

## Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes June 15, 2007

Once again we began the meeting with a potluck dinner. The meeting began at 6:50 PM. In attendance were Gerry, Gretchen, Becky, Lydia, Josie, Rhonda Widmer, Patricia, Phil, Sarah and Sharon. Dan came later.

Gretchen reported that Royal Gardens from Airway Heights will be putting together a display during the fair. They will survey the "lay of the land" and decide how big and how many displays they will provide.

The State Auditors have been going through the fair's files and have spent hours here checking things out. Sharon has had them here for almost 2 weeks and they are still not done.

Phil volunteered to take over the LC Fair website. Sharon will provide him with the person currently managing it. Phil will also assist Dale with RV lines for camping.

Becky discussed the Rodeo Royalty situation. Since Heather's resignation as a royalty princess, should she be allowed to keep the tiara & belt buckle? There was much discussion about it. Since they are provided by the fair, should they be given back? The current rules did not address this problem. One idea that was brought up---Should there be a traveling tiara? Since Heather's mom & grandma were instrumental in collecting money for the jackets, it was decided that Heather may keep her jacket. She should not wear it in public until her reign would have been up. The new royalty rules were also discussed.

It was reported that the Spok-9 Flyball Dogs will be putting on an exposition during the fair. It will not cost us anything, but will be a good source of entertainment.

Becky will provide educational posters for the petting zoo. She is also checking on having a building available for the area.

The idea of sandwich boards in front of the building was brought up. Gretchen was going to check on the availability of them from Reardan.

We have three new sponsors for the fair this year. They are providing us goodies. We will give them as many free passes as needed. They are The Nut Factory, Sweet Treats and Toys R Us. It will be determined later what the goodies will be used for.

We need to carry flags at the rodeo---maybe 7 flags. Dusty Campbell and Ashley Smith will be contacted.

The rodeo royalty will be selling sponsors for flags. The flags will have a sponsor's name and or logo on them and be carried around the arena during the rodeo. We will sell them for \$100.00 and include passes to the fair with them.

Fred Scharf will be contacted about donating bales of hay.

Sharon will send a day's admission to the fair to all of the boat & rv storage people. It was done last year and a few did attend the fair.

Lydia reported that \$2060.00 was collected in 2006. At this point in 2007 she has collected \$2415.00.

At the 4-H Leader's Council there was discussion about sheep tail docking. Since the sheep have already had their tails docked for this year's fair, we will accept all entries. Sharon will find out what the Spokane Jr. Livestock Show rules are and put them in this year's premium book. Violators this year will be warned, but not blocked from entering this year. Josie moved to accept all sheep entries this year and Becky seconded. It passed unanimously. The rule will go into effect next year to not dock the tails to short.

The water truck will be made available for the 4-H horse clinic on June 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.

Sheep ear tags were left in the Dining Room for the Fair Office to distribute.

There was discussion of this year being the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday for the fair, that maybe we should serve cupcakes at the BBQ dinner. Sharon will check with the church ladies and the Harrington Homemakers.

Karen Hay who is a Fair Commissioner will come talk with the superintendents prior to fair. A time needs to be set up.

Becky moved and Phil 2<sup>nd</sup> that Sarah Breshears and Patricia Tallman's status change from Junior Board members to full fledged Board members, since have graduated from high school.

There was much discussion about the Hamburger Stand. The Davenport Ambulance will not be working it this year. There was much discussion about it. Karl Moldrem from Christian Heritage and Karen Hay from Davenport H.S. have both expressed interest in working it. There has been concern about enough people to staff it. It will be decided on at the next meeting—with research done.

It was also brought up as to who owns the various items in the Hamburger Stand. The Ambulance Crew has purchased much of the equipment. If they are no longer involved there needs to be a decision about what to do with it. It will be decided at a later date.

Even though the Ambulance Crew will not be serving meals, we will have the ambulance here.

Becky and Gretchen talked about serving biscuits and gravy by the arena as breakfast choice for the horse kids. Gerry brought up that the Deputies will be serving only scrambled eggs and can deliver breakfasts. The deputies will operate a hamburger stand out by the arena starting at 11a.m.

Becky found wagon wheels at Harbor Freight for decoration for \$14.00 a piece. She will be purchasing a few for the petting zoo.

Rhonda Widmer presented a new score sheet for judging posters. Way to go Rhonda—it makes it so much easier.

Dan talked about the missing fire hose adapter. He will check at DBS. We really need two of them, one for the RV area and one for the beef wash rack. We also need a new fire hose.

We have a swimming hole in the storage shed. There is also a water leak by the grandstands. Gerry will talk to Halme about coming out to take a look.

The leaning tower of power was fixed and is now upright in the rv area.

Sharon brought up there have been calls about kids needing volunteer hours for school. What projects could be tackled. Make a western town, use the theme, back gate beautification, dress up the white picket fence area, make sandwich boards, etc.

The cost of having Entertainment Warehouse was discussed. In the past we have paid them \$6500.00. Because of rising costs, we will have to pay \$7000.00 to get the same services. They will be adding an arcade in the back of the Commercial Building. We should be able to get the additional \$500.00 back in coins from the arcade. Josie moved and Gretchen 2<sup>nd</sup> that we increase our amount to Entertainment Warehouse. It passed unanimously.

After talking to Darrin at Entertainment Warehouse, Sharon proposed that we raise the DJed dance to \$4.00 per person. Josie moved and Phil 2<sup>nd</sup>. It passed unanimously.

Sharon talked with Mary Kaplan(the person in charge of barrel racing), and she reported that the Lincoln County Fairgrounds have the cheapest rates in the area. She recommended that we raise our rates to be comparable to other arenas. She was going to let us know what those rates were. The rates will stand as is for this year, but will be adjusted for next year.

At this time we have nothing scheduled for the arena on Sunday.

The fair decided to purchase advertising for the new Davenport Float Trailer for \$35.00. The motion was made by Josie & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky.

Sharon asked if Teresa could come the week before the fair to help get things ready. It was OKed.

There was discussion about having a category for exhibitors with special needs. How would they be displayed & judged? At this time we are not addressing it.

Sharon asked if the bathroom cleaning crew could be paid \$400.00 instead of \$300.00 and add cleaning of the picnic tables to their duties. The board decided they would ask the juvenile crew to take on that task.

Sharon will contact Faye King from the Odessa Junior Livestock group to see about repairing the metal seats used by the horseshoers.

The board decided this year's premium book cover should be light blue.

Our next meeting will be on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. NO POTLUCK---It is too hot to cook at the fairgrounds. The Davenport Alumni group will have things set up for their dinner on Saturday night.

We adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger  
Fair Secretary