



CITY OF MERRILL
FESTIVAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE
AGENDA • THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Regular Meeting

Bierman Building

6:00 PM

- I. To attend remotely, call 304-402-6201 and PIN 182 042 570 #.
- II. Call to Order
- III. Agenda items for consideration:
 1. Rodeo Update
 2. Fair Update
 3. Calendar of Events
- IV. Monthly Reports:
 1. Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund
 2. Permanent Vendor Rep. Caylor (No report, as the Permanent Vendor Committee has not been meeting)
- V. Public Comment Period
- VI. Establish date, time and location of next meeting
- VII. Adjournment

UP COMING EVENTS AT THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS

2021

February	02-04-21	(Festival Grounds Committee Meeting) to be set by Committee Covid Testing every Wednesday 12-5pm
March	03-04-21 03-09-21	(Festival Grounds Committee Meeting) to be set by Committee Bridges Virtual Academy - ACT testing Covid Testing every Wednesday 12-5pm
April	04-01-21	(Festival Grounds Committee Meeting) to be set by Committee
May	05-06-21 05-21-21	(Festival Grounds Committee Meeting) to be set by Committee Rider's Club (grounds)**

**** Yearly Repeat Events ****

Rental inquiries waiting to be confirmed (or denied based on LCHD guidelines):

March 27, 2021 – Wrestling

August 20-21, 2021 – WI Christmas Tree Growers Convention

September 17-18, 2021 – Gun Show

October 2, 2021 – Silver M Banquet

*October 9, 2021 – Wedding – Deposit was paid February 5, 2020

December 11, 2021 – Wedding

December 31, 2021 – Wedding

April 30 – May 1, 2022 - Wedding

Merrill Festival Grounds

February 4, 2021

Meetings and Discussions with:

Tom Hayden regarding City procedures, agreement issues, scheduling restrictions, etc.

Krista Mitchell regarding event potentials.

Jack Koshick regarding Wrestling dates and Covid impact, alternatives for wrestling dates, state wide procedural differences.

Association regarding possible Wedding Show.

Gun Shows and producers regarding dates and alternatives regarding Covid impact, meeting results, dates etc.

Paul Russell (x4) for possible opening of County Fair; County Fair Committee about Fair schedule and possible opening; Fair committee about schedule; Community persons about county fair, Statewide fair managers, Tom Hayden about County Fair.

Dan Barbacovi about Fair schedule (x5), alternative dates and WI Fairs.

Association about possible Wedding Exhibit Show.

Ag Association about possible exhibit show.

Local business about commercial rental.

Local business (x2) about sponsorship and angel investment for events.

Tractor Pull sponsors and County Fair committee for movement of tractor pull to the fair.

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WANTED: Sickle Mower, at least 7' wide, NO Sunday Calls. 715-558-5282

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Rick Bjorklund

From: Rick Bjorklund <rjb@birchltd.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 11:41 AM
To: 'Fred Yulga'
Cc: david.johnson@ci.merrill.wi.us; Hayden, Tom (Tom.Hayden@ci.merrill.wi.us);
 'VanLieshout, John'; 'Mitchell, Krista'
Subject: RE: checking In

Hello Fred,

Dave copied you on the other email today. Looks like we are good for September. Krista will handle the calendar.

Call as we get ready for the event. I will do the same if new info comes up.

Rick

PS I may ask to sign up for the class if you have room.

From: Fred Yulga <phred@dwave.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:52 AM
To: Rick Bjorklund <rjb@birchltd.com>
Subject: Re: checking In

Hi Rick,

The results of our meeting went like this.

The Spring Gun Show that would have happened on March 5th and 6th is not going to happen anywhere. There was some talk about having a show at a different venue at a later date, but we decided to be loyal and stick to the Expo Building. I would hope that Merrill is also loyal to us by not allowing competitive gun shows, but that might be just blowing smoke in the wind. We are going to plan for a Fall Gun Show at the Expo Building and I think the days are September 17th and 18th. By that time we hope that "herd immunity" has been established and the City of Merrill has decided that enough damage has been done. We will meet again in early June reassess, but the plan is to get wheels turning again.

We realize that a safe environment is necessary but we also know that with precautions the risk is low and people still have a choice whether to attend or not. The "pandemic" has caused some significant health problems, but government over-reach has exasperated the whole situation. It's time to get back to critical thinking and dealing with the true facts.

Someone went to the gun show in Wittenberg this last weekend and said it was packed. The space was not very large, and there were enough vendors for the area, but it was wall-to-wall people. I think he said most were wearing masks. I do not want to put on a gun show like this. I would have much more concern for my fellow man. With the available space at the Expo Building and limiting the number of vendors to what we had last Spring, thus providing wide aisles and ample space for movement, I feel the show would be safe to attend.

I am still doing the WI-CCL classes at Cimino's. In fact, I had one there last Saturday and 12 people attended. My next class there will be in the last half of February., I think Feb. 27th but I need to clear that date with Deb first. btw, since all

Attachment: Additional Info from Festival Grounds Manager (5665 : Festival Grounds Manager Bjorklund)

of the government reaction to Covid 19, I've held seven classes at Cimino's and all of them have been filled to a "reduced capacity" set by me. This is part of my pre-class info that I send out interested people.

Given the current health situation, I want to keep this class around twelve (12) people. There is a state mandate to wear a mask imposed on all businesses and Cimino's is no exception. Given the current health situation, state mandates, etc, if you want to wear a mask, that is entirely up to you. Please do not come to this class if you have any upper respiratory symptoms, including a fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, or have had any of those symptoms or tested positive for Covid-19, or you have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 or may have had Covid-19 within the previous two weeks before the class.

So far, so good. People have been very appreciative of the class. About half the class usually wear masks

Thanks for your help and patience. Be safe,

fred

On 1/20/2021 8:21 PM, Rick Bjorklund wrote:

Hello Fred,

There are many shows happening around the state but the expo has not been approved for event occupancy. I know how much hard work went into establishing and building your shows and I feel terrible that I don't have a solution for you yet.

Thank you for letting me know about the March event. I will be on the phone with you as soon as I hear more from the authorities.

Best Regards,

Rick

PS are you still doing the concealed carry classes at Cimino?

-----Original Message-----

From: Fred Yulga <phred@dwave.net>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Rick Bjorklund <rjb@birchltd.com>
Subject: checking In

Hi Rick,

Just touching base to see if the City of Merrill is sick not have any events at their Expo Building. Our usual first weekend in March is not going to happen, but I would like to see if making plans for the mid-Sept Gun Show is a prudent thing to do.

The political atmosphere has the potential to abolish gun show altogether.

Otherwise, I hope you're healthy, both physically and mentally, after the BS that seems to be quite contagious.