

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MINUTES MAY 11, 2007

The meeting began with lots of good food brought by everyone. The meeting started at 6:50 pm with Gerry, Gretchen, Sarah, Josie, Michelle T., Phil, Becky, Lydia, Rory, Dale and Sharon in attendance. We had Michelle Overmyer and Kathy Eastman representing the livestock auction.

Michelle O. brought up that Sharon went behind her back and called the State Auditor. She reported that Sharon had no business calling about items that could have been easily handled with contacting Michelle. Sharon reported that Linda Fisher suggested she call to clarify information. The information being clarified was that if the livestock auction could have a separate address than the fairs'. It would be more convenient for Kathy who lives in Reardan to get her mail there than having to come to Davenport.

According to the State Auditor, Debbie Pennick, the letterhead and envelopes would need to be changed to say: Lincoln County Fair & Livestock Auction with the new address. She also suggested that the auction sign a yearly contract with the fair so that the amount of support given by the fair is laid out. It would help for tracking purposes. The discussion went on for 45 minutes with no decision made.

It was verified that the ear tags would be kept in the office until entry day. After that exhibitors would get them during weigh-in at the scales.

There was discussion about having the kids who have market animals, need to provide their social security numbers for the IRS. It was decided that Kathy would collect them when the entry forms came in.

Kathy suggested that there be a county wide car wash to off set the costs of having the auction. A suggestion was made that the kids who participated get some of the commission money back as an incentive. More thought will go into it for next year.

Lydia reported we have received \$2165.00 in contributor money thus far. (Just a little less than last year.)

Becky wondered if we should raise the price for the rodeo. Other rodeos charge \$10.00 and more at the gate. It was brought up we did increase the gate fees for this year to \$6.00 & \$8.00 on Friday and Saturday. That is a \$1.00 increase from last year. There was also discussion about how difficult it would be to cordon off the rodeo area to collect tickets separately.

Phil reported that he will be specifically helping Becky with the petting zoo this year. Again there will be pony rides.

Michelle O. brought up that the rodeo royalty crowned at the LC Fair, but not begin their reign until October 1st. She proposed this to allow the current years' royalty to participate in the end of the year activities with ProWest.

It was proposed by Rory and seconded by Sarah to have the current royalty accompany the new girls for the final events. This way they will be helping mentor them. The motion passed unanimously.

It was suggested that the Sheriff's Guild rent the Spring Hill Creek Grange booth and sell hamburgers, etc. during the day. Who might be able to sell breakfast there in the morning?????

Our new 4H Family Living superintendent is Barbara Hamilton from Reardan.

Sharon will add the Ag Display criteria in the premium book as a contest. This way we may have enough of them for a display.

The amount rewarded will be \$25.00, \$20.00, and \$15.00 if the displays meet all of the listed requirements.

It was reported that Dan is doing a great job as our new maintenance man. The grounds are looking good. Gerry reported it has been a challenge because there have been lots of broken pipes.

The board went through the scaled down premium book cover entries to pick a winner. Sharon and Lydia initially went through them. Daniel Cools from Davenport won the contest.

Gerry reported that the commissioners gave him permission to contact Joel Jahn about property adjacent to the fairgrounds.

The next board meeting will be on Friday, June 15th at 6:30pm. We will again be having a potluck dinner.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nighswonger
Fair Secretary