounds such as those contained in the Jordan Circus. Presented a video of treatment during a show and at a training facility. Concerns about the housing, shackling, separation from family units resulting human injury and death. Illinois, New York, California have banned some or all forms of wild animal display. Chairman Wade inquired about the USDA involvement in policy development, Melanie Johnson indicated that USDA is under staffed and overwhelmed. Discussion from board/staff about treatment of animal and Jordan Circus compliance.**

**6:10 626pm 4.0** **Gallatin County Commission Report** Scott MacFarlane

**Working on budget – fair approval was easier than some. Have estimated low, expect to have more due to economy.**

**6:20 535pm 5.0 4H Report** Kelton Jensen

**Kelton reported that numbers were good with 42 market beef, 8 goats and 157 swine. They extension office had installed some flower gardens around their building and were looking to do more in the future. Kelton introduced his intern, Makayla Paul, who was in attendance.**

**6:30 620pm 6.0 Financial Report** Rachel May

**Dennis presented the aging report indicating that the biggest portion was due to the billing of annual rentals. The Lehrkind past due was being followed up by Marketing/Sponsorship.**

**6:40 541pm 7.0 Marketing/Sponsorship Report** Carrie Gilman

**Dennis reported that the marketing plan was in place as presented in the May meeting by Carrie Gilman. The early sales were good, billboards and paper ads had been approved and/or where up and or scheduled to be run.**

**6:50 544pm 8.0 Competitive/Office Report**

**Dennis reported that Linda had been working to finalize or cover some superintendent and judge positions. Entries for static competitive have begun coming in.**

**7:00 546pm 9.0 Operations Report**  Kole Kuntz

**Kole reported that bleacher and light projects are being completed as we speak and other than that staff is preparing for rentals and fair set up. Lack of response from service groups for work projects. Temp labor is beginning to respond. One application for open full time position. KC asked what the temp positions were being paid. Kole responded $15/hour.**

**7:10 610pm** **10.0 Manager Report** Dennis Voeller

10.1 Fair Update – **detailing fair prep on all fronts to include Bronze Bonanza and Barnyard Brawl. Advised the board that staff has received several requests for booth exclusivity or multiple booth discounts which the fair has declined. Discussion on a variety of formulas giving management flexibility to adjust to requests. Board feedback is invited. Inquired about board meetings during fair being at some other time than lunch – no decision so will stay the same as in the past. Commercial indoor booth sales are slow so have made inquiry to farmers market for interest – no response yet. Presented future fair programming considerations – pursue farmer market non-food vendor participation, expand history area, Bozeman Roundup one performance, add a working horse and driver, draft horse event, possible fair date move, evaluate need to sanction Bronze Bonanza or viability of same.**

**Bozeman Stampede has made a request for a sign advertising sponsor year round, current policy precludes this as the fair should receive the revenue. Options could be to extend event signage from one week to 6 weeks – not ideal. Comments about the fairgrounds paying for the hard costs of the sign and selling it as an option to events.**

**Haynes Pavilion is getting portion of the roof repaired in conjunction with GIF / BAHA project phasing.**

10.2 Board Member Responsibilities for Fair

**Request for assistance from board as ushers and gate counter as possible.**

**7:30 702pm 11.0 Business Items** Jeff Wade

11.1 Secretary Appointment **– GM advised to remove this from agenda**

11.2 Other

11.2 Confirm next board meeting – August 20 2019 **– confirmed**

**8:30 704pm 12.0 Adjournment** Jeff Wade