



Clallam County Fairgrounds Parks, Fair & Facilities Department

1608 W. 16th Street
Port Angeles, WA 98363

CLALLAM COUNTY FAIR ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of November 2, 2022 Regular Meeting – In Person and Via Zoom

Name	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Position
Bekkevar, Megan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X			Secretary, At-Large
Mowbray, Julie	N	X	N	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Large Animals and FFA
Beckstrom, Teresa	O	X	O	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Agriculture At-Large
Clark, Bob	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-				Grange
Davies, Laurie	M	X	M	X	X	-	X	-	X	X	X		Horse Groups
Edwards, Don	E	-	E	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-		At-Large
Martin, Cheryl	E	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-		Home Arts/Hobbies & Crafts
Johnson, Carol	T	X	T	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Port Angeles Chamber
Borte, Josh	I	X	I	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X		President, City of Port Angeles
Offermann, Barbara	N	X	N	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Garden Clubs
West, Tara	G	X	G	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X		Small Animals
Vacant	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		Sequim/Dungeness
Greer, Melanie	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Vice President, Arts/Photography
Wilson, LaDona	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		4-H Homemakers
Winn, George	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		West End

Guests Present:	Sylvia Strohm, Dan McCarty
Staff Present	Shari Ioffrida, Don Crawford
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Josh Borte.
Quorum	Yes.
Request for Modification / Approval of Minutes	Laurie Davies moved to accept the minutes as presented, Tara West seconded. Unanimously approved in vote.
Public Comment on Agenda Items	None.
Committee Reports	Advertising: Shari reported she has started an advertising plan for 2023 Fair. She said there is a new Fair website to help with upcoming events and more able to customize to what we want. Camping and Parking: Carol Johnson & LaDona Wilson are looking for the map that shows what size campers fit into what spots. Need to re-evaluate all of the outside camping

	spots for next year to see what sizes fit, now that more brush has been cleared out. 3. <u>Hospitality:</u> None. 4. <u>Information Booth:</u> Sylvia Strohm said she has an idea for side of Info Booth building for theme worked out. 5. <u>Pacific Northwest Juniot Livestock Auction:</u> Teresa Beckstrom said that the PNWJLA is having a vendor appreciation dinner at the Fair Kitchen November 3 at 6pm. 6. <u>4-H / WSU Extension:</u> Melanie Greer said enrollment is going well so far this year, about 40 kids, some new families. WSU dropped their vaccination requirements effective October 31. She will be reaching out to previous volunteers to see if they want to come back. A WSU article went out to all WSU Employees about the role of Extension offices and Clallam County was mentioned in it twice. Western Meat school is meeting on Tuesday nights in the Fair Kitchen. Bailey Anderson went to the National 4-H Dairy Conference representing Washington State at the beginning of October. There is a new group of volunteers in Forks excited to start 4-H again. 7. <u>Royalty:</u> Laurie Davies reported on October 29, the current court and candidates helped with the Eagles Halloween Trick or Treat event at their center. The girls are now getting ready for their coronation which will be January 28 at 1pm in the Home Arts Building. They are asking for donations for the fundraiser that will be held during coronation. See attached bios for the Royalty candidates.
Special Committee Reports	1. <u>Fair Kitchen:</u> Laurie Davies reported there is \$23,357 in the account. We need to check the amount in the fund, but we have notified the barn/building superintendents, with the exception of a few who have already had improvements made or who will be having improvements made, and are looking for those requests. A form needs to be filled out with reason for request and what they will do to help with that cost and labor. This form can be submitted to Laurie, Shari, or Cheryl. We are up to date on our non-profit status as the last committee had not renewed the non-profit and it took a bit of work to make that effective again. 2. <u>Rodeo, Entertainment, Beer Garden:</u> Rodeo: George Winn reported that the rodeo committee is working on sponsorships for rodeo to help increase the purse to attract more competitors. Having community members who are heavily involved in the rodeo community is great for finding announcers, rodeo stock, advertising, etc. Entertainment: Don Crawford reported we are holding off confirming Saturday's entertainment until the LTAC grant is approved for additional funds. Tara West gave everyone a

	folder with notes from the Washington State Fair Convention. Thoughts on making each day a different type of entertainment focus, ex. Thursday – rock, Friday – local bands, Saturday – Country. Beer Garden: Laurie Davies spoke her thoughts about the beer garden. Whomever wants to run the beer garden must be approved by Clallam County Risk Management and Human Resources. Laurie read her report as follows: “Since I became Chair of the Beer Garden Committee in 2018, after we were approached to look at beer gardens, I am sad that there seems to be so many conversations about a beer garden that we were not looking at having, to now when everybody under the sun comes and tells us what we are supposed to be doing. I have been approached, not in a positive way, in public as to why we did not have a beer garden or why we are no putting so and so in charge of beer gardens, etc. I have been grilled at places I have visited, and I find it threatening. I am dismayed that the focus has come off what can we do better for the county and community with our County Fair, rather than being branded with a beer garden. I have heard from every person who thinks they should be hired, that they have all the paperwork, that they have all of everything and we should just give them the keys to the Fair and say ‘have at it.’ If we cannot do a beer garden safely, if a beer garden does not benefit or enhance our community or county, then perhaps it is not for us. I am putting this record into the minutes so that this cannot come back on me or Fair Board. This is very plain, and I have repeated this and repeated this, and it needs to be listened to. HR/Risk Management, whom I have talked to, says very clearly – it does not matter WHO it is, every beer garden vendor needs to make an appointment with them at the courthouse. They need to sit in that office and show HR/Risk Management their plan. It can take 3-4 months. Then, and only then, if HR/Risk Management says they approve, they will give us their approval of who they think qualifies and then we would come to Fair Board, and we would vote. Again, until HR/Risk Management APPROVES, the answer to anybody is ‘no’. Bottom line, it needs to be done safely and it needs County approval. I took about a year and talked to fairs who had beer gardens, talked with beer suppliers, talked to Alcohol State Offices, and so forth. I have heeded their warnings and their concerns. I would like to see Fair Board using their time and energy into the 2023 County Fair with conversations about filling our barns and buildings, showing our community and county what Agriculture is, what animals we have, 4-H and FFA, showcasing what Clallam County is about, our entertainment that we all so love, giving every person who
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	walks through our gates, at the end of the day to say, 'Wasn't that the greatest day at the Fair!'" Julie Mowbray motioned to have a Beer Garden on Friday & Saturday during the Rodeo and the headliner act at the Wilder stage only. Carol Johnson seconded. Motion was voted on by a show of hands. Passed. Anyone who wants to run the beer garden needs to contact Don Crawford.
Unfinished Business	None.
New Business	1. <u>Holding Meetings in January:</u> Josh Borte commented that he would like to hold meetings in November and January going forward to put the extra effort into making our Fair great. Tara West motioned we have meetings in November & January but continue to not have meetings in December. Laurie Davies seconded. Passed.
Staff Reports	Manager's Report: Shari Ioffrida: <u>Sponsorship:</u> Shari said she is working on sponsorship for next Fair, including new sponsors. <u>Entertainment:</u> Shari reported that she has been working on 2023 Fair entertainment – Rock, country, "old" country, John Denver tribute, big band orchestra, Irish Pub Band, a "clean" comedian, magician, local bands, etc. <u>Upcoming Events:</u> PNWJLA Auction Buyers Appreciation Dinner; 4-H Achievement Day; AA Gratitude Dinner; and (in December) Harbor of Hope Christmas Party. WSFA Fair Convention Contest Wins: Photos (approx. 300 photos entered from all Washington State Fairs): Many 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place color and black & white photos Grand Sweepstakes! – color photo 1st Place: Artistic Poster 1st Place and Best Use of Theme: T-shirt 1st Place: Scrapbook (Laurie Davies)
Other Items	1. <u>Wilder & Sunny Farms Stage</u> Don Crawford met with the Wilder family about their continued sponsorship of the Fair. He is trying to get a meeting with the Sunny Farms family to see if they will be maintaining their sponsorship.

	2. <u>2023 Gate Fees</u> Draft fees had to go before the prosecuting attorney. Ticketed event fees don't have to be voted on yet. Tara West motioned we accept Don's proposed gate fees. LaDona Wilson seconded. Passed. 3. <u>Fair Convention Reports</u> Tara West gave everyone a folder that covers an overview of the convention. There were lots of great ideas that were mentioned in there for everyone to look over and consider for our next meeting. 4. <u>No December Meeting</u> Covered. 5. <u>Fair Photographer</u> Carol Johnson made a motion that Tara West be our Official Fair Photographer. Melanie Greer seconded. Passed. 6. <u>Grange Youth Program Book</u> Shari handed out an updated copy of the Grange Youth Fairs Program. The state still hasn't agreed to adopt into the state fair as its own category. 7. <u>Peninsula Families Today</u> Shari handed out copies of Peninsula Families Today that has an article called 4-H: Positive youth development a variety of programs written by Melanie Greer.
Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items	None.
Adjournment	George Winn moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Tara West. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Bekkevar
 Secretary

2023 CLALLAM COUNTY FAIR ROYALTY

Olivia Ostlund is a 17 year old Junior at Sequim High School. Olivia's parents are Jeromy and April Wright and Bob Ostlund. Her sponsors are Caregivers Home Health, Inc. and Boys & Girls Club of the Olympic Peninsula. Olivia has lived in Clallam County all her life. This is her first year in the Sequim FFA program at Sequim High School. She plans on raising and showing rabbits at the 2023 Clallam County Fair. Olivia is a girl scout and is at the Ambassador level. She is also a member of the Sequim Boys & Girls Club. Olivia also participates in the Port Angeles Youth Bowling League where she started out a 3 years old and has bowled ever since. Olivia's future school plans are to attend an Auto Mechanics Program at Wyoming Tech in Wyoming. Her platform is the Boys & Girls Club of America.

Allison Pettit is a 16 year old Junior at Port Angeles High School and a Running Start student at Peninsula College. Allison's parents are Pete and Michele Pettit. Her sponsor is Hermann Brothers Logging & Construction, Inc. Allison has lived in Clallam County all her life. She loves the Clallam County Fair and attends each year. She is the Senior Chief and part of the color guard team and air rifle precision team in the NJROTC program. She plays the double bass in the high school Symphonic Orchestra. She loves to write and write short stories. She is also an active member at St. Matthews Church choir and a member in their praise team. Allison's future school plans after Peninsula College are entering Washington State University where she plans on becoming a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine for large animals and livestock. Her platform is the high school NJROTC program.