



Clallam County Fairgrounds Parks, Fair & Facilities Department

1608 W. 16th Street
Port Angeles, WA 98363

CLALLAM COUNTY FAIR ADVISORY BOARD Minutes of January 3, 2024 Regular Meeting – In Person and Via Zoom

Name	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Position
Bekkevar, Megan	X												Secretary, At-Large
Mowbray, Julie	X												Large Animals and FFA
Beckstrom, Teresa	X												Agriculture At-Large
Kelly, Cindy	X												Grange
Cristion, Cara	X												Horse Groups
Vacant	-												At-Large
Mady, Mindy	-												Home Arts/Hobbies & Crafts
Johnson, Carol	X												Port Angeles Chamber
Borte, Josh	X												President, City of Port Angeles
Cozzolino, Tina	X												Garden Clubs
West, Tara	X												Small Animals
McCarty, Dan	X												Sequim/Dungeness
Greer, Melanie	X												Vice President, Arts/Photography
Wilson, LaDona	X												4-H Homemakers
Winn, George	X												West End

Guests Present	Sylvia Stroh
Staff Present	Shari Ioffrida, Don Crawford, Angie Bronson
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Josh Borte.
Quorum	Yes.
Request for Modification / Approval of Minutes	Melanie Greer moved to accept the minutes as presented. Cindy Kelly seconded. Unanimously approved in vote.
Public Comment on Agenda Items	None.
Committee Reports	<u>Pacific Northwest Junior Livestock Auction:</u> Teresa Beckstrom reported that the auction added some committee members and lost some members. <u>4-H / WSU Extension:</u> Melanie Greer reported that numbers are up, but they usually get higher in the spring, as some clubs do not meet during the fall. They currently have 21 volunteers which is so far 5 more than last year. That number doesn't include volunteers who haven't fully finished initial paperwork

	yet. There is a Know Your Government group that has started this year with 3 kids. Dan McCarty reported that the Livestock Judging team went to Arizona over New Years to the Arizona National Judging Competition and placed 25th of 39 teams. 3. Royalty: Laurie Davies was absent. Shari gave the update Laurie emailed to her: Saturday, January 27 at 1:00 pm is the Royalty coronation in the Expo Building. Cindy Kelly said that she is putting a silent auction together. The funds raised will go towards the scholarships. One queen and three princesses will be crowned. It was decided to take all four this year. Doors will open at 12:30. A flyer will be out for promotion and sent to the Commissioners, newspapers, and public as well.
Special Committee Reports	Rodeo: George Winn said he is still trying to get ahold of Kelley Bowcutt, the stock contractor to get the contract signed early this year.
Unfinished Business	None.
New Business	1. Superintendent Positions for 2024 Fair: Melanie Greer made a motion to accept all returning Superintendents to the positions they are in. Carol Johnson seconded. Unanimous Yes. • Laurie Davies – 4H/FFA Building • Kayla McCann- Alpaca/Llama • Sarah Tucker – Fine Art • Connor West – Cat • Bryan Swanberg – Cattle • Carrie Simons – Dog • Robin Kelley – Dog • Mary Sue French – Home Arts • LaDona Wilson – Horse • Lewis Bennett – Photography • Tuesday and Will Epting – Poultry • Bob Cristion – Swine • Tina Cozzolino – Floral There are 4 open positions still (Agriculture, Rabbit, Hobbies & Crafts, and Goat/Sheep). A Special Committee will meet and interview potential applicants if needed to make recommendations at the February meeting. Melanie Greer will send the returning Superintendents their section for the Exhibitor Guide so that can get updated ASAP.
Staff Reports	Manager's Report: Sponsorship: Shari Ioffrida reported that she received sponsorship money from Wilder Auto. She has a sponsor for Cap'n Arrr, but not sure if they want to remain anonymous. Fair Sponsorship letters have been circulated to new, potential Sponsors. Returning Sponsorship letters are going out.

	<u>Advertising:</u> Shari said she is continuously working on advertising, including seeing what sort of social media we can use besides Facebook. <u>Entertainment:</u> Shari is in contact with 3 prospective country bands for Thursday night at the Wilder Stage. Today, she was contacted by a butterfly experience “vendor”. It’s a large, netted area where people can walk through. The butterflies fly around everyone and they have food on sticks for them. She is going to find out the cost. <u>Upcoming Events:</u> A Farewell party and the Royalty Coronation. <u>Fair Board Applications:</u> Shari said a special committee has been formed. We have 4 or 5 applications and hopefully we’ll have a recommendation soon. Then, of course, it goes to the Commissioners.
Other Items	None.
Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items	1. <u>Community Outreach:</u> Cindy Kelly spoke with Forks Chamber of Commerce and they suggested we come to a chamber meeting in February for outreach to make sure west end people feel included in the County Fair. As well as getting local tribes more involved in the County Fair. She will reach out to Jamestown, Elwha, and Makah tribes to see if they would like to be involved in the Fair with various exhibits, etc.
Adjournment	George Winn moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Cindy Kelly. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Bekkevar
Secretary