

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes November 14, 2018

Board Members Present: John Merriott, Katie Bageant, Rebecca Mattox, Teresa Chrisman, Justine Winn, Lindsey Smith, Paul Knittel

Members Absent: Gerry Stiles, Brad Ray, Jennifer Lewis

Others Present: Dawn Canfield, Loren Reinbold, Sharon Nighswonger

Justine called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

The minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of October 2018 were approved.

Lindsey presented flyers she prepared for the ATV Rodeo to be held during Davenport Pioneer Days weekend. She also mentioned she had spoken to a few individuals about being vendors for the event.

Teresa mentioned she spoke to the band No Rules and they will play at the ATV event as well at the Fair.

Discussion with Sharon from the Friends of the Fair about the Friends hosting a beer garden during the ATV event. The final decision was for the beer garden to start at 3 pm and remain open until 1 am on the day of the event.

Paul mentioned he talked to Paul Kuber with WSU Lincoln County Extension about having a demonstration showing how to butcher a hog during the Fair. Paul will donate the hog.

Katie talked about the Spokane COPS Mounted Patrol willing to do a 2-3 minute show at the beginning and a full drill show later during the Rodeo. Discussion followed about including Ritzville drill team. Spokane team could do their performance on the military night and Ritzville perform the other night.

Rebecca presented an idea for an event for the holiday, Breakfast with Santa. There would also be pictures with Santa. Discussion followed about what to serve and price of entrance. Final decision was for board members to donate most of the food items. Paul will donate 25 to 30 lbs of sausage, John will donate the eggs, Justine will donate pancake mix and Lindsey will take the pictures. The price of entrance could be \$20 or \$25 per family, this includes breakfast and a picture with Santa. The event will be held on December 15th from 8am to Noon. Sharon, with the Friends of the Fair, agreed to provide start up cash and deposit all funds received from the event.

Teresa mentioned she spoke to Marlene, who was interested in donating her skills and time to be the veterinary for check-in and during the Fair. Marlene was approached by Waterville Fair asking for her to provide veterinary services during their Fair, which falls on the same weekend as our Fair. Teresa will check back in with Marlene in January to determine if she will be able to assist with veterinary services during the Fair.

Justine talked about the Pro West Committee Meeting she attended as well as attended by John. One of things Justine mentioned from the meeting was creating a booklet that includes forms, contacts and information about our Rodeo. John mentioned the sale of online tickets for the Rodeo.

Justine updated the board members on what the new Rodeo Queen is doing. She has created a FB page and busy doing things for the Fair. She will be at the Davenport Hometown Christmas, at the end of the month. Also, Justine suggested the amount for Queen Jireh's scholarship should be \$250. Discussion followed. **Motion:** Teresa made a motion that the scholarship for Jireh should be in the amount of \$250. Katie 2nd. Motion passed.

Katie inquired about the decision of going open or with ProWest for the 2019 Rodeo. John mentioned that the cost of either decision would be about the same and suggest going with ProWest for another year. Katie would like to go open for the rodeo. Discussion followed about what type of rodeo to have next year as well as incentives for riders and prizes if the decision is to go open. Sharon mentioned that the Friends of the Fair could possible help with buying some of the prizes such as buckles or trinkets. John suggested a letter be written to ProWest asking to meet the 60% or more fill. The letter would accompany the annual membership form.

John talked about the Junior Rodeo set for June 22nd-23rd. The Junior Rodeo will be EWJRA approved and there will be entry forms as well as cash awards.

Also, John mentioned Tucker Cools, Bar X Rodeos, sent in a bid for rough stock and announcing at the rodeo for \$8300. Suggestion was made to talk to Tucker about lowering the bid to \$7500. John made a phone call and board members were able to listen while John talked to Tucker. Final decision: Tucker offered rough stock and announcing for \$7750.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Samantha Canfield
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