



Missoula County Fair Event Committee

Thursday, September 14 , 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Fair Office, Building #12

Missoula County Fairgrounds

1101 South Avenue West, Missoula, MT 59801

Committee Members

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| 1. Jim Sadler – Chair | 5. Campbell Barrett |
| 2. Dave Bell - Vice-Chair | 6. Tonya Robert |
| 3. Sarah Knobel | 7. Jane Kelly |
| 4. Brooke Martin | 8. Hailey Bergstrom |

Agenda

- 1. Meeting commencement**
- 2. Rollcall & introductions**
 - a. New staff member- Jacey Grange
- 3. Approval of agenda**
- 4. Public comment on items not on the agenda**
- 5. Action Items**
 - a. Approval of minutes from July 13, 2023
- 6. Discussion Items**
 - A. 2023 Western Montana Fair**
 1. 2023 Fair Stats
 2. Candace Jerke, see attached letter.
 3. Feedback
 - B. Jane Kelly- Fair Event Board committees**
 - C. 4-H update**
 - D. 2024 Fair**
 - E. Development update**
 1. Clouse Bauer Arena

C. Adjournment – Next meeting *Thursday, October 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m., at Missoula County Fairgrounds, Fair Office, Building #12, 1101 South Avenue W, Missoula, MT 59801.*

343 One Horse Creek Rd.
Florence, MT 59833
August 26, 2023

Missoula Fair Commission

Western Montana Fair

1100 South Ave. W.

Missoula, MT 59801

Dear Sirs:

After attending the fair this year I have some recommendations on how to improve it. One of the issues for the last few years has been a lack of entries in some categories. I liked the increased premiums and I think it has helped increase the number of participants.

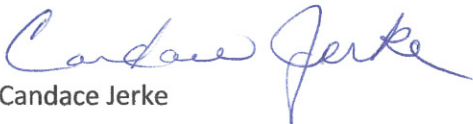
In Agriculture 120 Division C you need to add a couple of categories: Cucumbers (Slicers) (2) not 1 Cucumbers (Picklers) (3) **Get rid of Carrots any other variety** **Get rid of Corn, Indian** (not grown around here) , add Summer Squash (2) and change Squash to Winter Squash, add miniature (cherry) tomatoes (3) I would also suggest getting rid of **best flat apples** as I have no idea what they are and doubt if anyone grows them. You get plenty of entries for cucumbers, tomatoes and squash. Slicers and picklers are different sizes as are the summer & winter squashes and cherry & regular tomatoes. The varieties are not comparable thus they are difficult to judge.

This year I entered for the first time in Hobbies & Crafts 124 Antiques & Vintage Items. I was very concerned that my items which were valuable would be stolen. I was pleased to get them back safe and sound but would suggest a locked glass cabinet for display of valuable items.

Why are there always errors on premium payments? I still have not received my additional premiums even though I filled out a form about the errors.

If you have any questions, call me at 406-273-0002

Sincerely,


Candace Jerke



P S Fix the entry dates in the printed form.

is doing well.

The new person in Culinary Arts