



(Attachment #7)

Western Montana Fair Commission - Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2007, 2 p.m.
Chamber of Commerce

PRESENT: Buck Smith, Chair, Kristen Bounds, Fair Commission Member, Michelle Felde, Fair Commission Member, Charlie Deschamps, Fair Commission Member, Betty Jo Johnson, Fair Commission Member, Kim Latrielle, Fair Commission Member, Julie Gemar-Williams, Fair Commission Member, Eunice Misbe, Fair Office.

GUESTS: Kim Bagnell, Campbell Barrett, Kim Briggeman, and Jerry Marks

MINUTES: Julie Gemar-Williams requested that "IAFE Convention" be added to her comment regarding tickets to Las Vegas. Charlie noted that he should be added to the names listed for the Fair Commission Maulers Committee. Betty Jo Johnson made a motion to approve the June minutes with the above corrections being made. Julie Gemar-Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIALS: June financials were reviewed. Julie made a motion to accept the financials as presented, Betty Jo seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kim Bagnell requested a copy of the detail for Racing Line Item "Special Projects". Eunice will provide Kim a copy of the printout.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Grandstand Inspection Update:** Do not have a current report from Paul DeWolfe. Above-ground inspection looked good. Still working on below-grade inspection. Discussed inspection covered by State and Hal Luttschwager, Missoula County Risk Manager. Repairs requested on report have begun. Kickboards are being installed, tripping hazards being repaired, and welds inspected on Beer Garden cover. Important items will be in compliance by fair time.
- **Potential Circus Rental:** Decided to table until August meeting. Will not make decisions on non-fair issues until after fair.
- **Maulers Beer Concession Percentage:** Decided to table until after fair. If any beer is sold in the meantime, a 17% standard percentage will be charged.

CONTRACTS AND RENTALS:

- **Forest Service Rental:** Forest Service may likely move in after the fair. Nothing definite at this time.

REPORTS:

- **Chairperson Report:** Buck Smith thanked all for efforts in presentation of the concept to the public.

- **Maulers:** Maulers would like to put up a banner, which is 4' X 20', during the fair that says "Home Of The Maulers", and they would like to hang it on the Grandstand during the fair and on the Llama Building non fair. Charlie suggested hanging it on the front of the ice rink. Consensus that it is okay to put up the banner.
- **Sponsorship Report from Funnbiz:** Discussed report Madeline Heitzman, Funnbiz, sent to Buck showing about \$9,050 is being contributed to the Midway Stage, \$900 to a Country Fair act, \$2,700 of their total in advertising directly benefits the fair, in addition to trade outs that benefit the fair. Buck indicated he discussed the possibility with Madeline of selling sponsorships for PBR and Fair Stage. Kim suggested hanging a banner to acknowledge Funnbiz's contribution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Rodeo/PBR:** The ad in PSN News still has last year's "GROUND RULES". The other information is correct. It will cost \$400 to place an ad on the PRCA website and the current ground rules can be posted. Julie recommended placing the ad. Kim Latrielle seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Slack being moved to afternoon on Thursday should also be included in ad. Kyle will be notified to place ad and include slack information.
- **Entertainment:** The agreement with Tucker Entertainment is ready but not yet signed.
- **Fair Stage:** All the paid entertainment is lined up. Waiting for the radio stations to send their lineups. Julie met with Jay Straw about sound. Bretz is supplying trailers for dressing rooms.
- **Long Range Plan:** Stayed until 8:50 p.m. on night of public presentation. The flat trackers are giving their full support. Historical Preservation group had some ideas. Mid town group representative, CJ, was there, and he had helped on the Open Space bond. Home Builders Association is blocking out time for us at their October meeting to do a presentation. Kim will check about getting something on the Chamber web page. Bill suggested to Buck, in a phone call, getting suggestion boxes in bank lobbies. Maybe signs on the busses could be donated. Use building doors during the fair would be a good location for information. Charlie can get arrows stenciled on ground. Michelle will check with Loie Turner on cost of "sponsored by" signs.
- **Media:** Everything is going in full force. There will be a list for each day in the paper. First Security donated their billboard. Sponsors recognized in several areas. Ping Pong Drop will be a great event. Balls will be dropped in the arena. Take them to Simmons media to redeem prizes. Try to get Jeff and others some radio presence.
- **4-H Country Fair:** Charlie inquired if there were plans for the north end of the Llama Barn (Rabbits, Poultry, Sheep during fair). Country Fair would like to put clown up there at Kiddie Village. There will be four Kiddie Rodeos—Tuesday through Friday. There will be Pony Rides again as well as Petting Zoo, Gymnastics, Dance, and Bands. Lisa Mills is CF coordinator this year
- **Final Prep for Fair:** Julie and Buck will meet with Scot on final items for fair. Each board member needs an entire set of keys. Russell Street lights are on order. Security is set up.
- **Restroom Maintenance during fair:** Opportunity Resources will do the cleaning this year and Bill's will be on call if repairs are needed. There will be portables also.

- **Enhancement Requests:** County would like us to spend carryover cash for enhancements not approved.
- **Flat Track During Fair:** Flat Trackers are not canceling after all. A notice will be sent to the mailing list to notify them of the Sunday “potential noise events” during the fair.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Jerry Marks:** Noted he is looking forward to the Fair.

FAIR COMMISSION COMMENTS:

- **Kristen Bounds:** Excited about the Fair.
- **Michelle Felde:** Looking forward to the Fair
- **Charlie Deschamps:** Thanks to all. Will be an awesome Fair.
- **Betty Jo Johnson:** Sorry she had to miss the Concept Presentation. Appreciates all the work by the two new members. Appreciation Dinner was terrific. Inquired how many more years on mobile home display by Great Homes. This is the last year.
- **Kim Latrielle:** Thanks to the new members.
- **Julie Gemar-Williams:** Shirts are on order. RMAF Convention is November 7-10. Julie is working on the duties list for each member during the Fair.
- **Buck Smith:** Distributed a letter from the BCC, which will be discussed at the next meeting. Buck asked everyone to email him with any comments.

NEXT MEETING: August 6, 4 p.m. at Fairgrounds. Final prep for opening day. Only agenda item will be letter from BCC.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, Charlie Deschamps made a motion to adjourn, Kim Latrielle seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Submitted by,
Eunice Misbe