

LEE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES

August 25, 2015

Present: Erick Sawtelle, Amanda Gourgue, Chuck Cox, Dwight Barney and Steve Haendler.

Guest: Jonathan Kohanski

Minutes: The minutes of July 28, 2015 were approved with one correction: Insert “food and supplies” in place of “poultry and pork.”

Finances: No change

Lee Fair: Chuck and Paul have been working on the Farm Games for the fair. They will be basically the same as last year, with the exception of the addition of some children’s activities. They also hope to do a “Call to Suppa” and “Calling the Hogs” at some time during the day.

The schedule will include cooking potatoes on Wednesday (Paul will pick them up) and cooking at the Grange on Thursday at 9 am. This will be for cole slaw, apples and onions, potato salad etc. All are welcome to join us. Not known whether there will be a refrigerator truck or not. The tent will go up Friday, along with tables and chairs coming over from the Grange. Once again, help is requested. Saturday morning will include picking up the chicken, corn, shuck corn, sell tickets, cook, make fires, and put the chicken on at 3. Need 16 people to serve, watch drinks, man the dessert area. Clean up. Kristin Cisneros will take charge of the Pickle, Pie, Relish, and Sweet Breads Contest. Volunteers must be signed in and out.

Sunday the tent comes down, chairs and tables go back to the Grange. Clean up. The weather for Saturday is supposed to be 72 and sunny!

Agritourism: Mr. Forester of Henniker, who has a Christmas tree farm, has been refused a variance to hold weddings at his farm, by the town. This was appealed and denied. Supreme Court said “Agritourism is not part of agriculture.” Legislation must be written in regard to this, before 9/1/15.

Backyard Farming: Talked about next year’s programs.

Town Newsletter: In late September or early October, all those interested should get together (commissions, committees, etc.) to talk about the possibility of a printed newsletter, to be mailed to households in Lee.

Next meeting will be September 29, 2015

Minutes submitted by Laura Gund